





History of the BTC



Longtime residents of Brookline, Paul and Saskia Epstein had a vision to create a place where teens could create, explore, and discover who they are. They put teens at the center of dreaming up and designing the space they wanted and renovated an auto body shop, which is now the home of the BTC.

We opened our doors in 2013 and that mission continues to drive us.

We now serve 6th-12th grade students, 5 days a week for the first time ever to students who live in or go to school in Brookline.



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What happens at the BTC:

- 6th-8th grade programming every day from until 6pm
- 9th-12th grade programming every day until 8pm
- Music programming, including 1:1 and small group lessons, music engineering and studio recording





What we offer:

- FOOD
- Homework support
- Mentoring and tutoring
- College access and financial aid counseling
- Workforce development, job training and Jobs
- HBCU trips/college planning
- Enrichment trips
- 30 + teen led clubs
- Shuttle van to middle schools
- Many new experiences for teens to try out as they explore their interests in a safe and supportive environment

As the needs and interests of the teens change, so does our programming!



ACTIVATION FILM PROGRAM

THURSDAYS
4P - 5P
@BTC

Menefese@forthe.film
Global Experiences Encouraged

JOIN NOW!

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READY TO GET INVOLVED IN THE BTC COMMUNITY?

JOIN THE BTC TEEN COUNCIL?

THURSDAYS
6.30-7.30PM

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TEEN CENTER

HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES

With Chef:
Karen Jacobs

Cooking mango black bean tacos
&
No bake energy bites

Home Cooked

Middle School
Monday Feb 5th at
2:00 PM

Rotary
Club of Brookline

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www.brooklineteencenter.org

TEEN CENTER

brookline calling

APRIL 26
5PM

sign up

OPEN To
all talents

karaoke
& more

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SUPPER CLUB

Dine out Wednesdays

Wednesdays
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Brookline Teen Center

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so many books so little time

JOIN THE BTC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday | 3-3.30pm

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APRIL VACATION WEEK ADVENTURES

2024

THE EMBRACE MONUMENT
AND BOSTON COMMON
SCAVENGER HUNT

12-5PM

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

TUES
16

RED SOX GAME
12-6PM

THU
18

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The BTC is closed on Marathon Monday (go support our 5 BTC runners!) and on 4/17 and 4/19 for staff Professional Development.

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DODGEBALL LEAGUE

FRIDAYS | 5-6PM

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STEM Study Help

Wednesdays from 4pm-6pm

Scan the QR code to sign up

TEEN CENTER



Who Relies on the BTC?

Brookline students in 6th-12th grade

Current Number of BTC Members: 500

Current Daily Average Attendance: 75

Current Friday Average Attendance: 100+



PSB Groups:

School Within A School

PSB Health Teachers

BHS Social Studies Teachers

BHS Student Government

RISE program

BRIDGE program

EXCEL program

BHS Poetry Club

BHS Robotics Club

BHS Baseball team

BHS International Students

BHS fundraisers

Pierce School “incentive” days





BTC Partners

Steps to Success

Brookline Housing Authority

Brookline Food Pantry

The Country Club

Rotary Club

Boston University

BIG

Mothers Out Front

Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity

Abilities Dance

Brookline Police Department

Local restaurants providing weekly meals

Repair the World

Viking Sports



Summer 2024

Workforce Development & Teen Engagement

Employment opportunities:

- 8 Youthscaper positions - funded through ARPA
- 8 CIT with Viking Sports positions funded through Masshires
- Leadership development for rising 8th and 9th graders through Steps to Success
- Weekly Volunteer opportunities - Food Pantry, Cradles to Crayons, Fire Dept.

Teen Engagement:

- Drop-in hours for current 6th-12th grade students each day, 3:30-7:30pm
- Fun Friday trips around Boston and beyond



Goals for 2024-2025:

Supplement programming happening throughout the district; fill gaps for youth and families

Be the “3rd Space” for teens of Brookline

- Create a Circle of Care for teens by working together with teachers, administrator, and counselors
- Provide a safe and familiar space that allows teens to be comfortable and cared for, providing the opportunity to extend their day in a new space

Offer After School Programming for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders 5 days a week

- Become the primary consistent and affordable after school option for all middle school students
- Partner with Steps to Success, welcoming their 45 youth into our program, expanding their resources and opening space in STS programming for elementary students
- Focus on homework completion and enrichment activities

Support PSB staff and programming

- Offer offsite space for staff meetings, PD workshops, clubs, sport banquets, indoor practice space, and more with a general contract, moving away from individual group and club agreements
- Be a resource for PSB during the school day and evening, with a variety of meeting and performance space sizes
- Support Pierce School through renovations



Funding

The BTC is funded solely by donations and grants; it does not receive funding from the town

Current operating budget: 1.5 million

ARPA funds are 30% of our current budget, replacement funding must be secured

The fixed costs are covered - our variables like staffing, program supplies, food, and enrichment trips are funding dependent

Every dollar we receive for funding supports our goals to provide consistent wrap around care, open more hours to more teens, and provide specific and intentionally designed programming for each age group.



BROOKLINE TEEN CENTER ANNUAL GALA

*You're invited
to celebrate our teens!*

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:30 pm

Brookline Teen Center, 40 Aspinwall Avenue

Festive Attire

General ticket price: \$250

RSVP by April 26

2024 Honorees

Mike Lindstrom and
studioMLA Architects

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OPPORTUNITY



