

A Sampling of Summer Opportunities

Summer time, while a well-deserved break from the demands of the academic year, should be used for more than just relaxing. It is a great time to do things you enjoy such as travel, intern, work, and study areas of interest. Making productive use of your unstructured summer time says a lot about the kind of person you are and the kind of initiative you take.

Many colleges, universities and other organizations offer organized programs for high school students. They include domestic and international programs that focus on: general and specialized pre-college academic courses, cultural and scholarly enrichment programs, sessions for students with special academic needs, career exploration workshops, and outdoor adventure experiences.

Please keep in mind that a meaningful summer experience does not require participation in an organized enrichment program. It is simply one option. If you are concerned with how this factors into college admissions criteria, they are looking for ways in which you show initiative and independence, leadership and responsibility. There are lots of worthy options and below you will find a few ideas. You should also talk with teachers, other students and their families for good program referrals

Academic Enrichment & Pre-College Programs:

Enrichment programs will support students' curriculum studies. Pre-collegiate programs combine academically challenging courses with sports, recreation, and cultural exploration experiences:

There are several college and universities across the nation that offer these types of opportunities, below you will find a sampling of local programs.

 **American University, DC**


www.summer.american.edu/

College Writing Skills for High School Students, Leadership,
Writing College Application Essays

 **The Catholic University of America, DC**

<http://summer.cua.edu/>

Pre-college program

 **Georgetown University, DC**

202-687-5719/5832 <http://scs.georgetown.edu/>

Pre-College, Writing, Business, International Relations, and more

Area independent schools have a variety of programs. Visit their individual websites for additional information.

 **The George Washington University, DC**

www.gwu.edu/summer/scholars

Pre-college program

 **Johns Hopkins University, MD**

www.jhu.edu/summer

John Hopkins Summer Programs- pre-college

 **University of Maryland**

www.summer.umd.edu/

Young Scholars and Arts programs

 **Montgomery College, MD (Rockville & Takoma Park)**

www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth.html

Summer Youth Programs. Nearly 100 classes for youth of all ages.

Note worthy Websites to Conduct Research :

www.highschoolprogramsabroad.com : Leading provider of international opportunities for students.

www.petersons.com/ : Provides a database of over 3000 summer camps and academic and travel programs.

www.sciserv.org/stp : The Science Training Programs Directory for Teachers and Students (STP) has more than 300 programs listed in a catalog of science, mathematics and engineering enrichment programs for pre-college students and teachers.

www.teenink.com/Summer : A great site with a listing of programs that includes everything from sports, writing and engineering camps to those located on university campuses, ships and overseas.

www.volunteers.com: Landmark Volunteers is a summer service organization for high school students. Two week service programs working at one of several important historical, cultural, environmental, or social service institutions throughout the nation.