

## Learning & Leisure Guide Summer 2024



#### Welcome to BICR's Learning & Leisure Guide

Welcome to Brain Injury Community Re-entry (Niagara) Inc.'s (BICR) seasonal Learning and Leisure Guide. This guide profiles program activities that are offered in July, August, and September 2024.

BICR would like to encourage you to try something new by signing up for some of our new and improved programs and activities. Many of the programs and activities being offered will take place in the community as well as "**The Hub**" (<u>Unit 1B location, 3300</u> <u>Merrittville Hwy, Thorold)</u>. We look forward to your participation in any of these activities. The contacts indicated for each program activity are available to answer questions you may have. Please review this guide and sign up for program activities of your choice.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

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#### **MONDAY GROUP**

Create a beautiful work of art! Art & Soul uses a variety of techniques, artistic mediums, and tools to create all sorts of different projects.

Join us for paper crafting, stucco painting, acrylic pouring, clay sculpting, and more. Each project is 3 sessions, but may vary.





Location :	THE HUB, Unit 1B 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold
Dates:	Series #1: Memory Boxes Mondays: July 8th, 15th, 22nd Series #2: Stucco Mondays: July 29th, August 12th, 19th Series #3: Water Colours Mondays: August 26th, September 9th Series #4: Ceramics with "From the Arts" studio
	Mondays: September 16th
Time:	1:00pm to 3:00pm
Transportation:	Not provided.
Register by:	One week prior to project start date to Katie Hill at 905-682-2678 or via email at khill@bicr.org
Comments:	Fee is \$15 per project. Participants must complete their first project before moving to the next. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

#### **MONDAY GROUP**

Join in on all the benefits bowling has to offer. Bowling helps to burn calories and work muscle groups not usually exercised. The activity also strengthens friendships and creates new ones. Partake in one or two games of 10 pin bowling and cheer on your friends.



10 PIN BOWLING

Location :	Parkway Lanes
	327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines
Dates:	July 8th—September 30th
	EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS

Time:	10:00am to 12:00pm
Transportation:	Not provided.
Register by:	48 hours prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org.
Comments:	Cost is \$3.50 per game.

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#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Looking for something fun to do on Tuesdays? Come spend the day with us doing various activities around Niagara!

## TERRIFIC Tuesdays



Location :	Varies week to week
Dates:	Tuesday, July 16th: Tie Dye—Bring your own T- shirt (The Hub)
	Tuesday, July 30th: Lakeside Park and Ice Cream (Port Dalhousie, bring money for ice cream)
	Tuesday, August 27th: Cupcake decorating with Annie (The Hub)
Time:	1pm—3pm
Transporta- tion:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	Contact Katie or Shirley at 905-682-2678 or via email at khill@bicr.org one week prior to the event

Comments:

#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Come enjoy time outside with friends and fun in the fresh air. Activities range from rock painting, tie-dye t-shirts, and summer Olympic games. A BBQ lunch will be provided at a cost.





Location :	Crystal Beach boat launch (3855 Terrace Lane, Fort Erie)
Dates:	July 9th, 23rd August 6th, 20th September 3rd, 17th
Time:	11am—2pm
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	Chelsie Yungblut 905-687-6788 ext. 313 or email cyungblut@bicr.org
Comments:	\$5 lunch fee. Activities fee will be communicated in advance (ie. Tie-dye, crafts)

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#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Enjoy spending Tuesday afternoon with BICR's Women's Recreation Group. The group will run for 10 weeks with a different activity each week. The schedule of activities is provided.





Location :	Various Locations.
Dates:	July 23rd: Avondale Dairy Bar 1pm-3pm
	August 13th: NOTL Outlet Mall 1pm-3pm (Meet @ Tim Horton's entrance)
	August 27th: Port Dalhousie 1pm-3pm (meet @ parking area)
	September 10th: Lunch @ Pure and Simple, 12pm-2pm, 290 Glendale Ave. (Cost is price of food)
	September 24th: Coffee Time 1pm-3pm (across from Pen Center, 2 Tremont Dr.)
Time:	Times vary between 1pm to 3:00pm
Transportation:	
	Provided at a cost.
Register by:	Provided at a cost. Dawn Wolff @ <u>dwolff@bicr.org</u> or 905-933-3705

#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Good food, good friends, good times! Join us at a different restaurant located in St. Catharines and Welland each month for a reasonably priced dinner. Taste the local cuisine, try something new or enjoy your favorite dish, it's up to you. Bring a smile and a hearty appetite.





Dates and Loca- tion :	St. Catharines:
	July 9th: Chuck's Roadhouse
	August 13th: Ricki Jo's September 10th: Cat's Caboose
	Welland:
	July 23rd: Swiss Chalet
	August 27th: MT Bellies
	September 24th: Mossimo's
Time:	5pm to 7pm
Transportation:	Not provided.
Register by:	48 hours prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org
Comments:	Cost is the price of your meal.

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#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

The group organizes a new activity each month for you to enjoy and socialize at. The schedule of activities is provided below.

## MEN'S GROUP



Location :	Various Locations
Dates:	July 16th: Lunch @ Pie Guys 12pm-2pm
	August 20th: Games @ The Hub 1pm-2:30pm
	September 17th: Lunch @ Boston Pizza 12pm-2pm
Time:	Times vary between 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Transportation:	Provided at a cost from The Hub
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Register by:	48 hours prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org

#### **TUESDAY GROUP** \*\*\*NEW PROGRAM\*\*\*

This new program is take home cooking re-imagined! Work as a group to make meals in bulk and take home healthy single servings. Work on your slicing and dicing skills, learn safe ways to handle food and kitchen tools, and eat healthy on a budget by buying in bulk with friends.



Take Home Cooking

Location :	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold
Dates:	September 10th
Time:	10am—3pm
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	Contact Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email khill@bicr.org
	Register by August 27th
Comments:	Price of groceries—price determined by number of people registered. Should be \$15-20 for 3-4 meals. Call ahead for menu. <b>**Individuals on waitlist</b> from spring cooking with be prioritized**

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#### TUESDAY GROUP

The brain child of our participant, Kurt Bouwers, he dreamed of a world where Model Railway Clubs were entirely accessible and inclusive.

Let your creative side out by working as a team to create a real-scale size world or working trains. Learn electrical techniques, model reconstruction, micro-landscaping, hand painting, and carving to make this tiny world come to life.

### **Ridgeville** Model Railway Club



Location:	Address will be given upon registration
Dates:	Starting September 17th
	(will be 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for the fall)
Time:	1pm—2:30pm
Transportation:	Not provided
Register by:	Katie Hill at 905-682-2678 or via email khill@bicr.org
Comments:	Fully accessible model space, and HO scale is used in construction.

#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Join PET and give back to the community! This is a wonderful opportunity to build employment skills for those wishing to pursue employment, or to simply feel good about giving back.

Volunteer opportunities include Humane Society with the Indoor Volunteer Program.



## Supported Volunteering

Location:	Humane Society of Greater Niagara, 4th Ave. St. Catharines
Dates:	Every Tuesday from July 2nd—August 20th
Time:	9am-12pm
Transportation:	Not provided
Register by:	Contact Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email at khill@bicr.org
	Ongoing registration
Comments:	Humane Society requires close-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty.

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#### **TUESDAY GROUP**

Join the vocational department and PET for a 12-week training program for individuals wishing to return to independent volunteering or paid employment.

Participants will complete 8 on-class sessions and a 4 week block of volunteering where they can practice their learned skills and knowledge.

## Pre-Employment Training



- Location : **THE HUB**, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold
- Dates: Every Tuesday **STARTING** September 17th Attendance is **mandatory** for each session. This is a 12 week program

Time: 9am—12pm

Transportation: Not provided.

- Register by: Please contact Dianne in the vocational department for screening and intake process by August 30th. djackson@bicr.org
- Comments: This program is specifically for individuals who wish to return to paid employment or independent volunteering.

#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

The first Wednesday of every month will be games or a movie. Play board games and have a good time with friends.

The third Wednesday of every month will be Casino Night. Come and challenge the dealer to a game of Blackjack.





Dates and Location :	THE HUB, 3300 Merritville Hwy, Unit 1B July 3rd: Bocce/Boccia August 7th: Movie September 4th: Family Feud Game July 17th, August 21st, September 18th: Casino Games
Time:	1:00pm to 2:30pm
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	48 hours prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org
Comments:	No cost. Please arrive a few minutes early as the movie starts promptly at 1pm. Movie option may change due to availability on streaming services.

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#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

Come out and join Phil and Rick for a classic afternoon of amazing music with our much loved duo. Feel free to request your favourite songs!

## MUSIC WITH PHIL AND RICK



Location : **THE HUB**, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold

- Dates: July 24th August 28th September 25th
- Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Transportation: Not provided.

- Register by: 48 hours prior to the event to Katie Hill at 905-682-2678
- Comments: PET will be hosting a "Mini Music Trivia" activity from 1-2pm prior to music with Phil for any individuals who wish to attend.

#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

Join us the second Wednesday of every month to test your music knowledge .



## MUSIC TRIVIA

Location :	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold
Dates:	July 10th, August 14th, September 11th
Time:	1pm to 3pm
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	48 hours prior to event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org
Comments:	N/A

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#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

Staying active is an important part of living a healthy life, so join us for an hour of fun fitness! We've got pole walking, dance, tai chi, yoga, bocce, and all sorts of fun stuff.

# Fit 'n Fun



Location :	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold
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Dates:

July 3rd: Bust a Move 10th: Tai Chi 17th: Pole Walking 24th: Yoga

August 7th: Tai Chi 14th: Jazzercise 21st: Bocce/ Boccia 28th: Bust a

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4th: Tai Chi 11th: Pole Walking 18th: Yoga/ stretching 25th: Bust a Move

Transportation: Please provide own transportation

Register by: Contact Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email khill@bicr.org

Comments: Please wear comfortable clothes and supportive footwear. Bust a Move will be available on Zoom.

\*Please note there is no Fit 'n Fun on July 31st

#### WEDNESDAY GROUP

Lunch time Diner's Club. Join us at different restaurants located in Niagara Falls once a month for a reasonably priced lunch.



LUNCH CLUB

Dates and Location :	July 10th: Early Bird (2 Merritt St., St. Catharines)	
	August 14th: The Lanser (85 Hartzel Rd., St. Catharines	
	September 11: Dairy Queen (415 Merritt St., St. Catharines)	
Time:	11:30am to 1:00pm	
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.	
Register by:	48 hours prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org	
Comments:	Cost is the price of your meal.	

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#### WEDNESDAY GROUP \*\*NEW GROUP\*\*

Join the chit chat at the Community Café! At The Hub, we take our tea time seriously. Join us for coffee, tea, or your refreshment of choice as we discuss all sorts of topics from local and international news, to wellness or pop culture. This is where the chit chat happens and friends are made!



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Dates:	Every Wednesday (Except July 31)	
Time:	9:30am—11am	
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.	
Register & Pay by:	Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email khill@bicr.org	
Comments:	This is an open group for anyone to join.	

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#### THURSDAY GROUP

Join us at Unit 1B every Thursday to learn about brains! This program was developed to help individuals living with ABI to learn about issues surrounding having an injury, how to develop strategies, increase awareness of limitations, and how to focus on your strengths. Participants will receive helpful resources to take home with them to keep and use.





Location :	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold	
Dates:	Every Thursday from July 4th—September 19th (except	
Time:	10am—12pm Please arrive promptly to begin program	
Transportation:	Please provide own transportation	
Register by:	Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email at khill@bicr.org	
Comments:	This is a structured program with a full curriculum that is cumulative each week. Attendance is expected every week, and to come prepared.	

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#### THURSDAY GROUP

Join us for a variety of games including; darts, trivia, indoor corn hole, cards, bocce, and more.





Location : Dates:	<b>THE HUB</b> , 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold July 4th—September 26th (Except Aug. 15)
Time:	1pm—2:30pm
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register & Pay by:	Register 48 hours in advance prior to the event to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org
Comments:	No cost.

#### **FRIDAY GROUP**

Come and get your hands dirty and relish at the end result. This year round program includes a variety of activities such as weeding, raking, transplanting, seeding, watering and general garden maintenance. See a flower bloom or a vegetable grow and watch the many changing colours of the seasons.





Location :	Niagara Parks, School of Horticulture Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls
Dates:	July 5th—September 27th
Time:	10:00am to 11:30am
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
Register by:	48 hrs prior to the date to Dave Horton at recreation@bicr.org
Comments:	All attendees must wear full back, closed toed shoes. Absolutely no sandals. Dress weather and activity appropriate.

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#### FRIDAY GROUP

Join us for a laughing good time at BICR's Laughter Yoga! Laughing boosts your mood, increases energy, reduces stress, helps relieve pain, and boosts your immune system!



- Location :**THE HUB**, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, ThoroldDates:2nd Friday of each month:<br/>Starting September 13th
- Time: 1:00pm to 1:45pm
- Transportation: Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.
- Register & Pay Please call Katie at 905-682-2678 or email by: khill@bicr.org.
- Comments: 48 hours notice for registration.

#### FRIDAY GROUP

Music therapy is the skillful use of music and musical elements. Sessions are led by our music therapist, and are designed to engage participants in music in a fun and meaningful way.

Kurt is very engaging and has found a perfect balance of fun and learning using music.





Location:	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold
Dates:	Fridays, July 5th—September 27th
Time:	11am—12pm
Transportation:	Not provided
Register by:	Please contact Katie at 905-682-2678 or via email at khill@bicr.org.
	48 hours in advance
Comments:	Music with Kurt is available on Zoom for those that wish to participate virtually.

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#### **FRIDAY GROUP**

Come visit the sweet and playful pups at Unit 1B on the 3rd Friday of each month for pets, paws, and puppy kisses. Join us for wagging good times.





Location:	THE HUB, 3300 Merrittville Hwy, Unit 1B, Thorold	
Dates:	3rd Friday of each month: July 19th, August 16th, September 20th	
Time:	1:00pm to 2pm	
Transportation:	Not provided. Please arrange your own transportation.	
Register by:	Please call Katie directly at 905-682-2678 or email khill@bicr.org	
Comments:	Please register 48hrs in advance.	

# - TOURNAMENT -

**BRAIN INJURY COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY** 

<u>25th Annual</u>



Play a round of golf Provide a raffle prize Sponsor a hole ~OR~ Contribute all three ways!

Willodell Golf Club 10325 Willodell Rd., Niagara Falls INCLUDES 18 holes of golf and golf cart Lunch, dinner, and a prize Use of the driving range

PLAY A ROUND

\$150/PERSON

For more information contact Jen MacLean: 905-687-6788 EXT. 690 jmaclean@bicr.org 1-800-996-8796

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## **JULY 2024** EVENTS OPEN TO EVERYONE ( # TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday July 3	1- 2:30pm	The Hub	Come out and play some Bocce/Boccia
Music Trivia	Wednesday, July 10	1- 2:30pm	The Hub	Come out and test your music knowledge.
TFC Game	Saturday, July 13	7-10pm	Toronto	Cost is \$48 per ticket, plus trans. Meet at The Hub for 4pm.
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday July 17	1- 2:30pm	The Hub	Casino Games
Music with Rick and Phil	Wednesday, July 24	1-3pm	The Hub	Come out and play your favourite songs.
African Lion Safari	Wednesday, July 31	9am- 3pm	African Lion Safari	Cost is \$40 per person plus trans. Meet at The Hub for 8:30am.

**July 2024** 

#### ST. CATHARINES EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Diner's Club	Tuesday, July 9	5pm- 7pm	Chuck's Roadhouse	Cost is the price of your meal.

#### WELLAND EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes	
Diner's Club	Tuesday, July 23	5pm- 7pm	Swiss Chalet	Cost is the price of your meal.	

**July 2024** 

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17 Wacky Wednesday 1pm-2:30pm	24 Music with Rick and Phil 1pm-3pm	31 African Lion Safari 9am-3pm
16	23 Welland <sup>N</sup> Diner's Club 5pm-7pm Swiss Chalet	30 30
15	22	29
14	21	28

# **August 2024**

EVENTS OPEN TO EVERYONE ( **#**TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday, August 7	1pm- 2:30pm	The Hub	Movie afternoon
Ice Cream Outing	Wednesday, August 7	6-8pm	Avondale Dairy Bar	Beat the heat with some ice cream.
Music Trivia	Wednesday, August 14	1- 2:30pm	The Hub	Come out and test your music knowledge.
Welland Jackfish Baseball	Saturday, August 17	6-8pm	Welland Sports Complex	Cost is \$23 per person. Includes burger or hotdog, ticket, and drink
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday, August 21	1- 2:30pm	The Hub	Casino Games
Music with Phil and Rick	Wednesday, August 28	1pm- 3pm	The Hub	Come out and play your favourite songs.

# **August 2024**

#### ST. CATHARINES EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
St. Catharines Diners Club	Tuesday, August 13	5pm- 7pm	Ricki Jo's	Cost is price of your meal.

#### WELLAND EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes	
Welland Diner's Club	Tuesday, August 27	5pm- 7pm	M.T. Bellies	Cost is the price of your meal.	

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# September 2024

EVENTS OPEN TO EVERYONE ( **#**TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday, September 4	1pm- 2:30pm	The Hub	Family Feud Game
Canadian Warplane Museum	Wednesday, September 4	9am-3pm	Hamilton	Cost TBA, meet at The Hub for 8:30am
Music Trivia	Wednesday, September 11	1pm- 2:30pm	The Hub	Come out and test your music knowledge.
Wacky Wednesday	Wednesday, September 18	1pm-2:30	The Hub	Casino Games
Music with Rick and Phil	Wednesday, September 25	1-3pm	The Hub	Come out and play your favourite songs.
Crossfire Wrestling	Sunday, September 29	ТВА	Merritton Community Center	Cost is \$20 per person

# September 2024

#### ST. CATHARINES EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes	
Diner's Club	Tuesday, September 10	5pm- 7pm	Cat's Caboose	Cost is the price of your meal.	

#### WELLAND EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Place	Notes	
Welland Diner's Club	Tuesday, September 24	5pm- 7pm	Mossimo's	Cost is the price of your meal.	

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	18 Wacky Wednesday 1-2:30pm	25 Music with Phil and Rick 1-3pm	
5-7pm Cat's Caboose	17	24 Welland Diner's Club 5-7pm Mossimo's	
	16	23	30
	15	22	29 Crossfire Wrestling TBA



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