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Monthly Activity Calendar
Join our spaces and find your community at The Center! Our spaces are crafted to uplift, support, and connect the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Color Code
- All Ages Open Hours
- All Ages Events & Activities
- Ages 18+ (Adults)
- Ages 18-26 (Young Adult)
- Ages 13-17 (Teens)
- Ages 12 and under (Youth)

THE CENTER FOR SEXUALITY & GENDER DIVERSITY

We are located in Bakersfield, CA
707 18th St Bakersfield, CA 93301
Visit our website at: thecenterbak.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Mindfulness Meditation @TheCenter 12-1:30pm Community Drop In Hrs @TheCenter 2-5pm	2 The Writer's Journey *Creative Writing Workshop Series* @Zoom 6-8pm LGBTQ+ AA Meeting @TheCenter 7:30-8:30pm	3 D.S.A Midterm Election Watch Party @TheCenter 7:30pm-11:30pm	4 Shades of Masculinity Meetup @The Center 6-7:30pm	5 Teen/Y.A. Discord @Virtual: Discord 4-8pm +Teen Voice Chat: 6:30-8pm PFLAG Meeting Families Welcome @TheCenter 7-9pm	6 Art Heist Center Takeover @TheCenter 6-10pm	7 Kaleidoscope Youth Social ages 12 and below @TheCenter 11am-1pm Games & Fun All Ages Familes Welcome! @TheCenter 2-6pm
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groups & events

LGBTQ+ Narcotics Anonymous

Beginning November 10th: Narcotics Anonymous for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community offers a supportive space to share and heal. A closed NA meeting is reserved strictly for self-identified addicts or those questioning, creating a secure, relatable environment that fosters deeper personal sharing and mutual support. Volunteer led.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: 18+
Time: 3:00-400pm

Teen Open Chat & Queer History

A virtual space for teens to learn about LGBTQIA+ History, make art, talk about stress, and get support from peers and facilitators. Participation is always optional! Visit linktr.ee/thecenterbak to sign up for the Discord server!

Location: Discord (Virtual)
Registration Required: Visit link.tree/thecenterbak to sign up
Age Group: High school-aged teens 13-18
Time: 5-8PM

PFLAG Meeting

A space for parents, family members, caregivers, and other allies of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to come together and get support.

Location: See Calendar Entry
Registration Required: No
Age Group: All ages
Time: 6-9PM

Friendsgiving Potluck

Enjoy a potluck style Friendsgiving, crafts, and board games in a calm environment. You don't have to bring a dish to participate.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: All Ages
Time: 5-7:30pm

The Writer's Journey

This is a space for writers of all levels to play and explore your writing. This journey will help you to delve deep into your writing process like never before.

Location: Zoom
Registration Required: Yes- linktr.ee/thecenterbak
Age Group: 18+
Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Art Heist: Center Takeover

Three spectacular artists are taking over The Center for one night: Andrew Dink, Bri Santaella, and Sabrina Garza. Stop by to see their pop-up galleries, make some art of your own, and hang out at The Center. The Center is proud to be one 50+ locations during Art Heist showcasing more than 100 artists.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: All ages
Time: 6-10pm

Kaleidoscope Youth Social

Join our Kaleidoscope space for youth ages 12 and under! Great for LGBTQIA+ youth, or any youth seeking a supportive and affirming space to make friends. Parents and families are welcome to join. Contact KernKaleidoscope@gmail.com for more info!

Location: 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: Ages 12 and under, families welcome
Time: 11am-1pm

D&D Social & Campaigns

This is a monthly space for D&D enthusiasts to meet and connect with each other. We are currently running 2 closed campaigns. One-shot sessions are available to join by drop-in. To get on the waitlist for any campaign openings contact DnD@thecenterbak.org.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: 18+ for campaigns, 13+ for one-shots
Time: 2:00-6:00pm

Shades of Masculinity

A support group space open to all masculine-ialigned and identified people- including trans, cis, queer, questioning, and BIPOC.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: 18+
Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Teen & Y.A. Discord Server

Join our Teen & Y.A. Discord for ages 13-26! Themed chats, games, art sharing, and more. Staff-moderated.

Location: Discord (Virtual)
Registration Required: Yes- linktr.ee/thecenterbak
Age Group: 13-17 & 18-26
Time: 4-8pm

Transgender Day of Remembrance Gathering

Join us as we honor our trans ancestors by contributing to a community altar. You are invited to sit in on a curated playlist of short documentaries about our trans ancestors. Write love letters to your future selves. By honoring our past, being here with ourselves now, we build a better future for trans people. Allies welcome.

Location: The Center 707 18th St
Registration Required: No
Age Group: All Ages, Families Welcome
Time: 5-7:30pm

Blastbones Arts Event: Fortuna

Play music, speak poetry, and commune with fellow punk, goth, and queer communities here in Bakersfield. Index Books sponsors Blastbones Arts Events with poetry popup book shop featuring artists from around California. This event is hosted on our patio.

Location: 707 18th St, on the patio
Registration Required: No
Age Group: 18+
Time: 5-8PM

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