



Friday

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENTS!

TOTALLY FREE · TOTALLY FUN · 7:30-10:30PM

FREE FOOD SAMPLES PROVIDED BY:

Friday nights are sponsored in part by:



SEPTEMBER 13th
Lumberjack Jam & Karaoke



SEPTEMBER 27th
Game Show Night: Family Feud Fall Edition w/ AJ Skrabis (Acoustic)



OCTOBER 11th
Fall Fest & Extreme S'mores w/ Pumpkin Decorating Battle



OCTOBER 25th
Halloween & Scary-oke w/ Costume Contest



NOVEMBER 8th
Food Battle: Barista Edition w/ Bingo



NOVEMBER 22nd
Turkey Bowl Warm-Up w/ School of Rock Mokena Show Band



DECEMBER 6th
The Bridge Thrift Store: Holiday Shopping



DECEMBER 20th
Festive Team Trivia & Ugly Sweater Showdown

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

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 JH, Jerling, Arbor Park, Central, St. George, and Grissom!

Advance sign up is required.

Scan the QR code for complete details or sign up online at thebridgeteencenter.org.



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:**



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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. Service can be scheduled during store hours. For complete details, click on the "Volunteer/Intern" tab at www.thebridgeteencenter.org.



EMPOWERING TEENS MONTH

available at The Bridge Thrift Store (scheduled throughout November). Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses (deadline is 10/4).

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



THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER

PROGRAM MAGAZINE

FALL/WINTER 2024

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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 13,000+ 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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H = "HANGOUT" programs.
See website for details.

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



ONLINE SIGN-UP BEGINS ON AUGUST 16th at 2PM!
For full descriptions and to sign up, scan this QR or visit our website.



EMPOWERING TEENS MONTH Look for the Empowering Teens Month icon for special programs throughout November!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- H** September 3 (Tues., 4:00-6:00) **WALK TO DUNKIN' & HANGOUT**
- September 3 (Tues., 4:15-5:45) **FANTASY FOOTBALL DRAFT** w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- +** September 4 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE**
- September 4 (Wed., 4:15-5:30) **#SKILLS SPORTS: SKATEBOARDING** w/ Journeys
- September 5 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: ASIAN LETTUCE WRAPS & BOBA TEA** w/ Trader Joe's
- H** September 5 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **GARAGE HANGOUT & MINI TACOS**
- H** September 10 (Tues., 4:00-5:45) **PATIO HANGOUT**
- September 10 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) **DIY: SALAD GARDENS** w/ The Gardener Wife
- September 11 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **STEM: BUILD YOUR OWN MICROGRID** w/ ComEd
- September 11 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) **BEGINNING ACOUSTIC GUITAR**
- September 11 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: OATMEAL SANDWICH COOKIES** w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
- H** September 12 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **OPEN ART STUDIO & RAINBOW FRUIT TASTING BAR**
- September 12 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **BEHIND THE SCENES: WATER PUMP FACILITY** w/ Orland Park Public Works
- +** September 12 (Thurs., 4:45-5:45) **SOUL CAFE: NAVIGATING DIVORCE** w/ Roots of Resilience
- H** September 17 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **GARAGE HANGOUT & PING PONG TOURNEY**
- September 17 (Tues., 4:00-6:00) **#SKILLS SPORTS: GOLF** w/ Silver Lake Country Club
- +** September 17 (Tues., 4:15-5:45) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE**
- September 18 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **DIY: DOUGHNUT & CUPCAKE SOAPS** w/ Elm Candle & Soap Shoppe
- +** September 18 (Wed., 4:15-5:15) **PROJECT GIVE: HOMELESS SHELTER CARE PACKS**
- H** September 19 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **CAFE MYSTERY DRINKS & OPEN ART STUDIO**
- +** September 19 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30) **PATIO YOGA** w/ Academy of Creative Movement Yoga
- September 19 (Thurs., 4:45-5:45) **STEM: ENGINEERING PAPER AIRPLANES**
- September 24 (Tues., 4:00-5:00) **DIY JEWELRY: BEADED NECKLACES** w/ Peerless Charm
- H** September 24 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **KITCHEN HANGOUT & ICE CREAM DESSERT BAR**
- +** September 24 (Tues., 5:00-6:00) **STUDY TIPS FOR STRESSED STUDENTS & POPCORN** w/ Acorn Public Library
- September 25 (Wed., 4:00-5:15) **BEGINNING FICTION WRITING**
- September 25 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **WOODWORKING: COAT RACKS** w/ Hilti
- September 25 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) **FALL FLORAL BOUQUETS**
- H** September 26 (Thurs., 3:45-5:30) **FALL PATIO HANGOUT**
- September 26 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **BEHIND THE SCENES: FIRE STATION** w/ Orland Park Fire District
- September 26 (Thurs., 4:15-5:15) **PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS & TRICKS** w/ Four 12 Photography
- October 1 (Tues., 4:00-5:00) **WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST** w/ Fox College
- H** October 1 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) **OPEN ART STUDIO & CANVAS PAINTING**
- October 1 (Tues., 5:00-6:00) **SOUL CAFE: ACTIVATING YOUR STRENGTHS** w/ Mosaic Nature Therapy
- October 2 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: REFRESHERS & ICED TEAS** w/ Starbucks
- October 2 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **FRENCH BRAIDING & STYLING** w/ Rose & Rae Salon
- H** October 3 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45) **GARAGE HANGOUT**
- October 3 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30) **ACRYLIC PAINT POURING**
- October 3 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00) **RESCUING ANIMALS** w/ NAWS Humane Society
- H** October 8 (Tues., 4:00-5:15) **THRIFT STORE SHOPPING & HANGOUT**
- October 8 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) **ELECTRIC CARS** w/ Tesla
- October 8 (Tues., 4:30-5:45) **MYTHICAL CREATURE CLAY SCULPTURES** w/ El-Cology
- October 9 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **#SKILLS: VIDEO EDITING** w/ Apple

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

- October 9 (Wed., 4:00-5:00) **HARRY POTTER TRIVIA & BUTTERBEER FLOATS**
- October 9 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LEADING YOURSELF** w/ Inspired Title Group
- H** October 10 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **OPEN ART STUDIO & CRAFT KITS**
- October 10 (Thurs., 4:30-5:30) **BRAIN DUMP & HERBAL TEA** w/ Summer, Bridge Staffer
- October 10 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00) **SOUL CAFE: HULK SMASH!** w/ Courtney Wischhover, LPC
- October 15 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: FALL SOUPS** w/ Shepard High School
- H** October 15 (Tues., 4:00-5:45) **GARAGE HANGOUT & POOL TOURNAMENT**
- October 15 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) **INSECT HOTELS** w/ University of Illinois Extension
- October 16 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **SEWING: TRICK OR TREAT BAGS** w/ Stacey's Stitch Shop
- October 16 (Wed., 4:15-6:00) **WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE: PIPE ORGAN MUSICIAN**
- H** October 17 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **WALK TO RAINBOW CONE & HANGOUT**
- October 17 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30) **BEGINNING ELECTRIC GUITAR** w/ Andrew Scott Denlinger
- October 22 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **WATERCOLOR PUMPKINS** w/ Magenta Moon Art School
- H** October 22 (Tues., 4:15-5:45) **HOT APPLE CIDER & GARAGE HANGOUT**
- October 22 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) **DESTRESS THROUGH TUMBLING**
- October 23 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **FALL HIKE & FOREST CARE** w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- October 23 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) **PROJECT GIVE: BEESWAX CREATIONS** w/ Mandi, Bridge Staffer
- H** October 24 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT**
- October 24 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**
- H** October 29 (Tues., 4:00-5:15) **SPOOKY TREATS & BIG ROOM HANGOUT**
- October 29 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) **SKINCARE ESSENTIALS** w/ SkinTrust
- October 29 (Tues., 4:45-5:45) **FELT HALLOWEEN MASKS**
- October 30 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **AROUND THE WORLD CULINARY: SPANISH APPETIZERS** w/ Chef Karla, RDN
- October 30 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) **PUMPKIN CARVING EXTRAVAGANZA**
- October 31 (Thurs.) **CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN**
- November 5 (Tues., 4:00-5:15) **HANDMADE ROLLERBALL PERFUMES** w/ The Candle Vault
- H** November 5 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **HIDEAWAY & BIG ROOM HANGOUT**
- November 6 (Wed., 3:45-5:00) **BOARD GAMES & LOADED NACHO BAR**
- November 6 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **SOUL CAFE: OVERCOMING SCHOOL ANXIETY** w/ Pfect
- November 7 (Thurs., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: SUNSHINE CITRUS MUFFINS** w/ The Gluten-Free Goddesses
- H** November 7 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **GARAGE GAME TOURNEYS & HANGOUT WITH CHIPS & SALSA**
- November 7 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) **HANDKNIT SCARVES** w/ That Girl + Co
- H** November 12 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **CAFE MYSTERY DRINKS & FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT**
- November 12 (Tues., 4:00-5:45) **WOODWORKING: LAP DESKS** w/ Operation Nehemiah
- November 12 (Tues., 4:15-5:30) **BEGINNING DRUMS** w/ Elliot Grant Drum Shop
- November 13 (Wed., 4:00-5:15) **YOUTUBE VIDEO CREATORS WORKSHOP** w/ Gabby, Bridge Alumna
- November 13 (Wed., 4:30-5:45) **#SKILLS: BOOK FOLDING ART**
- November 14 (Thurs., 4:00-5:00) **HOW TO GET INTO GOOD TROUBLE**
- November 14 (Thurs., 5:00-6:00) **NEUROGRAPHIC ART** w/ Melissa Ferriter, ATR
- H** November 14 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) **GARAGE HANGOUT**
- November 19 (Tues., 4:00-5:15) **OPEN ART STUDIO & FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS**
- November 19 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: BREWING TEA LEAVES** w/ Harvest Room
- November 20 (Wed., 4:00-5:00) **PUMPKIN SUGAR SCRUBS** w/ Paige, Bridge Ambassador
- November 20 (Wed., 4:30-5:30) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE SPECIAL PROJECTS**

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

- November 20 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **SOUL CAFE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** w/ KMCD Counseling
- November 21 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **BEHIND THE SCENES: CLEAN EATZ**
- H** November 21 (Thurs., 4:15-5:45) **HANGOUT & COMFORT DOGS** w/ Healing Hearts Comfort Dogs
- H** November 25 (Mon., 2:30-4:00) **AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT & HANGOUT WITH T-DAY SWEETS** (MS ONLY)
- November 25 (Mon., 4:15-5:30) **STEM: RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE** w/ Austin, Bridge Staffer
- November 26 (Tues., 2:30-4:30) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE**
- November 26 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) **BOREDOM-BUSTING CRAFTS** (MS ONLY) w/ Ryan, Bridge Ambassador
- H** November 27 (Wed., 3:30-5:30) **GARAGE HANGOUT & PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES** (MS ONLY)
- December 10 (Tues., 4:00-5:45) **HOLIDAY THRIFT STORE SHOPPING & HANGOUT**
- December 10 (Tues., 4:30-5:30) **FINALS PREP & PIZZA** (HS ONLY)
- December 11 (Wed., 4:00-5:30) **BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK & PEPPERMINT MILKSHAKES**
- December 11 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **DIY: CALMING WINTER CRAFTS**
- H** December 12 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45) **OPEN ART STUDIO & HANDMADE GIFTS**
- December 12 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **PROJECT SERVE: CHRISTMAS CAROLING** w/ Smith Crossing
- December 12 (Thurs., 4:15-5:30) **GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION** w/ CarMax Cares
- H** December 17 (Tues., 3:45-5:15) **GARAGE HANGOUT & OVER-THE-TOP WINTER DRINKS**
- December 17 (Tues., 4:00-5:30) **CULINARY: MINI HOLIDAY WAFFLES** w/ Matt, Bridge Staffer
- December 17 (Tues., 4:30-5:45) **WINTER TERRARIUMS** w/ Jess, Bridge Staffer
- December 18 (Wed., 4:00-6:00) **PROJECT SERVE: THRIFT STORE**
- December 18 (Wed., 5:00-6:00) **HOLIDAY NAILS**
- H** December 19 (Thurs., 4:00-5:45) **DECORATING CHRISTMAS COOKIES & HANGOUT**
- December 19 (Thurs., 4:00-6:00) **ICE SKATING & HOT CHOCOLATE** (HS ONLY)

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117 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE BRIDGE...

There are 117 different 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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