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**SEPTEMBER 12th**  
Flannel Fest &  
Caramel Apple Bar  
w/ String Theory (Alt-Rock)



**SEPTEMBER 26th**  
The Great Bridge Bake Off  
& Karaoke



**OCTOBER 10th**  
Pumpkin Palooza & Art Studio:  
Pumpkin Painting  
w/ The Improv Garage  
Student Comedy Show



**OCTOBER 24th**  
Trick or Trivia & S'mores



**NOVEMBER 7th**  
Ping Pong Tourney & Karaoke



**NOVEMBER 21st**  
Friendsgiving & Bingo



**DECEMBER 5th**  
Thrift Store Holiday Shopping  
& Winter/Spring Program  
Magazine Release



**DECEMBER 19th**  
Candy Cane Games &  
Holiday Karaoke

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**Need a ride to The Bridge  
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Our bus picks up at these schools:  
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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](http://thebridgeteencenter.org), or contact us directly at:**

[thriftastic@thebridgeteencenter.org](mailto:thriftastic@thebridgeteencenter.org)  
708.532.0500 Ext.108.



**EMPOWERING  
TEENS MONTH**

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

available at The Bridge Thrift Store (scheduled throughout October).  
**Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses (deadline is 9/5).**

Learn more at [thebridgeteencenter.org](http://thebridgeteencenter.org)  
or email [aaron@thebridgeteencenter.org](mailto:aaron@thebridgeteencenter.org).



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

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



**OPENING THIS FALL  
IN FRANKFORT**

Our second Thrift Store, *Bridge Thrift Home & Restoration*, will be opening this fall at 21420 S. Harlem Avenue in Frankfort. Follow us on social media or scan the QR code to stay in the loop!



THE **BRIDGE**  
TEEN CENTER®

**PROGRAM MAGAZINE  
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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 14,000+ 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):



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

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

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**H** = "HANGOUT" programs.  
See website for details.

**+** = Special "ON MISSION" programs:  
EMOTIONAL focus in September.

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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| September 2 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>CULINARY: HOMEMADE DONUTS</b><br>w/ Joliet Junior College Culinary Arts | September 24 (Wed., 4:15-6:00)<br><b>PICKLEBALL</b> w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer  |
| September 2 (Tues., 4:45-6:00)<br><b>HANGOUT &amp; CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRIES</b>                        | September 25 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>SOUL CAFE: SELF-EXPRESSIVE PAINTINGS</b> w/ Finding Your Solutions Counseling   |
| September 3 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>DIY: MINI MAGAZINES</b><br>w/ Melissa Ferriter, ATR                      | September 25 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE</b>   |
| September 4 (Thur., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>PATIO HANGOUT &amp; POPPI SODAS</b>                                     | September 25 (Thur., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>BEGINNING WRITING: MASK POEMS</b>  |
| September 4 (Thur., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>FALL TENT CAMPING TIPS</b> w/ REI                                       | September 30 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>CULINARY: SOUTHERN STYLE COOKING</b> w/ Chef Karla Temple, RDN                   |
| September 9 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>AIR HOCKEY TOURNNEY &amp; GARAGE HANGOUT</b>                            | September 30 (Tues., 4:45-6:00)<br><b>STEM: AMATEUR RADIO</b> w/ Metro DX Club   |
| September 9 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>BEGINNING DRUMS</b>   | October 1 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>BEHIND THE SCENES: SOLAR POWER</b> w/ IBEW-NECA Technical Institute                  |
| September 10 (Wed., 4:00-5:15)<br><b>YOGA &amp; ORGANIC TEA</b> w/ Academy of Creative Movement Yoga         | October 1 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>RELAX IN THE HIDEAWAY</b>  |
| September 11 (Thur., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>STEM: LEGO CAR COMPETITION</b>   | October 1 (Wed., 4:30-5:30)<br><b>PROJECT GIVE: DROP EARRINGS</b> w/ Peerless Charm                                    |
| September 11 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO &amp; AESTHETIC DOODLING</b>                          | October 2 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>THRIFT STORE SHOPPING &amp; HANGOUT</b>  |
| September 11 (Thur., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>ESCAPE ROOMS &amp; BRAIN TEASERS</b> w/ Booktique Unlimited            | October 7 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: VIETNAMESE ROLLS &amp; GARLIC CHICKEN</b> w/ Siam Marina |
| September 16 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>MACRAME WALL HANGINGS</b> w/ That Girl + Co.                           | October 7 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)<br><b>STEM: COMPETITIVE ENGINEERING</b> w/ Robinson Engineering                           |
| September 16 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)<br><b>SOUL CAFE: MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY</b> w/ Ericka G. Moore           | October 8 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY</b> w/ Alison Therese Photography                                 |
| September 17 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>BEHIND THE SCENES: TARGET</b>   | October 8 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>DIY: BRAIDING &amp; FACIALS</b> w/ Nicole Richards Salon & Spa                       |
| September 17 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>PATIO HANGOUT &amp; NACHO BAR</b>                                       | October 9 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>WALK TO RAINBOW CONE &amp; OPEN ART STUDIO</b>                                     |
| September 17 (Wed., 4:30-5:30)<br><b>STENCILED TOTE BAGS</b> w/ Summer, Bridge Staffer                       | October 9 (Thur., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>POLICE DOGS</b> w/ Cook County Sheriff's Office                                     |
| September 18 (Thur., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>CULINARY: CHICK-FIL-A EXPERIENCE (HS ONLY)</b> w/ Chick-fil-A          | October 14 (Tues., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>PROJECT GIVE: FINGER-KNITTED TOTES</b>   |
| September 18 (Thurs., 4:15-6:00)<br><b>UNO COMPETITION &amp; GARAGE HANGOUT</b>                              | October 14 (Tues., 4:15-5:15)<br><b>FIGHTING PROCRASTINATION &amp; PIZZA</b> w/ Acorn Public Library                   |
| September 23 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>PROJECT GIVE: BOMBAS SOCK BUNDLES</b>                                  | October 15 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>MACRAME GHOSTS</b> w/ Joy, Bridge Staffer   |
| September 23 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>SOUL CAFE: CALM YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM</b> w/ Roots of Resilience         | October 15 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>PING PONG TOURNAMENT &amp; GARAGE HANGOUT</b>                                       |
| September 24 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO &amp; PERLER BEAD CRAFTS</b>                            | October 15 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>BEGINNING SONGWRITING</b> w/ Andrew Scott Denlinger                                 |



## ONLINE SIGN-UP BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13th at 7PM!

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

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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| October 16 (Thur., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>HANGOUT, MINI GOLF &amp; PIZZA</b> w/ PGA TOUR SUPERSTORE         | November 6 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)<br><b>GARAGE HANGOUT &amp; POP-A-SHOT TOURNNEY</b>  |
| October 21 (Tues., 4:00-5:45)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO &amp; TEXTURED CANVAS PAINTINGS</b>               | November 6 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>STEM: ROBOTICS</b> w/ Snapology   |
| October 21 (Tues., 4:30-5:30)<br><b>GEARHEADS: WINTER VEHICLE PREP</b> w/ Bettenhausen Auto           | November 11 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>SELF-DEFENSE</b>  |
| October 22 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>FALL HIKE &amp; APPLE CIDER</b> w/ Trinity Christian College       | November 12 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>HOT COCOA CANDLES</b> w/ 1111 Elm Candle & Soap Shoppe   |
| October 22 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>GRANDPARENTS &amp; BINGO HANGOUT</b>                               | November 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>INDOOR GARDENING: MICROGREENS</b> w/ Taproot Farms   |
| October 23 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>PATIO HANGOUT &amp; DIY: HARVEST SNACK MIX</b>                   | November 13 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>CULINARY: BITE-SIZED THANKSGIVING TREATS</b>   |
| October 23 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>HOMEWORK &amp; STUDY SUPPORT WITH BRAIN POWER SNACKS</b>         | November 13 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>GARAGE HANGOUT &amp; FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS</b>  |
| October 23 (Thurs., 4:45-5:45)<br><b>PROJECT GIVE: LETTERS TO VETERANS</b>                            | November 18 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: MEXICAN HORCHATA &amp; RICE PUDDING</b> w/ Violet Velvet Cooking Classes |
| October 28 (Tues., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>HANDCRAFTED BALLOON ANIMALS</b>                                   | November 18 (Tues., 4:45-6:00)<br><b>STEM: DECODING CHALLENGES</b> w/ Oak Forest High School   |
| October 28 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>SOUL CAFE: COMBATING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS</b> w/ You & Me Counseling | November 19 (Wed., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>MINIATURE NATURE GARDENS</b> w/ Shelby, Bridge Alum  |
| October 29 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>SPOOKY MYSTERY GAMES</b> w/ Moraine Valley Community College       | November 20 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)<br><b>HANGOUT &amp; COMFORT DOGS</b> w/ Healing Hearts Comfort Dogs                                      |
| October 29 (Wed., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>HARVEST TERRARIUMS</b>   | November 20 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30)<br><b>PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>   |
| October 30 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>HALLOWEEN HANGOUT &amp; PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES</b>                 |  |
| October 30 (Thur., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>BEHIND THE SCENES: FUNERAL HOME</b> w/ Colonial Chapel            |  |
| November 4 (Tues., 4:00-5:15)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO &amp; BUFFALO WINGS</b>                           |  |
| November 4 (Tues., 4:30-5:30)<br><b>DIY: NATURAL FACE MASKS</b> w/ Rose & Rae Hair Studio             |  |
| November 5 (Wed., 4:00-5:00)<br><b>STRESS-REDUCING WORKOUTS</b> w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer              |  |
| November 5 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>BEGINNING CROCHET: MINIATURE WALLET</b>                            |  |

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CRASH WEEK

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| November 24 (Mon., 3:15-4:45)<br><b>GARAGE HANGOUT &amp; VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT</b>       |
| November 24 (Mon., 4:45-6:00)<br><b>RELAX IN THE HIDEAWAY (MS ONLY)</b>                  |
| November 25 (Tues., 3:00-4:15)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO</b>                                 |
| November 25 (Tues., 4:15-5:15)<br><b>DISNEY HOLIDAY TRIVIA &amp; HOT COCOA (MS ONLY)</b> |
| November 26 (Wed., 3:00-4:30)<br><b>HANGOUT WITH LOADED MAC &amp; CHEESE (MS ONLY)</b>   |



**EMPOWERING  
TEENS MONTH**

Look for the Empowering Teens Month icon  
for special programs throughout October!

## DECEMBER

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| December 9 (Tues., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>HOMEWORK &amp; STUDY SUPPORT WITH CHIPS &amp; SALSA BAR (HS ONLY)</b> | December 16 (Tues., 5:00-6:00)<br><b>WIRE CHRISTMAS TREES</b>                                     |
| December 9 (Tues., 4:30-5:45)<br><b>PROJECT GIVE: CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS</b> w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer      | December 17 (Wed., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>SHOP AT THE NEW BRIDGE THRIFT STORE IN FRANKFORT</b>          |
| December 10 (Wed., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>KITCHEN HANGOUT &amp; BAKING WINTER MUFFINS</b>                       | December 17 (Wed., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK &amp; PEPPERMINT MOCHAS</b>            |
| December 10 (Wed., 4:45-6:00)<br><b>SNOWY EVERGREEN PAINTINGS</b>   | December 18 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00)<br><b>ICE SKATING &amp; OVER-THE-TOP HOT CHOCOLATE (HS ONLY)</b>  |
| December 10 (Wed., 7:00)<br><b>ONLINE SIGN-UP BEGINS FOR WINTER (JAN-MAR) PROGRAMS</b>                    | December 18 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30)<br><b>CULINARY: CHRISTMAS PARTY APPS</b> w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer |
| December 11 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45)<br><b>OPEN ART STUDIO &amp; HOLIDAY CRAFT KITS</b>                        | December 18 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>HOLIDAY HANGOUT &amp; FESTIVE TREATS</b>                    |
| December 11 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30)<br><b>GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION</b> w/ CarMax                         | December 23 (Tues., 3:00-5:00)<br><b>CHRISTMAS MOVIE &amp; SANTA'S POPCORN BAR</b>                |
| December 16 (Tues., 4:15-5:45)<br><b>PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE</b>                                      |   |

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## 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 in both Orland Park and Frankfort. Service can be scheduled during store hours. For complete details, click on the "Volunteer/Intern" tab at [www.thebridgeteencenter.org](http://www.thebridgeteencenter.org).



### 100+ REASONS TO SUPPORT THE BRIDGE...

There are 100+ FREE programs and events for teens in this Program Magazine. This is only possible when the community supports our mission. Please click on the "donate" or "volunteer" tab on our website to explore ways you can pay it forward!

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