

Year-Round Programs

Continuing Connections (Afterschool Club)

This program is designed for children and young adults with high functioning autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and other related social challenges. We provide opportunities to make friends, have fun, and learn new skills in fun activities, such as art, music, cooking, sports, and games. Activities are designed to promote communication and help foster social skills development. Continuing Connections meets every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 6:00pm and is open to ages 7 through 18. Our fun, caring, and engaging staff receive training in team building activities, social skill instruction, and proper safety policies and procedures.

Price: \$20/week (next session starts Fall 2014)

Social Adventures (I & II)

Social Adventures is designed for children and teens with high functioning autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and related social disorders. Children receive clear instructions in the areas of social skills and social thinking strategies and have the opportunity to practice these skills in structured, small-group activities. Staff provide social coaching throughout each session, with a focus on friendship and fun for all! Social Adventures meets every Saturday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Social Adventures I: Ages 13 to 17

Social Adventures II: Ages 8 to 12

***Price: \$25/week (next session starts Fall 2014)**

Bridges to Independence

Teens and young adults learn and practice the skills needed for independent living including: cooking & kitchen safety, laundry & cleaning and even job application and resume preparation. BTI operates with a strong focus on teamwork, conversation and age-appropriate social skills. Bridges to Independence meets on Saturdays from 10:00AM-2:00PM and is open to ages 14-35 with groups based upon interests, abilities, and needs.

***Price: \$80/week (next session starts Fall 2014)**

Saturday Recreation

A fun-filled day of friendship, games, art, music, cooking, sports and more! Children and young adults play and learn in age-appropriate groups with our fun, caring, trained staff. All the perks of summer camp during the school year! Saturday Recreation runs every Saturday from 10am to 3pm and is open to ages 4 through 22.

***Price: \$75/week (next session starts Fall 2014)**



**Check out our website
to see about our year-
round Equine Assisted Programs**

The Bridge Center's 20+ acre fully accessible campus includes:

- Heated, Olympic style swimming pool with a wheelchair-accessible ramp
- Indoor horseback riding arena & outdoor track with nature trails for hippotherapy and therapeutic horseback riding lessons
- Archery range and sports playing fields
- Indoor gymnasium and "Lenny's Place" with art room, kitchen, music room, and more!

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Formerly known as Handi Kids, The Bridge Center was founded as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in 1963 by the Knights of Pythias



Providing opportunities for people with special needs since 1963.



Year Round and Summer Camp Programs

Celebrating over 50 years of supporting families by providing children, teens and adults with special needs the opportunities to build social, emotional and physical skills so they may fully participate in their communities.

Summer Camp 2014

Summer Camp at The Bridge Center offers 9 weeks of incredible opportunities for children, teens, and young adults to enjoy recreational and skill building activities in a supportive and nurturing environment that is accessible to all. We offer a wide variety of programs to meet their interests and needs, and our professionally trained staff ensure that everyone in attendance is engaged, having fun and making friends!

Camp Connect

Camp Connect is designed to meet the developmental, social, and behavioral needs of children and young adults between the ages of 4 and 22 with Asperger's Syndrome, High Functioning Autism and related disorders. Camp Connect offers traditional recreational camp activities such as swimming, archery and horseback riding as well as therapeutic activities such as team-building exercises and social skills groups. Each activity is designed to promote communication and socialization skills and are adaptable to meet goals outlined in a child's IEP. Children are carefully placed in small, clinically-sound groups to enhance their experience. As with all our camps, friendship and fun are core elements of all activities. Due to the therapeutic and goal centered nature of Camp Connect, children must be enrolled for the full session.

Dates: Full Session— 6/23/14 to 8/1/14 (\$3750)

Lite Session— 8/4/14 to 8/22/14 (\$1875)

Camp Discover

Camp Discover is open to all individuals between the ages of 4 and 22 with special needs, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability. Campers enjoy therapeutic recreation and traditional playtime in an accepting environment that is fun and accessible to all. Every week campers will have opportunities to make friends while growing more confident and



becoming more successful in skill building activities. Campers are provided limited, extensive or pervasive supports (depending on their individual needs) and are placed in groups following a careful assessment by our trained, professional staff.

Dates: 6/23/14 to 8/22/14 (1 week sessions, \$495/week)

Camp Summit

Camp Summit creates opportunities for success among children and young adults with moderate to severe behavioral and/or emotional disorders. Typical diagnoses served in this program include ADHD, PTSD, ODD, anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, mood disorders, etc. Our counselors are trained to provide a positive behavioral system that creates structure for children who have struggled or failed at other camps. Staff work closely with campers in a safe and supportive environment to build and reinforce positive responses. Our low camper to counselor ratios allows each camper to receive the coaching and guidance they need to build self-confidence, be successful and enjoy a summer camp experience that is safe and fun for everyone. Camp Summit is open to participants aged 4 through 22.

Dates: 6/23/14 to 8/22/14 (1 week sessions, \$575/week)

Horse Camp

Horse Camp is a program designed for campers who love horses! Horse camp gives each camper the opportunity to participate in many horse related activities with their peers. Activities include learning all about grooming, leading, horse education, care and safety, horse related crafts and fun activities. Each camp day also includes a 45 minute riding lesson taught by a certified riding instructor. This program offers a fun and interactive environment in a small group setting and is open to children and teens between ages 8-16. **Dates: Week 2 (6/30 to 7/3), Week 6 (7/28 to 8/1), Week 7 (8/4 to 8/8), Week 8 (8/11 to 8/15), Week 9 (8/18 to 8/22).** **Price: \$500/week**

Inclusion Horse Camp

Inclusion Horse Camp is an opportunity for campers with and without special needs to work together while learning about horses. This program touches on education, safety, nutrition, and animal



Care. In addition, participants will develop the skills of riding, grooming, leading, and much more! Inclusion horse camp is designed for children and young adults between the ages of 8 and 16. ****Price: \$500/week**

Dates: Week 3 (7/7 to 7/11), Week 4 (7/14 to 7/18)

Horse Camp Sibshop

Our Horse Camp Sibshop is a week-long camp program designed for siblings of children with special needs. This program offers the opportunity for siblings to meet others in the community who face some of the challenges and joys of being a brother or sister to a child with special needs. This camp gives each participant the opportunity to make friends, work together, and bond with each other while learning all about horses and participating in horse related activities.

Dates: Week 5 (July 21 to July 25, \$500/week)

VIP (Volunteers in Progress)

The volunteer in progress program is designed for teenagers interested in developing leadership skills. They will have the opportunity to engage in a supervised and structured camp experience, learning skills and exploring possible job or volunteer opportunities. The VIPs spend part of the day developing skills necessary to lead younger campers in daily activities such as sports and cooking. For the remainder of the day they enjoy recreational activities within their group, focusing on teamwork, communication and social skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to swim in our Olympic-sized pool every afternoon.

Dates: 6/23/14 to 8/22/14 (1 week sessions, \$400/wk)

Extended Day

All of our summer camp programs run from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Friday. We offer extended day from 3pm to 5pm every Monday through Thursday. **Price is \$25 per day.**

Transportation

We are happy to provide transportation to our Boston area participants! Our bus, staffed with our trained bus monitors, departs from Dorchester and makes stops in Randolph and Brockton before arriving at our campus. For specific bus stop locations and departure/arrival times please call our office at (508) 697-7557 ext. 17. ***Price: \$75/week.**