



Dear Parent/Guardian and Eureka/Bridges Candidate:

Eureka/Bridges is an intense full day, six-week career development summer program, which supports and fosters girls' interest in science, math, technology and sports. The program is planned with girls' interests and needs in mind, challenging their mind, body and spirit while helping them develop the *I Can Do It!* attitude.

Girls Inc. Executive Director, Patricia Driscoll, our all volunteer Board of Directors and Middle School Program Staff dedicate a great deal of time and energy ensuring that Eureka/Bridges is properly funded and carefully planned, so that the girls have a positive and rewarding experience. Therefore we want to make sure that every girl who is accepted into Eureka/Bridges is willing to commit to the program by attending regularly, and following the agreements.

Eureka/Bridges is more enjoyable and successful with girls who choose to be in the program and are willing to make a real effort to participate in all of the activities, including the classes, sports, swimming and the field trips. Eureka/Bridges is structured with the majority of the activities led by adults and attendance is very important. For some girls this is not the type of program they want or need. We recognize this, therefore as part of the application process we have put together some questions to help us determine if your daughter and the Eureka/Bridges program are a good match.

Please complete the following questions, one set of questions is for you, the parent/guardian and the other is for your daughter to complete.

Applications can be dropped off at Girls Inc., 112 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Lynn (Right above Eastern Bank and across from the Lynn Market Place.)

If you have any questions or concerns about the application process or Eureka/Bridges please call me at 781-592-9744 x 230 or at 617-943-4082 after 5:00.

Sincerely,

*Lena Crowley*

Lena Crowley  
Director of Middle School Programs

**Attachments:**

Interview parent and girl questions  
Application  
Permission/waiver form  
Eureka/Bridges Agreements  
Swimming and attendance policies

# Eureka/Bridges Summer 2009

## Questions for the Parent/Guardian

1. Why do you want your daughter to attend this program?
2. Do you have any questions or concerns about the program?
3. What do you see as some of your daughter's special strengths and some of her needs right now?
4. What do you hope she will gain from Eureka/Bridges?
5. Thinking back on the past year, what is one way your daughter has changed (grown or developed)?
6. How well does she get along with other young people?
7. Has she had any major behavior issues in the past year?
8. Is your daughter receiving any additional services at school or is she currently in a special education services? If so please explain so that we can make sure to provide activities that will work for her.
9. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your daughter?

## Questions for Eureka/Bridges Candidate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ What grade are you entering: 7 8 9

1. What did you do last summer? How was it?
2. How did you hear about Eureka/Bridges?
3. When you heard about Eureka/Bridges, Did you think? “That sounds interesting, maybe I’d like to do that this summer” Why?
4. How do you feel about being in a program that focuses on math, science, and sports?
5. What are your favorite sports? Why?
6. What are your favorite subjects in school? Why?
7. What is your least favorite subject in school? Why?
8. What do you like to do in your free time?
9. What 3 words describe you as a person? Please explain.
10. What 3 words would you use to describe yourself as a student? Please explain.

11. What do you think might be two challenges that you would face at Eureka/Bridges...what two things might be hard for you?
  
12. What makes a teacher a good teacher -- for you? How would you describe a good teacher – what is that teacher like?
  
13. What is something that you will contribute to Eureka/Bridges – something that you will bring to Eureka/Bridges with you. A special interest, or talent, or part of your personality...
  
14. What is something you have done recently that made you feel good about yourself? Something that you did and you felt, “Wow – I’m great” or “Wow, I’m special”?
  
15. Why do you want to attend Eureka/Bridges? What do you want to get out of the program?
  
16. Do you have any questions or concerns about Eureka/Bridges?



**Girls Incorporated of Lynn  
Application for Middle School Programs**

Enrollment Date \_\_\_\_\_ Program: Eureka Bridges

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** (in September 2008) 7 8 9 **Birth date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ tee-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ youth or adult

**Home Telephone** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** (please circle one) Pickering Breed Marshall Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications** \_\_\_\_\_

**Disabilities:** (please circle one) Learning Developmental Visual Hearing Mobility  
Hidden Health Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Income level:** (please circle one) under \$10,000 \$10K-\$15K \$15K-\$20K  
\$20K-\$25K over \$25,000

Have you attended Eureka before? When \_\_\_\_\_

**Racial/ethnic profile:** (please circle one) Asian American or Pacific Islander Black/African American  
Hispanic/Latina Native American/American Indian White/European  
American/Anglo Multiracial/ Multi-heritage

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Language:** (please circle one) English Spanish

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Configuration:** (please circle one) Two parent mother only father only

One parent at a time (joint custody) foster parent Grandparent

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

### 1<sup>st</sup> Parent/Guardian (with whom the child lives)

First and last name Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Lynn, Ma 0190\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent/Guardian

First and last name Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (only if different from 1<sup>st</sup> parent/guardian)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lynn, Ma 0190\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Information

1. Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to member \_\_\_\_\_

2. Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to member \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any thing else you would like us to know about your daughter?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to take Tylenol during the program as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian                  date

Girls Incorporated of Lynn  
Eureka and Bridges 2009  
Permissions, Releases, Waivers and Authorizations

Parent/Guardian name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to girl \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my permission for (name of girl) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all of the activities at Girls Incorporated, including sports and athletic activities (such as basketball, canoeing, rock climbing, soccer, swimming and ropes course), community projects and personal development activities (teen health, lifestyle, sexuality education, identity and community issues). I grant my permission for her to go on outings and field trips off site transported and chaperoned by authorized Girls Incorporated staff/volunteers. I hereby release Girls Incorporated of all responsibility other than reasonable care.

**1. Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_




I hereby authorize Girls Incorporated to photograph my daughter for the purposes of publication in newspaper, magazines or other printed media, the Girls Inc. web site or broadcast by television for the purpose of promotion of Girls Incorporated activities.

**2. Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Girls Incorporated to carry out any measures deemed necessary should an emergency occur. These measures may include administration of first aid and/or CPR by Girls Incorporated staff; transportation to the nearest medical facility; and/or securing, at the expense of the undersigned, appropriate medical treatment for (Name of girl) \_\_\_\_\_ .

**3. Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_

## EUREKA AND BRIDGES AGREEMENT

-  **I understand that I am joining a special program.**
-  **I understand that Eureka/Bridges staff members have high expectations of me.**
-  **As a member I agree to do the following:**

1. Respect other people's personal space and I will demand that other people respect my personal space. Personal space includes personal information about who I am and how I live; my belongings; and my body and the physical space around me.
2. Respect the rights and dignity of other people.
3. Respect property. I will be responsible for any damage or destruction of property that I cause.
4. Leave all negativity outside Eureka/Bridges.
  - a. (Negativity includes tobacco, drugs, and weapons)
5. I will not use words, body language, or actions that disrespect, dismiss, or hurt other people.
  - a. No obscenities; no "put downs," no teasing.
  - b. No one at Eureka is "stupid;" we all are intelligent.
  - c. No one at Eureka needs to "shut up" because we all have ideas and feelings that should be heard.
  - d. No intimidation, harassment, physical aggression, rough play, or violence.
  - e. No violence in language or actions.
6. I will participate fully in all individual and group activities, including all expeditions.
7. I will let Eureka/Bridges staff know and get permission if I need to leave the program at any time, for any amount of time, before the end of the day.
8. I will reach out to every new experience as an opportunity to learn and grow.
9. I will do my best to keep a positive attitude.
10. I will do my best to support other girls in the program and help them keep a positive and open attitude.
11. I will ask questions when I do not know or understand something. No question is silly.
12. I will explore new possibilities for my future, including college and careers.
13. I will set for myself short term and long term personal goals.
14. I will work hard to appreciate and understand myself even more than I do now.

15. I will do my best to make new friends and have fun.
16. I will advocate for myself. This means I will speak out or bring my issues to a staff person to discuss if there is something that I am unhappy or angry about. I will not keep issues, questions, or problems bottled up inside or talk about them behind people's backs.
17. I am responsible for my belongings.
18. I will keep my personal electronic communication (cell phones, i-pods etc.) packed away during Eureka/Bridges.
19. I will listen to staff and follow their directions.
20. I will arrive to the program on time with a lunch, drink and water bottle, dressed appropriately for each of the components including sports and swimming.

**Please sign and return the portion below**



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I have read and understand the Eureka and Bridges Agreements. By signing I am agreeing to follow them to the best of my ability. If I violate an Agreement the staff will give me a verbal reminder and possibly notify my parents. If I violate an agreement after receiving a reminder, I may be suspended or terminated from program and my parents will be notified.

**Girl's name (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Girl's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **date** \_\_\_\_\_

As the Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I have read, understand and agree to support the Program's Agreements. I understand that if my daughter does not follow the Agreements she may be suspended or terminated from the program. I understand that I am responsible for helping my daughter arrive to the program on time and to get picked up on time as well as helping her prepare for all of the activities, including lunch, swimming and sports.

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day time telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

## Sports & Swimming Policy

The sports & swimming component is offered as a form of exercise and fun. We expect all girls to come prepared to participate, which means bringing sneakers and swimsuits. If a girl can not participate in sports or swimming she must bring in a signed note from their parent/guardian stating the reason why they are not participating. If a girl misses more than three sports or swimming sessions without a note she will not be allowed on the final field trip. We have read and understand the policy on swimming for the Eureka/Bridges summer program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature      date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature              date

## Attendance Policy

As a member of the Eureka/Bridges program, I understand that my attendance is important in order for me to fully benefit from the program. I understand if I have an unexcused absence during week I will not be allowed to attend that week's Friday field trip. **For the safety of the girls, Parent/Guardians must** notify the director by 8:30 am when their daughter is going to be absent from the program. I understand if I have frequent absences I may be forfeit my participation in the program.

We have read and accept the terms of the attendance policy as describe above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature      date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature      date