



Bright Lights

SUMMER LEARNING ADVENTURES



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Greetings!

Thirty summers of Bright Lights classes! We had a summer filled with laughter, fun, learning, friendships and a lot of children. As administrators we have a great time with your kids and are so thankful that you share them with us during the summer.

We are already preparing for Bright Lights 2017. There are some new classes, new teachers, new off-site locations, and I know we will have many new students. Please keep checking our blogs, newsletters and social media as we roll out year 31 for all of you.

Linda Birkes-Lance

Executive Director

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BURNING AS BRIGHT AS EVER IN YEAR 30

Our 30th Anniversary year was another success in so many ways, most importantly, nearly 2,000 children explored their favorite topics and discovered new interests in 112 classes and camps!

For 30 years, Bright Lights has evolved to provide the kinds of Summer Learning Adventures children want, and 2016 was no exception. The three fastest-filling classes were all new: LEGO Jr. Simple Machines, Building Beyond Blocks and Cupcake Decorating Wars. Other longtime favorites were updated with new activities and class names. Partnerships with the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln created more exciting opportunities.



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A first in year 30 -- Holmes Elementary School served as the main classroom site. Principal Haeven Pederson, teachers and support staff all provided a warm welcome and made Bright Lights feel right at home. Bright Lights staff and summer administrators worked tirelessly to develop and implement safety procedures and keep the program running smoothly all summer long.

We also should mention that nearly 60 students from Japan participated in Bright Lights at Lux Middle School. This was the 15th year for the International Program in partnership with our friends from Japan.

As President of the Bright Lights Board of Directors, I want to thank Executive Director Linda Birkes-Lance, Education Coordinator Pam Magdanz and all of the Bright Lights staff, teachers and volunteers. They truly love to watch your children learn and grow. I'll close by thanking all of you parents who entrust Bright Lights to engage, enrich and educate your children. We hope to continue to live up to the words of the 5-year-old boy who told summer administrator Bob Reeker that, "Bright Lights is the best thing I've ever done!"

-Brad Penner

President, Bright Lights Board of Directors

DINE & DONATE: JOIN US!



Join us

September 13, 2016 from **4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at
Pine Lake Five Guys
2525 Pine Lake Rd, Lincoln, NE 68512

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JOB OPENINGS

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Teachers for Summer 2017

It's about that time of year again: Bright Lights is going to be looking for dedicated and outstanding individuals to become a part of our teaching staff for summer 2017!

And you don't have to be a professional teacher by trade to apply: About on-third of our teachers are community members who have a passion they wish to share with students. It's that passion that's really needed!

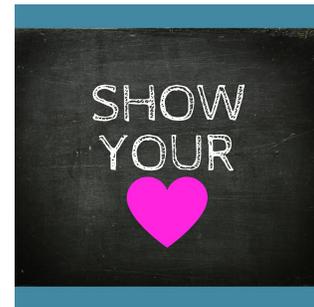
Please share this opportunity with anyone you think might be interested, as we will begin taking applications in mid-September.

Jump over to our website to read more about what it means to [teach for us](#).

DONOR CORNER

As **THE** summer learning program for Lincoln and the surrounding community, Bright Lights would like to enlist **YOU** to help provide quality, creative opportunities for children to explore their interests in a hands-on learning environment.

If you would like to provide the gift of summer learning to a child by either donating the cost of a scholarship or sponsoring a class, please [donate online](#) or email [Jen Jorges](#).



HAVE A CLASS TOPIC IDEA?



We'd love to hear it!

Everything starts with an idea so please [email](#) us yours and we will take it from there!

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Be in the know about registration tips, new classes and so much more by following Bright Lights on social media! You can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and Instagram (@BrightLightsOrg).



SUMMER 2017 DATES

Mark your calendars now for 2017! We will have five weeks of classes and our main class site will once again be Holmes Elementary School (5230 Sumner St).

June 5-9 | June 12-16 | June 19-23
June 26-30 | July 10-14

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