Hello BRIDGE Leaders!

We are excited to welcome you this Summer to the BRIDGE Mission Program. We pray that this will be a transformational week of mission, fellowship, and fun for everyone!

This packet includes important information that will help you prepare for and enjoy the weekend. In addition to general information about our time together, you will also find several forms to sign and bring with you to the church when you arrive Sunday night.

Specific information and forms included in this packet are:

General Information:
- Directions to SSPC
- Arrival and Departure times
- Packing List
- Reservation and Cancellation Policy
- Facilities Described and Photos
- Description of Mission Sites

Forms to Sign AND BRING:
- BRIDGE Mission Program Covenant
- Participant Waiver
- Emergency Waiver
- SouthEast Adventure Waiver

We look forward to seeing you to check in by 8:00 PM Sunday. Please remember to eat dinner on the road before arriving at the church. After orientation and some group time together, we will aim to get a good night’s rest, so we can have enough energy for our full day of service on Monday!

The forms in this packet are also available on our website, www.sspres.org/bridge
General Information
BRIDGE Mission Program Summer 2018

Mission Statement: BRIDGE (Building Relationships, Inspiring Diversity, Grace and Ecology) is an adventure in mission and ministry that enables students to build relationships with Jesus Christ, fellow participants, and new friends in faith while experiencing and inspiring diversity, grace, and ecology. Over the course of five days, students will be engaged and immersed in real ministry around Glynn County, including a day for learning and practicing earth care in the natural beauty of Georgia’s coast.

Program Location/Contact Information:

Church Address:
205 Kings Way,
St. Simons Presbyterian Church

Directions to SSPC
Arrive at SSPC after crossing the F.J. Torras Causeway connecting Brunswick to St. Simons Island.
As you drive onto the island, stay in the right lane and follow directions to KingsWay & the Village.
Continue straight approximately 1.8 miles.
St. Simons Presbyterian is located on the left, just beyond the airport runway
Take the Left right after the church, Delegal Street
Look for the BRIDGE banner as a sign you have arrived!

Church Office Phone #: 912-638-2220

BRIDGE Director, Madelynne Risi #: 912-266-2220
**Arrival and Departure Times**

**Arrival:** The church will be expecting you by 8:00pm Sunday. Remember to eat a meal on the road as there will be no dinner at the church on Sunday.

**Departure:** Participants will leave after the closing devotional morning on Friday. Please let the director know what time you need to be on the road by to ensure the programs are done in time.

**Transportation**

BRIDGE is providing trained college interns to guide you around the area. We do hope that these interns may ride with you in the front of your vehicle(s). Interns may take their own cars if groups do not provide enough room, however, this may make transportation more difficult in the city. One vehicle is much simpler.

All BRIDGE groups will be provided COOLERS to store packed lunches every day and IGLOO Water in their vehicle as well as additional space for other items (tools, board games, food, etc.) – please keep this in mind as well as you are planning out the size of your transportation vehicle.

**Food and Meals**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If group participants have food allergies, specific food needs, or are vegan, we do ask that participants bring their own food to supplement the current menu items (if desired). BRIDGE will not provide additional food items besides those listed in the menu. There will be adequate kitchen space for individuals to prepare supplemental food items during their stay on campus. There will be vegetarian options with every meal.

Breakfast meals will be provided every morning before we part for mission sites. Participants will pack their own sandwich, chips and such for lunch to take with them during the day. A wonderful hot dinner will be cooked at the church with meals such as; tacos, spaghetti. One evening during your week stay we will have dinner at a congregation members home.
Packing List

Because of the nature of the work BRIDGE participants are doing and the requirements of the work sites, all participants must adhere to the above rules regarding work clothing (i.e., shirts with sleeves, closed toe sturdy shoes, and long shorts and/or pants). Our service sites take dress code VERY SERIOUSLY, so please be prepared or you will be unable to participate. Please note that this dress code is not required during free time or evening programming. If you have questions, please ask us before you come. Thank you!

General:

- Bible
- Personal medicine (inhaler, epi-pen, daily medication, etc.)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Toiletries (shower shoes, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush, etc.)
- Washcloth & towels (both bath & beach towels)
- Water bottles (we recommend bringing two water bottles)

Sleeping:

- Sleeping bag and/or linens
- A single size (TWIN SIZE) air mattress/sleeping pad/cot is highly recommended as the floors are hard. Please note that BRIDGE does not have sleeping bags, mattresses, etc. on site – participants must bring their own.
- Pillow

Non-work Clothing:

- Undergarments
- Sleep ware
- Appropriate casual clothes for non-work times
- Rain gear
- Flip flops
- Ball cap

Clothing (Work):

- clothes and close-toed shoes should be ones that can get dirty, sweaty, stained, painted, etc.
- at least one pair of long pants
- long shorts (minimum 4” inseam)
- one long sleeve shirt
- shoes & socks: closed-toe, firm shoes for work worn with socks -tennis shoes/work boots preferable – (tevas, crocs, chacos, birks, flats, or flipflops at beach worksites only)
- Swimsuit
- Work gloves

Optional Items

- Frisbees, board games, cards, appropriate reading material, etc.
- Sandals (cannot be worn at worksites)
- Sunglasses
- Spending money (encouraged to bring extra money for souvenirs, snacks, etc.)
- Cell phone (cannot be used at worksites, meals, or group devotion/fellowship time)

Items NOT to Bring: Alcohol or drugs , Electronic computer games or consoles, Fire crackers, Irreplaceable or valuable clothes/jewelry/electronics, Lots of $$$$
Facility Descriptions

BRIDGE Program shares our Youth Suite space with the youth program at SSPC. This space is outfitted with a full kitchen, two Sunday school rooms (male and female sleeping areas), male and female bathrooms (both with showers), a handicap bathroom, and a game room.

You are allowed to bring any personal, off time snacks and drinks for your group and/or leaders. Please know that NO food or drinks, with the exception of water, are allowed in the sleeping areas.

We ask that the entire group sleep in the designated sleeping rooms and not use the game space for sleeping. *Please keep this in mind while selecting air mattress size.*

You are the only group that will be in the Youth Suite during your week stay here; however, we ask that whenever you leave the space you lock the doors with all personal belongings in the sleeping areas for security reasons.

Leaders will be given a key upon their arrival that works for exterior doors and sleeping rooms. Please keep up with this key as you may not be with a program leader to let you in.
POLICIES

Payment Due Dates and Policies:
Registration Fee: $50 per participant due with registration form

Second payment: Final payment and group roster due one month prior to the start of your visit

Security deposit: $100 deposit due upon arrival at SSPC. Money will be deducted from the security deposit for lost keys or damage to facilities or equipment.

Cancellation Policy:
If your group must cancel, payments paid up to April 1 will not be refunded.

Please be aware that we put a great deal of time and effort into planning each week of the program. Holding a spot for your group means that we are taking an available time in which another group would not be able to come. If another group requests the same dates you have tentatively selected, we will notify you and you will have two weeks to turn in your initial deposit to hold your spot.

SECURITY DEPOSIT
Please include with your final payment a separate check for $100.00 to serve as a security deposit during your trip. Money will be deducted from the security deposit if the following occurs: keys are lost, damage to facilities or equipment.

ADULT / YOUTH RATIO AND POLICY

Youth must have completed 6th grade.

- Ratio: 1 adult per 6 youth
- Must have at least 2 adults in attendance (even if you only have 6 youth)
- Must have 1 adult of each gender if you have both boys and girls in attendance
- If there is a married couple or a couple that is related, they count as 1 adult on the trip. (According to our child policy, since married couples cannot testify against each other.)
- There must be 2 adults sleeping in the same room as youth. If this cannot be done, adults will sleep in a separate space.
Participant Covenant
BRIDGE Mission Program

All youth and adult participants must sign the BRIDGE Mission Program covenant. Please check each box to indicate your commitment to abide by the BRIDGE covenant:

☐ I am a child of God and, therefore, will treat others as children of God, too. I will be kind, respectful and show the love of Christ to all I meet.

☐ I understand that I represent my home church and BRIDGE. People also see me as an agent of Jesus’ presence and work in the world. Therefore, I will show Christ’s love and grace at service sites I visit, at BRIDGE’s site, at the shower site, and at all places my group visits. If inappropriate behavior occurs at service sites, participants may be asked to be dismissed from the program and return home early at the church’s/school’s or parent/guardian’s expense.

☐ I will not bring cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, or any other isolating technology to service sites or use during BRIDGE activities. These items will only be used during free time in the evening and/or in agreement with my home group’s covenant on these technologies.

☐ If I am a youth, I agree to always be in a pair with another youth while a service sites and all BRIDGE activities. If I am an adult, I agree to never be alone with any one youth at any time for any reason.

☐ I will not give money or identification information such as my address, phone number, or last name to anyone I meet at service sites.

☐ I understand that the use of and/or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or illegal drugs will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I understand that the use of and/or possession of any medications that you cannot buy over the counter at a drug store and/or that have not been prescribed by a doctor to me will not be tolerated under any circumstances. I understand if these substances are found in my possession; emergency contacts will be notified and I will be dismissed from the BRIDGE program immediately.

☐ I will dress appropriately and according the BRIDGE’s worksite dress code requirements.

☐ I understand that violation of any part of this covenant will result in appropriate actions which may involve calling parent/guardians, emergency contacts or, in extreme cases, being dismissed from the BRIDGE program. If a young person must be sent home early, they will be sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian or church/school.

This covenant must be signed by each BRIDGE participant (adult and youth) and the parent/guardians of all youth. Signing the covenant is a commitment to an experience in which God will be at work in your life and in the life of others.

For Adult Participants:

______________________________________________________________________
Adult Participant printed name, signature Date
Emergency Contact &
Medical Information Form
BRIDGE Mission Program

Participant Information

Youth/Participant Name: __________________________ Birth Date ______
Current School ___________________________ Grade Completed_______
Home Address________________________________________________
City/State/Zip _________________________________________________

Student's Home Phone # _______________________________________
Student’s Cell Phone # _________________________________________
Student’s E-Mail Address ________________________________________

Emergency Contact Information

Mother's Name __________________________________
Home Phone # _________________ Cell/Alternate Phone# _________________
Father’s Name __________________________________
Home Phone # _________________ Cell/Alternate Phone# _________________

In an emergency when parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact the
following:
Name __________________________________ Relation _________________
Home Phone # _________________ Cell/Alternate Phone# _________________

Health Information

Please identify any allergies (including food allergies), health problems, medications,
or other health related concerns program staff should be aware of:
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Medical Insurance and Physician Information

Health Insurance Provider ____________________ Grp#____________________
Policy Holder’s Name ______________________ Policy # _________________
Pediatrician/Primary Care Physician ________________________________
Phone # ________________________________
In consideration of being permitted to utilize the facilities, services and programs of the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. (or for my children to so participate) for any purpose, including, but not limited to observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in programs, the undersigned, for himself or herself and such participating children and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby acknowledges, agrees and represents that he or she has, or immediately upon entering or participating will, inspect and carefully consider such premises and facilities or the affiliated program. It is further warranted that such entry into the facility for observation or use of any facilities or equipment or participation in such affiliated program constitutes an acknowledgement that such premises and all facilities and equipment thereon and such affiliated program have been inspected and carefully considered and that the undersigned finds and accepts same as being safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of such observation, use or participation by the undersigned and such children. The undersigned is aware of the different types of activities, equipment, and facilities offered by the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc., and is aware of the risks inherent in the participation in such activities and use of such equipment and facilities. In further consideration of being permitted to enter the facility for any purpose including, but not limited to observation or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc., the undersigned hereby agrees to the following:

1. The undersigned on his or her behalf and behalf of such children, hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc., its directors, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to as "releases") from all liability to the undersigned or such children and all his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefor on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned or such children whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise while the undersigned or such children is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment therein or participating in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc.

2. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releases and each of them from any, loss, liability, damage or cost they may, incur due to the presence of the undersigned or such children in, upon or about the premises or in any way observing or using any facilities or equipment of the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. or participating in any program whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

3. The undersigned hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage to the undersigned or such children due to negligence of releases or otherwise while in, about or upon the premises and/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment thereon or participating in any program affiliated with the St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing release waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Georgia and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. This waiver is deemed effective whether submitted with an original signature or via facsimile, email or any other electronic means.

I have read, understand and agree to the above waivers and releases

_________________________________________ __________________________________________
ADULT PARTICIPANT PRINTED NAME, SIGNATURE, DATE
Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver

This authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment must be completed before participant can participate in any activities. Treatment for injury will be based on information provided herein.

DISCLAIMER
St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc. and its leaders, directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, members and representatives (collectively referred to as “St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Inc.” or “SSPC”), are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage of any kind whatsoever sustained by any person or their property while participating in events, activities or travel with SSPC and all related activities associated with SSPC, including injury, loss or damage.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

IN CONSIDERATION OF SSPC allowing me or my child to participate in events, activities, or travel with SSPC and all related activities associated with the SSPC, including participation in the BRIDGE Mission Program and all activities related to the BRIDGE Mission (collectively referred to as the “Activities”), I acknowledge that I am aware of the possible Risks, Dangers and Hazards associated with participation in the Activities including the possible risk of severe or fatal injury to myself or others.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY and AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION OF SSPC allowing me or my child to participate in the Activities, I agree on behalf of myself and/or my child:
1. TO ASSUME and ACCEPT ALL RISKS arising out of, associated with, or related to my or my child’s participation in the Activities.
2. TO WAIVE and RELEASE SSPC from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I or my child may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my or my child’s participation in the activities due to any cause whatsoever.
3. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS SSPC from any and all liability for any damage to the personal property of, or personal injury to, any third party resulting from my or my child’s participation in the activities.
4. TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS SSPC from any and all claims, demands, actions and costs for any loss, injury, damage or expense whatsoever that might arise out of my or my child’s participation in the Activities.

YOUTH PARTICPATION CONSENT

Acknowledgment of Participant:
I, the undersigned Participant, understand that I am responsible to act in a safe and responsible fashion, to follow the instructions or directions of the persons in charge of the BRIDGE Mission, and to obey requests to comply with safety regulations as directed by the persons in charge of the BRIDGE Mission, including designated leaders and drivers of private or public transportation. I will be solely responsible for myself, will wear a seat-belt when available and will not disturb or distract the driver when using private or public transportation to travel to and from BRIDGE Mission activities. At all BRIDGE Mission sports events or other activities, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain and wear appropriate safety equipment. I will not endanger the safety of others or myself at any activities, outings or sports events of the BRIDGE Mission or when using private or public transportation for travel to and from such activities. I also understand that I may be photographed or appear in video for such purposes as SSPC deems necessary.

Acknowledgment of Parent or Guardian of Participant:
We, the undersigned Parents or Guardians of the Participant, hereby authorize and consent to the Participant’s involvement in the BRIDGE Mission, including any use of private or public transportation deemed necessary by the persons in charge of the BRIDGE Mission for Participant travel to and from BRIDGE Mission activities, or to the NEAREST SUITABLE MEDICAL or HOSPITAL FACILITY in the event that emergency or other medical treatment not available at the site of a BRIDGE Mission activity is deemed advisable. We hereby consent to and authorize such emergency or other medical treatment of the Participant as may be deemed advisable in the event of accident, injury, or illness during the activities of the BRIDGE Mission.
Photography Consent Form/Release

I, (print parent/guardian name) __________________________________________, hereby grant permission to SSPC and its representatives to take and use: photographs and/or digital images of me and/or my child for use at SSPC activities, in news releases, Facebook® pages related to SSPC church and youth ministries, PowerPoint slide presentations, and/or promotional materials. These materials might include printed or electronic publications, web sites, or other electronic communications. I further agree that my child’s name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image(s). I authorize the use of these images without compensation to me. All negatives, prints, digital reproductions shall be the property of SSPC representatives. I also understand that the participant may be photographed or appear in video for such purposes as SSPC deems necessary. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and SIGNATURE

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT that is binding upon myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT and I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT by signing this agreement voluntarily, I am agreeing to abide by its terms and I am waiving certain legal rights that my child or I may have. This waiver is deemed effective whether submitted with an original signature or via facsimile, email or any other electronic means. This Consent, Authorization and Acknowledgment shall be effective for the duration of the BRIDGE Mission Program.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE  PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

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NAME OF YOUTH PARTICIPANT
Mission Worksites
BRIDGE Mission Program 2018

The BRIDGE Mission Program partners with a number of non-profits and faith-based organizations serving needs in Glynn County. Sites served will vary from group to group depending on need and other factors. We encourage you to read the descriptions below and learn more about the important work these organizations are doing to address issues of poverty, hunger, and other needs in the community.

America’s Second Harvest
America’s Second Harvest is a hunger relief agency. The mission is to fight to end hunger by providing food the hungry through food banks.
http://www.helpendhunger.org/

FaithWorks
Through its various ministries, FaithWorks offers pastoral care, case management, food, financial assistance, home maintenance, transportation, and a host of other services to over 20,000 people. FaithWorks is supported by individuals, families, churches, businesses and other organizations who have provided financial support and volunteer service.
http://www.faithworksministry.org/

Grace House
The Grace House is a faith-based charity that is a half-way house for women in recovery; founded by local individual who is herself a recovering addict and realized how key a safe, clean environment is to recovery after treatment. All women prepare resume, work, attend AA meetings and church.
http://gracehousebrunswick.org/

Keep Golden Isles Beautiful
Keep Golden Isles Beautiful depends on monetary, in-kind and volunteer support from individuals, businesses, local governments, civic/community organizations and schools to provide litter prevention, waste reduction, recycling, community greening, water resource and educational programming and activities to Brunswick and Glynn County citizens.

Manna House
Manna House is a public charity that provides food assistance to those in need. It is supported by individuals, churches, civic groups, and businesses that contribute food and prepare a daily noon time meal, 7 days a week, to serve and feed the hungry in Glynn County.

Morningstar Youth Estate Center
The mission of Morningstar Children and Family Services is to meet the physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological needs of children in our care.

Operation Bed Spread
A project to improve the quality of life for local families by providing beds through the love of Jesus Christ. Donations of beds and bedding materials are received and distributed to those in need. Needs are assessed through school social workers and other community helpers.

Pound 4 Pound
Pound 4 Pound fitness offers a practical, livable healthy lifestyle approach where girls and boys can discover their personal power to lose weight and keep it off. Obesity rates for young people have tripled since 1980 and doubled just in the last decade alone. P4P is dedicated to combating the childhood obesity epidemic and improving the health and fitness of our youth.
http://www.p4pkidsfitness.com

Roosevelt Harries, Jr. Senior Citizens Center
To meet the nutritional and respite care needs of the senior citizens in a congregate setting. To enrich and promote a better quality life for senior citizens.

**Roosevelt Lawrence Community Center**
The Roosevelt Lawrence Community Center offers classes, programs, and special events for people of all ages. Indoor basketball/volleyball court, meeting rooms, multipurpose activity rooms, computer rooms and afterschool space are some of the great features found at the Center. Outdoor amenities include a picnic area and in the near future a children's playground.

**Safe Harbor**
Safe Harbor is a home for children in need of a safe, loving environment – a place where they are treated like family. Known as local safe haven for desperate, helpless children who have nowhere else to turn, Safe Harbor is a welcoming sanctuary where children and older youth can escape abuse, torment and neglect. Safe Harbor offers shelter from the streets and harm’s way, providing immediate aid, counsel and comfort.
https://www.safeharborcenterinc.org/

**Sparrow's Nest**
Sparrow’s Nest is a clearinghouse organization for about 40 churches that wish to help those in crisis in Glynn County. In addition to providing financial assistance to individuals in need, Sparrow's Nest also maintains a food pantry to assist with food needs.
http://www.faithworksministry.org/what_we_do/sparrowsnest.html