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FREE FOOD SAMPLES PROVIDED BY:



JANUARY 10
Bus Karaoke & Winter Bingo



JANUARY 24
Food Battle: Loaded Nacho Bar & Blindfold Nacho Taste Test



FEBRUARY 7
Superheroes vs. Villains Showdown w/ When The Sun Sets (Pop/Punk)



FEBRUARY 21
Group Dance Night
Art Studio: Vinyl Record Painting



MARCH 7
Hoops & Shamrocks Night



MARCH 21
Disney Extravaganza & Karaoke



APRIL 4
Game Show Night: Pop Culture Jeopardy & Egg Mystery Challenge w/ stop.drop.rewind. (Progressive Punk)

It's Back! →

APRIL 11
Girls' Night In
Advance sign up required. Space is limited.

APRIL 18 - CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY



MAY 2
Cinco de Mayo & Team Trivia



MAY 16
Air Hockey Tourney & Karaoke



MAY 30
Patio Picnic & Staff vs. Students Pickleball

FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE ALWAYS FREE WITH AN APPROVED STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON FILE.

SCAN BELOW FOR FULL DETAILS ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE BRIDGE!



SORRY, NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS PERMITTED.



FRIDAY NIGHT PARKING LOT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF SAFETY

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Special thanks to this semester's "program bucket" sponsors:



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Free Bus Pick-Up DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!



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Need a ride to The Bridge Teen Center after school?

Our bus picks up at Summit Hill, Orland Jr. High, Jerling, Arbor Park, St. George, Central and Grissom! Advance sign up is required. Scan the QR code for complete details or sign up online at thebridgeteencenter.org.



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In partnership with The Bridge Thrift Store, we offer an innovative and individualized job readiness training program for students. In this volunteer role, students gain real work experience, develop personal and professional leadership skills, and commit to completing a 4-tier curriculum. For complete details and to apply, scan the QR code at left, visit us online at thebridgeteencenter.org, or contact us directly at:

volunteer@thebridgeteencenter.org
708.532.0500 Ext.108.



Group and individual volunteer opportunities are available year-round for students looking to earn hours or give back to their community by serving at The Bridge Thrift Store. Service can be scheduled during store hours. For complete details, click on the "Volunteer/Intern" tab at www.thebridgeteencenter.org.



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

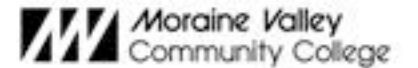
As summer approaches, we want all new students (especially incoming 7th graders) to maximize their FREE membership at The Bridge. During May Membership Month, new students are encouraged to complete a Student Membership Application and schedule an individual family tour. More than 100 free programs will take place over the summer, so don't miss out! For more info, visit our website.

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FAQs

WHAT IS THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER?

We're a nonprofit community center for students in 7th-12th grade. We offer award-winning FREE afterschool programs, Friday night social events, and a job readiness program in partnership with our sister organization - The Bridge Thrift Store. Since 2010, we have served 13,500+ different students from 128 communities.

HOW DOES A STUDENT BECOME A MEMBER?

The Student Membership Application (SMA) can be completed online by clicking the "APPLY NOW" button on our website. The SMA only needs to be completed once. Once completed, signed by a parent or guardian, and approved, students have access to all of our free programs. Students must be in 7th-12th grade (the summer they are entering 7th through summer after HS graduation), be at least 12 but less than 19 years of age, and meet all eligibility requirements.

WHEN ARE YOU OPEN?

Our free afterschool programs take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00-6:00pm during the school year (and between 1:00-6:00pm in the summer). We are also open every other Friday Night to students from 7:30-10:30pm. Community service and job readiness programming is scheduled in advance during Thrift Store hours.

WHAT ARE "PROGRAM BUCKETS"?

Our programs are holistically-designed in five different "buckets" (or categories):



SCAN THIS QR

For program sign-up info, community service details, and many more FAQs!



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ORLAND PARK, IL 60462
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+ = Special “ON MISSION” programs: PHYSICAL in January & SPIRITUAL in April. Supported in part by:



JANUARY–MARCH PROGRAMS: SIGN-UP BEGINS DECEMBER 11 AT 7PM

APRIL–MAY PROGRAMS: SIGN-UP BEGINS MARCH 12 AT 7PM

For full descriptions and to sign up, scan this QR or visit our website.



= Designated “HANGOUT” programs. See website for details.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- January 7 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: FRESH PASTA & SAUCES
- January 8 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
PROJECT SERVE: HELP CLOSE THE THRIFT STORE
- January 9 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
CHARCOAL WINTER LANDSCAPES & TEA w/ Pekoe & Bean
- January 14 (Tues., 4:00-5:15)
HANGOUT & MARIO KART TOURNEY
- January 14 (Tues., 4:15-5:30)
ACRYLIC PAINT POURING: UNDER THE SEA
- January 14 (Tues., 4:45-6:00)
STEM: LITTLE PHYSICS
- January 15 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
BEHIND THE SCENES: PGA SUPERSTORE
- January 15 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
BEGINNING DRUMS w/ Elliot Grant Drum Shop
- January 16 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: GOURMET FLATBREADS w/ Social 45 Craft Kitchen
- January 16 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT & NACHO BAR
- January 16 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
2025 VINTAGE FRAME CALENDARS
- January 20 (Mon., 2:00-4:00)
MLK FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT
- January 21 (Tues., 3:45-5:00)
OPEN ART STUDIO & DRAW YOUR PET
- January 21 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)
STEM: BIODIVERSITY LAB w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- January 21 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
CALMING BREATHWORK & MATCHA w/ Trisha Jane LLC
- January 22 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
MOSAIC ART w/ Peace of Art Studio
- January 23 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
KITCHEN HANGOUT & TASTY ORGANIC TREATS
- January 23 (Thurs., 4:15-6:00)
FINGER KNITTING: CHUNKY HANDBAGS
- January 28 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
HANGOUT & LEGO CHALLENGES
- January 28 (Tues., 4:45-5:45)
FROSTED WINTER LANTERNS w/ Acorn Public Library
- January 29 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)
MUSCULAR ENDURANCE WORKOUT w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
- January 29 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
WHAT IT’S LIKE TO BE: ANIMAL RESCUE w/ Lulu’s Locker
- January 30 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO
- January 30 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: CHICK-FIL-A EXPERIENCE w/ Chick-fil-A
- January 30 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45)
TECH TRENDS w/ Best Buy
- February 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)
MINI KOKEDAMAS w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer
- February 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT WITH POPCORN BAR
- February 4 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
HOW NOT TO GET SCAMMED & SALSA BAR w/ Old National Bank
- February 5 (Wed. 4:00-6:00)
DIGITAL ART w/ Apple
- February 5 (Wed., 4:45-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: MINDFUL ART
- February 6 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT & FROYO
- February 6 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
PAINTING WITH ANYTHING BUT A BRUSH w/ Melissa Ferritter, ATR
- February 6 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: DIY GUACAMOLE, SALSA & NACHOS w/ Trader Joe’s
- February 11 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
HANGOUT & PING PONG TOURNAMENT
- February 11 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
STEM: COPPER TAPE MICROGRID (MS ONLY) w/ ComEd
- February 11 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
TRENDING HAIRSTYLES
- February 12 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
SELF-DEFENSE
- February 12 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
BEGINNING ACOUSTIC GUITAR
- February 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
PROJECT GIVE: QUALITY TIME WITH SENIORS w/ Brementowne Manor
- February 13 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)
VALENTINE’S OPEN ART STUDIO & UNICORN HOT COCOA
- February 18 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CAFE HANGOUT & MYSTERY DRINKS
- February 18 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
EDITING FOR CREATIVE WRITERS
- February 19 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)
PATCHING HOLES & INSTALLING DRYWALL w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- February 19 (Wed., 4:30-5:30)
STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY w/ Alison Therese Photography
- February 20 (Thurs., 3:45-5:00)
HANGOUT & COMFORT DOGS w/ Healing Hearts Comfort Dogs
- February 20 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: RELATIONSHIP BOUNDARIES FOR LIFE w/ National Youth Advocate Program

FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL

- February 25 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
DIY: JEWELRY CHARM NECKLACES w/ Peerless Charm
- February 25 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
- February 25 (Tues., 4:15-6:00)
GARAGE HANGOUT
- February 26 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
TACOS & TICKET TO RIDE
- February 26 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
MINI STUDY SESSION & MILKSHAKES
- February 26 (Wed., 4:15-6:00)
WOODWORKING: RUSTIC PLANTER BOXES w/ Operation Nehemiah
- February 27 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
BIG ROOM HANGOUT & FOOD BATTLE: LOADED CHILI
- February 27 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
OIL PAINTINGS: OCEAN LANDSCAPES
- March 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO & ANIME DRAWINGS
- March 4 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
CULINARY: COOKIE BAKING & DECORATING w/ Violet Velvet Cooking Classes
- March 5 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE JEWELRY
- March 5 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
BEGINNING VIOLIN w/ Sandburg HS
- March 6 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
BEHIND THE SCENES: RECYCLING FACILITY w/ EZ Recycling
- March 6 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)
HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT
- March 6 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
ORIGAMI & OREOS w/ Alex, Student Ambassador
- March 11 (Tues., 3:45-5:00)
GARAGE HANGOUT & COPYCAT SHAMROCK SHAKES
- March 11 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: HOW TO STAND UP FOR YOURSELF w/ NAMI
- March 12th (Wed., 7PM) ONLINE SIGN UP BEGINS FOR APRIL-MAY PROGRAMS!
- March 12 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: MOBILE COFFEE BAR w/ Golden Bevv Co.
- March 12 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
DIY: MAGNETIC FABRIC LETTERS
- March 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:15)
OPEN ART STUDIO
- March 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: LASAGNA ROLLS w/ Joliet Junior College
- March 13 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
SPHERO ROBOTS w/ Oak Forest HS
- March 18 (Tues., 3:45-5:00)
OPEN ART STUDIO & CANVAS PAINTING
- March 18 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
WOODWORKING: EPOXY RIVER TRAY w/ Kyle’s Custom Woodworks
- March 18 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: HOW TO STAND UP FOR OTHERS ONLINE
- March 19 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)
POPPIS & BOHO RAINBOW KEY-CHAINS w/ Summer, Bridge Staffer
- March 19 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
ACTING & IMPROV GAMES w/ The Improv Garage
- March 20 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)
WALK TO DUNKIN’ & HANGOUT (MS ONLY)
- March 20 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45)
DIY: HEADBANDS & BOWS w/ Rose & Rae Salon
- March 25 (Tues., 2:45-4:00)
THRIFT STORE SHOPPING: SPRING REFRESH
- March 25 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)
MACRAME EARRINGS w/ Joy, Bridge Staffer
- March 26 (Wed., 2:30-4:00)
CULINARY: BAKING CUPCAKES w/ FRIENDS
- March 26 (Wed., 4:15-5:15)
DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS
- March 27 (Thurs., 10:00-1:00)
SPRING BREAK SERVICE EVENT
- March 27 (Thurs., 3:00-5:00)
HANGOUT, KARAOKE & PIZZA
- April 1 (Tues., 4:00-5:15)
HERBAL BOTANICAL FACIALS w/ Apothacarri & Teas
- April 1 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
GARAGE HANGOUT & AIR HOCKEY
- April 2 (Wed., 4:30-5:30)
MAGNETIC TEST TUBE VASES
- April 2 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: SOURDOUGH BREAD w/ Drover’s Trails Natural Farms
- April 3 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
BIG ROOM HANGOUT & COOKIE SANDWICHES
- April 3 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
SOUL CAFE: FINDING HOPE IN HARD TIMES w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
- April 8 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
#SKILLS SPORTS: VOLLEYBALL w/ Silver Lake Country Club
- April 8 (Tues., 4:15-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO & CRAFT KITS
- April 8 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)
NARRATIVE WRITING
- April 9 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
GEARHEADS: BIKE MAINTENANCE w/ REI
- April 9 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
INSPIRATIONAL CANVAS PAINTING w/ U R The Artist

APRIL & MAY

- April 10 (Thurs., 3:45-5:00)
GARAGE HANGOUT WITH CHIPS & DIPS
- April 10 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: HOW TO RESOLVE CONFLICT w/ Roots of Resilience
- April 15 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: CROWD-PLEASING APPETIZERS w/ sip.
- April 15 (Tues., 4:00-5:45)
BINGO & GARAGE HANGOUT
- April 16 (Wed., 4:15-5:15)
SOAP FLOWER BOUQUETS w/ 1111 Elm Candle & Soap Shoppe
- April 16 (Wed., 4:30-5:45)
WELDING w/ Moraine Valley CC
- April 17 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15)
HANGOUT & FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- April 17 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
STREET PHOTOGRAPHY w/ Four 12 Photography
- April 22 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
KITCHEN HANGOUT & QUESADILLA BAR
- April 22 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)
STEM: WHAT’S MY CARBON FOOTPRINT? w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- April 23 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
BEHIND THE SCENES: FOOD TRUCKS w/ Joey’s Red Hots
- April 23 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: HOW TO FORGIVE WHEN YOU CAN’T FORGET
- April 24 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
GARAGE HANGOUT
- April 24 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)
MOBILE SPA EXPERIENCE w/ AZM Spa Events
- April 24 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00)
SONGWRITING w/ Andrew Scott Denlinger
- April 29 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
HANGOUT & INTERACTIVE VIDEO GAMES
- April 29 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
DIY: SPRING CANDLES w/ The Candle Vault
- April 29 (Tues., 4:15-6:00)
PROJECT GIVE: BLESSING BAGS w/ All God’s People
- April 30 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
- April 30 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
TAKE-HOME FLOWER GARDENS w/ Lavender & Lu Flower Co.
- May 1 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
OPEN ART STUDIO & FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE
- May 1 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)
FELT AIR FRESHENERS
- May 1 (Thurs., 4:45-6:00)
SOUL CAFE: FRIENDSHIP GOALS & CHOCOLATE PARFAITS w/ H & H Higher Education Services
- May 6 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)
AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: BREAKFAST IN EUROPE w/ Chef Karla, RDN
- May 6 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)
GARAGE HANGOUT & LOADED FRIES
- May 6 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)
STEM: CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENTS
- May 7 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)
WHAT IT’S LIKE TO BE: CHICKEN OWNER w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- May 7 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)
MINI STUDY SESSION & FANCY ICED COFFEE BAR (HS ONLY)
- May 8 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)
DIY: MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER BOUQUET w/ Nichole, Bridge Staffer
- May 8 (Thurs., 4:15-6:00)
PATIO HANGOUT & PLANT THE HERB WALL w/ Priscilla, Bridge Founder
- May 13 (Tues., 3:45-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO
- May 13 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)
PROJECT SERVE: ECO RESTORATION & CLEAN-UP w/ Lake Katherine
- May 14 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)
PROJECT SERVE: PLANT THE BRIDGE FLOWER GARDEN w/ Debbie Rea, The Gardener Wife
- May 15 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
WALK TO RAINBOW CONE & HANGOUT
- May 15 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)
PROJECT SERVE: PLANT THE BRIDGE VEGGIE GARDEN w/ U OF I Extension
- May 20 (Tues., 3:45-5:15)
PATIO HANGOUT & OPEN BASKETBALL
- May 20 (Tues., 4:30-5:30)
DIY: GRAFFITI PHONE HOLDER w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- May 21 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)
BEGINNING CHESS ON THE PATIO
- May 22 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)
GOAT YOGA (HS ONLY) w/ Nature’s Trail Yoga
- May 22 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)
OPEN ART STUDIO & CLAY CREATIONS
- May 22 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45)
GEARHEADS: FIXING COMMON CAR PROBLEMS w/ Bettenhausen Auto
- May 27 (Tues., 4:00-5:15)
THRIFT STORE SHOPPING: SUMMER TRENDS
- May 27 (Tues., 4:15-6:00)
#SKILLS SPORTS: SOCCER w/ Aaron, Bridge Staffer
- May 28 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)
CULINARY: BUTTERBURGERS & TATER TOTS w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
- May 29 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)
PATIO HANGOUT & SUMMER BERRY PUNCH