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FREE FOOD SAMPLES PROVIDED BY:



SEPTEMBER 8th
Summer's End Zone Extravaganza



SEPTEMBER 22nd
Spot It Palooza & Karaoke



OCTOBER 6th
Chilly Nights & Bonfire Lights



OCTOBER 20th
Pumpkin Spice Soiree & Fall Trivia Challenge



NOVEMBER 3rd
Bingo & Black Light Ping-Pong w/Dale Vaughn (Acoustic)



NOVEMBER 17th
Festive Friendsgiving & What's In The Box: Thanksgiving Edition



DECEMBER 1st
The Bridge Thrift Store Holiday Shopping



DECEMBER 15th
Ugly Sweaters & Karaoke



SORRY, NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS PERMITTED.

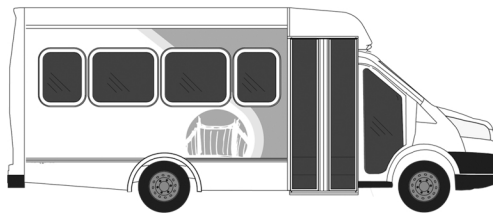


FRIDAY NIGHT PARKING LOT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF SAFETY

SCAN QR CODE (AT LEFT) FOR A VIDEO.



Free Bus Pick-Up
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!



Need a ride to The Bridge Teen Center after school?

Our bus picks up at Summit Hill, Orland Jr. High, Jerling, Arbor Park, Central and Grissom!

Advance sign up is required.

Scan the QR code for complete details or sign up online at thebridgecenter.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 thebridgecenter.org, or contact us directly at:**

volunteer@thebridgecenter.org
708.532.0500 Ext.108.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

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.thebridgecenter.org.



EMPOWERING TEENS MONTH

available at The Bridge Thrift Store (scheduled throughout November). Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses (deadline is 10/6).

Learn more at thebridgecenter.org or email aaron@thebridgecenter.org.

Empowering Teens Month returns in November and will raise awareness of the impact of afterschool programs that help CONNECT, ENGAGE and EMPOWER teens. Individual, group, and family volunteer opportunities are



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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 12,000+ different students from 128 communities.

HOW DOES A STUDENT BECOME A MEMBER?

Click the "APPLY NOW" green button on our website. The Student Membership Application (SMA) can be completed online or a hard copy can be picked up. Students are required to fill out an SMA only once. Once completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and approved by staff, students have access to all of our free programs.

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.



WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

For program sign-up info, community service details, and many more FAQs, scan this QR code.

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The “+” icon are special programs that focus on the EMOTIONAL portion of our holistic mission!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 5 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) PATIO HANGOUT & PIZZA	+ September 21 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45) SOUL CAFE: COPING SKILLS FOR ANXIETY w/ Hope Enrichment Center
September 5 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) DIY: BEESWAX LOTION BARS w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer	September 26 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) CAFE HANGOUT & TRUGURT
September 6 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: CHICK-FIL-A EXPERIENCE w/ Chick-fil-A	+ September 26 (Tues., 4:30-5:45) SOUL CAFE: HOW TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR PARENTS w/ Genesis Therapy Center
September 6 (Wed., 4:15-5:15) DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS	September 27 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) BOHO HAIR WRAPS
September 7 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) OPEN ART STUDIO & GARAGE HANGOUT	+ September 27 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) HAPPY EXERCISES & FRESH FRUIT PUNCH w/ Health from Within
+ September 7 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) FALL HIKE & MEDITATION	September 28 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) GARAGE HANGOUT & PAPER FOOTBALL COMPETITION
September 7 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE	September 28 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: HOMEMADE BERRY CRISP & ICE CREAM
September 12 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) BIG ROOM HANGOUT & INTERACTIVE VIDEO GAMES	October 3 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) GARAGE HANGOUT & THRIFT STORE SHOPPING
September 12 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) INSPIRATIONAL PAINTING w/ UR the Artist	October 3 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) STEM: BUILD A BATTERY w/ Argonne National Laboratory
September 13 (Wed., 4:00-5:00) WORM'S EYE VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY w/ Alison Therese Photography	October 3 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) DIY: HOUSE PLANTS w/ Joy, Bridge Staffer
September 13 (Wed., 4:15-5:45) POLYMER CLAY JEWELRY	October 4 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: TACOS 3 WAYS w/ Trader Joe's
+ September 13 (Wed., 4:45-6:00) SOUL CAFE: HOW TO STAY POSITIVE w/ Roots of Resilience	October 4 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) BEGINNING ACOUSTIC GUITAR
September 14 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15) HANGOUT & CROC JIBBITZ SWAP	October 5 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) KITCHEN HANGOUT & AUTUMN GRANOLA BAR
September 14 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: CUBAN CHICKEN & BLACK BEAN RICE BOWLS w/ Chef Karla, RDN	October 5 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00) ADVANCED WRITING: CREATE A WORLD FOR YOUR STORY
September 14 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) BEHIND THE SCENES: FIREHOUSE w/ Orland Park Fire Dept.	October 5 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00) WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE: PRESCHOOL TEACHER w/ Moraine Valley Comm. College
September 19 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) GARAGE HANGOUT WITH CHIPS & QUESO BAR	October 10 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) OPEN ART STUDIO & ANIME DRAWINGS
September 19 (Tues., 4:45-6:00) WRITING CLIFFHANGERS	October 10 (Tues., 5:00-6:00) PRIORITIZE YOUR TIME w/ Acorn Public Library
September 20 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) BEGINNING ELECTRIC GUITAR w/ Down Home Guitars	October 11 (Wed., 4:15-5:15) GELLI PRINTING w/ Melissa Ferriter, ATR
September 20 (Wed., 4:45-5:45) PROJECT SERVE: LITTER PICK	October 11 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) STRENGTH & STRETCH w/ School of Ballet 5:8
September 21 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30) PATIO HANGOUT & OPEN BASKETBALL	October 12 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT
September 21 (Thurs., 4:00-5:15) SPIRAL WRAP BRACELETS	

OUR FREE HOLISTIC PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED IN 5 “BUCKETS”:



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

October 12 (Thurs., 4:00-5:15) STEM: RUBBER BAND POWERED CARS w/ Robinson Engineering	November 2 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15) HOMEWORK SUPPORT & CAFE SNACKS
October 17 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) PING PONG TOURNAMENT & HANGOUT	November 2 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) OPEN ART STUDIO & GARAGE HANGOUT
October 17 (Tues., 5:00-6:00) HOW TO MAKE A PODCAST w/ Moraine Valley Community College	November 2 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00) PROJECT GIVE: SAVE THE BUTTERFLIES w/ University of Illinois Extension
October 18 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) STEM: CODING w/ Apple	November 7 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT & GARAGE HANGOUT
October 18 (Wed., 4:15-5:45) SELF-DEFENSE w/ Polaris Martial Arts	November 7 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) ROOFING w/ Scott B. Roofing
October 18 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) BURLAP PUMPKIN CENTERPIECES	November 8 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) BEHIND THE SCENES: PGA TOUR SUPERSTORE
October 19 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15) GARAGE HANGOUT & BINGO	November 8 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) STEM: DUCK BOAT CHALLENGE
October 19 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00) CUSTOM PICTURE FRAMES w/ Four 12 Photography	November 9 (Thurs., 3:45-5:00) INTENSE CARD GAMES & APPLE CIDER
October 19 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00) SAVING ANIMALS w/ NAWS Humane Society	November 9 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: CALZONES w/ Chef Karla, RDN
October 24 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) MYSTERY BOARD GAMES & PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES	November 9 (Thurs., 4:30-5:45) ILLUSTRATION & PAINTING w/ Pekoe & Bean
October 24 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: HALLOWEEN CUPCAKE DECORATING	November 14 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) OPEN ART STUDIO & CANVAS PAINTING
October 24 (Tues., 4:45-5:45) FALL EMBROIDERY PATTERNS	November 14 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) DIY: INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE w/ Olivet Nazarene University
October 25 (Wed., 4:00-5:00) DIY: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS	November 14 (Tues., 5:00-6:00) SOUL CAFE: BENEFITS OF ME TIME w/ Konick & Associates
October 25 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) UNDERSTANDING DIABETES & LIFE-SAVING SNACKS w/ No Sugar Coating	November 15 (Wed., 4:15-6:00) BEHIND THE SCENES: RAINBOW CONE
October 26 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30) GARAGE HANGOUT	November 15 (Wed., 4:15-5:45) WELDING w/ Moraine Valley Community College
October 26 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE	November 16 (Thurs., 3:45-5:15) HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT
October 26 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) SPOOKY PAINT POURING	November 16 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) BEGINNING SONGWRITING: TIPS & INSPO
October 31 (Tues., 3:45-5:30) WALK TO DUNKIN & HANGOUT	
October 31 (Tues., 4:30-5:45) HALLOWEEN MONSTER JARS w/ Khloe, Bridge Ambassador	
November 1 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: CRISPY ROLLS & PAD THAI w/ Siam Marina	
November 1 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE ACCESSORIES	

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ONLINE SIGN-UP BEGINS 8/18 AT 2PM!
FOR FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS OR TO SIGN-UP,
SCAN THIS QR OR VISIT THEBRIDGETEENCENTER.ORG.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL CRASH WEEK

November 20 (Mon., 3:00-4:30) HOLIDAY THRIFT STORE SHOPPING (MS ONLY)	December 7 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) PROJECT GIVE: HOLIDAY WREATHS w/ Evergreen Senior Living
November 20 (Mon., 4:30-5:30) DIY: TURKEY PLACE CARD HOLDERS	December 12 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) CAFE HANGOUT & SHOW-AND-TELL GAMES
November 21 (Tues., 2:45-4:15) GARAGE HANGOUT & HOT CHEETOS TASTINGS (MS ONLY)	December 12 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) GINGERBREAD HOUSES & COOKIE IGLOOS
November 22 (Wed., 3:30-5:30) BIG ROOM HANGOUT & T-DAY PIES (MS ONLY)	December 13 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE
November 22 (Wed., 4:15-5:15) PROJECT GIVE: BOMBAS SOCK BUNDLES	December 13 (Wed., 4:15-5:30) CHRISTMAS TERRARIUMS w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
December 5 (Tues., 3:45-5:45) PICTIONARY & GARAGE HANGOUT	December 14 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) GARAGE HANGOUT & HOT COCOA FLIGHTS
December 5 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) CULINARY: CLEAN EATING HOLIDAY SWEETS w/ Let's Eat Great Food	December 14 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30) CREATE YOUR OWN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
December 5 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) WATERLESS SNOW GLOBES w/ Paige, Bridge Student	December 14 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30) WINTER SKINCARE & MAKEUP
December 6 (Wed., 4:00-5:00) SOUL CAFE: WHEN THE HOLIDAYS HURT w/ Willow House	December 19 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) OPEN ART STUDIO & DIY GIFTS
December 6 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) FINISH STRONG	December 19 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) CHRISTMAS TRIVIA & FESTIVE POPCORN BAR
December 7 (Thurs., 3:45-5:45) OPEN ART STUDIO & HANGOUT	December 20 (Wed., 4:15-5:30) LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY THRIFT STORE SHOPPING
December 7 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) FINALS SUPPORT & BRAIN FOOD (HS ONLY)	December 20 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) ICE SKATING
	December 21 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30) HANGOUT & CHRISTMAS COOKIES



INTRODUCING "HANGOUTS"

Check out our new programs marked with this letter:

To continue our commitment to providing a safe afterschool space, The Bridge has expanded our opportunities for students to come “hang out” during specially scheduled days and times in specific locations around the facility. We can’t wait to see YOU at the next hangout program!



Bus riders...we’ve got you covered!
By taking the bus, you are automatically signed up for that day’s hangout program!