



Building Friendship Fridays

The Summit Center's Building Friendship Fridays (BFFs) program offers structured, evening respite and recreation for individuals 16 - 25 years of age with a goal of fostering long-lasting and meaningful friendships. Participants interact with peers during a variety of community activities with the support of Summit's trained staff. And, with a staffing ratio of 3 individuals to 1 staff, everyone will receive the support they need to learn skills to make and keep friends. Skills learned in this program often carry over to other settings.

A variety of activities are offered to accommodate individual interests. Activities are selected based on surveys of participants and their parents. Whether it's bowling, visiting an art gallery, attending a sporting event, or cooking/baking, we try plan something for everyone!

Important details

- Participants may attend up to two outings per month, with no more than 12 individuals per group.
- Participants are responsible for any admission fees or costs associated with the outing.

Meeting/dismissal location

165 Creekside Drive, Amherst, NY 14228

Participants must have transportation to/from this location.

Program hours/days

BFFs meets on Fridays from 5 – 8:30 p.m. In addition to Fridays, they may meet on other days of the week depending on what works best for the group.

Who is eligible

BFFs is partially funded by the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and certain eligibility requirements apply. Program participants must be:

- eligible for OPWDD services
- 16 – 25 years of age
- ambulatory and self-toileting
- able to carry and manage their own money with minimal support
- additional behavioral criteria may apply

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call The Summit Center at 716.629.3400 or visit
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