

PARENT INFO

The *CORNER at TOWN CENTER* is a fully staffed & supervised Middle School drop in center that is run by Recreation Program staff. Staff oversees games, leagues, special programs and early release day activities. On hand every day are both Adult Staff members and HS aged Junior Staff members. The program is an open door program. Members will sign in, but can come and go as they wish.

The philosophy of the *CORNER* is to provide a safe, positive place for children in grades 6 –8 that is truly their space. Members will have input into what programs, events, and activities take place and there are always a variety of activities and special events scheduled each week.

The Corner is more than just a place to “hang out”. The program has components of the Youth Development Strategy (YDS). These YDS senses are incorporated in many of our activities. These senses can help build self-esteem and help members develop into responsible citizens and leaders.

The YDS 4 components are:

-A sense of belonging: a place where members know they are always welcome. Staff strive to make each member feel welcome by greeting each by name, and including them in all the offered activities.

-A sense of usefulness: An opportunity to do something of value to others. We permit

kids to help staff run programs and volunteer to help with many different jobs/activities.

-A sense of competence: Creating a sense of pride that members can do something and do it well.

-A sense of power and influence: A chance to be heard and influence decisions. Members have an important part in deciding events and making the Corner what they want it to be

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

There is no fee for The Corner After School Drop In! Parents should register for The Corner or by filling out a Recreation Registration Form. Parents are asked to include all parent contact numbers as well as two emergency contacts and numbers on the forms. Forms can be dropped off at the Bedford Recreation Department, mailed in, or faxed. Registration can also be conducted online at bedfordrecreation.org.

Participation and membership to the *CORNER* is a privilege and members are required to follow the rules and regulations. Failure to do so can result in membership disciplinary action. In these cases we will always contact a parent to discuss the situation.

The *CORNER* phone # is 781-953-3014 and is only available during operating hours. Call the Recreation Office 781-275-1392 after or before Corner hours.

Bedford Recreation
Department

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Middle School Activity & Social Center
Operated by Bedford Recreation

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Opens 9/1/15

The Corner is located at
The Town Center Bld.
12 Mudge Way
Bedford MA 01730

Rec. Tel: 781-275-1392

ATTENTION JGMS STUDENTS!!!

When the school day ends, the fun begins at The *CORNER*. What is The *CORNER*? It's a place designed just for Bedford 6 - 8th grade students. It's your own space! A fully



stocked Game Room with a pool table, foosball, air hockey, bumper pool, and ping pong tables. a

Lounge/Snack Bar with internet access, special activities and events, snack machines, TV's & game systems, games and much more... it's all for you! And, it's only a short walk from JGMS. The Corner is located in the corner of the building next to the town playground. Three large

rooms for this "L" shaped space. The entire space also has WIFI access!



Come check it out! Open 2:15 – 6:00, Monday – Friday. Open at dismissal on Early Release Days. Some Fridays we'll be open until 7:30, and there is always the occasional Friday night Social, Dance or special event.



SOME CORNER EVENTS WE ENJOYED THIS PAST YEAR

- HALLOWEEN CONTESTS
- ORIGAMI
- EARRING MAKING
- CHAIN MAILLE
- BRACELET MAKING
- CREATE YOUR OWN HAND LOTION
- BEADED BRACELETS & NECKLACES
- GINGER BREAD HOUSE MAKING FROM SCRATCH
- MAKE YOUR OWN LIP BALM
- BASKET WEAVING
- EMBOSSING
- MOVIE DAYS
- CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN
- FUN FRIDAYS (EXTENDED HOURS)
- SMOOTHIE MAKING
- GARDENING
- HALLOWEEN DANCE
- NFL PICK-EMS
- WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS
- HOLIDAY SOCIAL
- END OF THE YEAR LUAU
- SCAVENGER HUNTS
- OUTDOOR SPORTS
- SPRINGS BROOK PARK SPLASH BLAST

BUILD YOUR OWN!

Join us for this series of BUILD YOUR OWN where we create food works of art and then eat them! Programs run throughout the year. Some of the projects scheduled for Build Your Own are cupcake decorating, sundaes, grilled cheese, pizza design, gingerbread houses, smoothies and much more. Come build & eat with us!

Fall 2015 programs, dates and info are available at Bedfordrecreation.org now!

SOME SPECIAL GUESTS WHO VISITED THE CORNER



ARTS & CRAFTS

Explore your creativity and have some fun with Melissa Skorupka! Melissa will be at the corner to lead a variety of arts and crafts projects. Jewelry making, weaving, chain maille and more! Dates will be posted at the corner.

KIDS COOKING GREEN

Did you ever want to learn how to create your own snacks from healthy natural ingredients? Lori Deliso will make cooking fun at the corner! Build your own meals and have fun doing it. Dates for cooking will be posted at the corner.

