

Parents' Guide 2020

Vision

The Bridge is a missional community that cares about building connections in Niagara Falls. The Bridge is providing a series of day camps that will focus on the arts and social justice, connecting youth to important issues seen in the media, in their city, and in their own lives. We aim to provide a fun space for kids age 5-14 to explore social justice issues through different art forms, ranging from performance arts to visual creations to abstract combinations of creative practice. We focus on the downtown area to bring youth, the arts, and a sense of community to Queen Street.

Camp Dates

Camps run from 12-4pm Monday to Thursday.

July 6-10: Me, Myself and Art: An exploration into identity.
July 13-17: Under the Sea: An exploration of oceans and ecosystems
July 20-23: Community: An exploration into our community's needs.

***Break one week ***

Aug 3-6: History: An exploration into Niagara Falls history and how it shapes our community.
Aug 10-14: Sports: An exploration of various sports around the world.
Aug 17-21: Space: An exploration of various planets, stars, and the galaxy through human space exploration.

Registration

To register your child, please go to the Registration page on our website, or email sacreg@thebridgenf.ca. When registering, please inform us of any dietary restrictions or health concerns.

There is a limit of 30 spots/week! Register early!

Registration for *July* camps must be completed by **June 26, 2020**.

Registration for *August* camps must be completed by **July 24, 2020**.

Cost

We aim to provide an affordable camp experience, so we rely on donations from local partners and churches. Camps are \$50 per week, but discounts are available for families with more than one child attending. Full and partial bursaries are available. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have financial concerns about sending your child to our camp! We want everyone who would like to come to be able to!

Payment information: We accept cash, cheques, or Interact E-transfers through your online banking. At the time of registration, you may select your choice of payment. Cheques must be written out to The Bridge Church. If you have any questions or concerns about this, let us know.

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E-transfers can be sent to admin@thebridgenf.ca. Please use the security question: **Where are the summer camps being held?** and the response: **thehub**. Please be sure to use lowercase letters and no spaces in the response.

Location

We are located at 4333 Queen Street, in the core of the downtown. Our heart is for the people and businesses of Queen Street, and therefore being in the heart of it all is very important to us. Our building is called "The HUB": A place to gather and connect. It has many functions, but the primary purpose of our building is to be a place of community where all are welcome.

A Typical Day

11:50am - Arrival and Check-In

12:00pm - Lunch (provided)

12:45pm - Circle discussion

1:00pm - Art Creation

2:30pm - Snack and Games break

3:00pm - Art Creation

4:00pm - End of day

Gallery Night

We welcome families and friends to join us on **Thursday** nights at **6:30pm** to view the creations of the week! Light refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers and Staff

Volunteers and staff are a minimum of 17 years of age and all have a current criminal record check. We will have at least one volunteer/staff member for every 5 children. At least one person who has First Aid Certification will always be present.

Learning Outcomes

Summer Arts Camp on Queen is all about experiential learning. Our goal for each camp week is that youth will **KNOW**, **GROW**, and **SHOW**. Each week will focus on a different social justice issue like identity, environment, world and local issue, etc. Using the arts, campers will learn more and expand their knowledge of social justice issues. They will grow in understanding of how these issues affect their communities and show how art can bring awareness and change.

Medical Care and Health

When registering your child, we ask that you complete a health form to inform us of any pre-existing conditions or other health concerns. The parent/guardian is responsible for informing us of all, physical, psychological, emotional, and medical information pertaining to their child to ensure the safety of the children in our care and a positive experience for everyone. On the health form and at check-in on the first day of your child's camp week. If

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your child requires an epi-pen give Camp co-ordinator upon arrival with list of allergies your child has.

Should your child suffer a minor medical issue during the day (small cut, nosebleed), First Aid certified staff would deal with the incident. In more severe situations, the parent and/or emergency contact will be contacted immediately and we will seek emergency medical response.

Safe Spaces

We commit to providing a welcoming and inclusive space for campers to feel free to be themselves. Any bullying, harassment, abuse, or violence will not be tolerated and staff and volunteers will intervene into any conflict that arises. Volunteers will be expected to read and sign a commitment to keep our camps safe for all who take part.

Photo and Video Release

We ask you to sign a waiver for your child to participate in camp activities. In signing this, you also allow The Bridge to use photos and video of your child for promotional use, which you will sign on the first day of your child's/children's registered week.

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