



# Building Bridges Together



THE BRIDGE  
youth center





## THE BRIDGE YOUTH CENTER MISSION

To provide a place where all students are safe, loved, and valued, surrounded by caring community members who introduce them to Christ's love in all that they do.

## BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER PURPOSE

This program provides a way for students to experience different countries and cultures from around the world right here at The Bridge. We are partnering with Empowering Youth Global Connection (EYGC) to celebrate these cultures. Students will experience different world foods, languages, and activities, learning that although we are all different, we share many things in common and are all God's children.

## WHAT HAPPENS HERE

During each Building Bridges Together program, students will focus on a specific culture and practice a respectful greeting, learn fun facts, sample some favorite foods, and play a few games. When possible, EYGC will bring in community members to help celebrate a country or culture that they either grew up in or lived in. Once a year, we incorporate our Bridging Out program to provide students an opportunity to serve the community, which may include being transported by staff to a specified location.

## PERKS OF BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER

- A safe place with caring adults where students can broaden their worldview
- Learn to respectfully approach various cultures as global citizens
- Experience different world foods, languages, and activities

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# Building Bridges Together

Fridays After School

October 6

November 3

December 1

January 12

February 2

March 1

April 12

May 3

## PARENTAL WAIVER

By signing this agreement, you agree to the permissions listed below.

I \_\_\_\_\_, consent to:

1. Provide permission to communicate with staff regarding project purposes, fill out surveys, and allow survey information to go into our database and to Empowering Youth Global Connection.
2. Allow your child to communicate with staff and volunteers outside of program time, including at school.

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any food allergies?  Yes  No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT WAIVER

By signing this agreement, you agree to the permissions listed below.

I \_\_\_\_\_, consent to:

1. Come to The Bridge on the days Building Bridges Together is scheduled, unless excused by a parent or guardian. The Bridge staff ideally will be notified 1 week prior to the program.
2. Respectfully engage with community members in activities.
3. Provide permission to communicate with staff regarding project purposes, fill out surveys, and allow survey information to go into our database.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# CONTACT SHEET



\* Only fill out if you have not signed up for Summer '23/School Year '23/'24

STUDENT

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023/2024 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Attend a Church: Y or N (Circle)

If Yes, Which Church? \_\_\_\_\_

GUARDIANS

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell/Work (Circle)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (if different than student) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell/Work (Circle)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (if different than student) \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell/Work (Circle)

\*Please sign waiver on reverse side\*

# WAIVERS & POLICIES



EMERGENCY POLICIES

**Severe Weather:** If a severe weather watch or warning is issued 1 hour prior to a scheduled event, that event will be cancelled. If issued during programming, the event will continue as scheduled, though parents may pick their children up. In the event of a tornado warning, anyone in the building will take shelter in an interior room and may not leave until the warning has expired.

**Closings:** If school or after-school events are cancelled, The Bridge will also be closed.

**Fire:** In the event of a fire, all program participants will be escorted to the lawn on the northwest corner of the building.

**CPR/First Aid:** There are certified CPR and First Aid staff members and an AED in the building in case of a medical emergency.

**Violent Intruders:** In the event of an intruder intending harm, staff will alert all program participants to flee the building out the nearest & safest exit.

WAIVERS & AGREEMENTS

**Health/Wellness:** To the best of my ability I will follow all health & wellness orders and guidelines laid out by local, state, and federal authorities. I will monitor the health of my child regularly and communicate with The Bridge about any symptoms as soon as possible to ensure my child is staying healthy enough to participate in programs.

**Medical Treatment:** In case of an emergency, I provide permission for The Bridge to have my child treated by a physician and/or hospital.  Opt Out

**Media:** I grant my permission for the rights to use and record my child's image and/or voice on film, photograph, print, and other media to be used on social media, website, and any other form of print.  Opt Out

**Communications:** I provide permission for my child to receive texts from The Bridge.  Opt Out

**Transportation:** I provide permission for a representative of The Bridge to transport my child for program and/or emergency purposes.  Opt Out

SIGNATURE

By signing below, I agree to the above policies and permissions.

Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_