

# PLAN YOUR SUMMER!

Looking to gain career related experiences this summer? Check-out the opportunities below for camps (excluding sports camps), volunteer, and academic pursuits. LHS does not endorse any specific program and many opportunities are fee-based, some offer scholarships or sliding scale.

**seize the summer!**



## Oregon-based Summer Programs

- [American Camp Association](#) is a consortium of camps located all over the US that have summer camp positions. See their Jobs tab for more information
- [Bodecker Foundation](#) offers free creative workshops taught by professional artists, writers, musicians and educators
- [Business Week at OSU](#) on-campus, one-week experiential learning
- [BodyVox](#) workshops and intensives for dancers (beginner-advanced)
- [Catlin Gabel Summer Programs](#) including a workshop on college essay writing
- [Camp Fire Columbia](#) Hires both Day Camp Staff for Portland area and Residential Camp Counselors for Camp Namanu
- [Clay Street Table](#) has a meals program and food pantry, serving as a major source of food for those in the SW neighborhood of downtown
- [NW Cyber Camps](#) offer a week of hands-on projects related to the growing field of cybersecurity, coed and a girls only options
- [Fire Fighter Camp](#) for Girls
- [Free Geek's volunteers](#) bring home a computer after 24 hours of volunteering
- [Four Winds Westward Ho Camp](#) on Orcas Island open to 9th and 10th graders
- [Girlhood Academy](#) focuses on emotional education for high school girls (focuses include stress, perfectionism, youth empowerment, transitions, leadership, and well-being)
- [Girls Who Code](#) - offers free virtual summer programs for 9th-12th grade students who identify as girls or non-binary. All experience levels are welcome!
- [Grammy Camp](#): Grades 9-12, a 5-day nonresidential summer music industry program for high school students interested in a career in music, held at University of Southern California.

- [High School Journalism Institute](#) in Corvallis offers opportunities for student journalists to produce articles, photos and multimedia to be published online
- [iDTech](#), a national tech education company, offers STEM education on the Lewis & Clark campus
- [Leadership Initiatives Summer Internships Programs](#) (Please note the tuition costs)
- [Lewis & Clark Fir Acres Creative Writing Workshop](#)
- Multnomah County Library, join [Summer Reads](#) or [volunteer](#) at the library
- My Voice Music offers [music lessons, classes, Hip Hop Lab and an Artist Mentorship Program](#)
- [Pam Cut](#) (Portland Art Museum), offers workshops (animation, green screen, media arts)
- [NW Youth Corps](#) offer work environmental work experience (overnight camping) and a community service focused day program for 15-18 year olds.
- [NOLS](#) global wilderness school offers summer First Responder Courses and Expeditions that range in amount of time and minimum age requirements.
- Oregon Episcopal School Summer Programs (including writing, geometry and visual arts): [OES Summer Offerings](#)
- OMSI's Youth Volunteer Program: [Teen Youth Alliance Thinkineers](#)
- OMSI's [OMSI 9-12th Grade Summer Camps](#)
- [Open Signal](#) offers media arts opportunities for teens
- Oregon Department of Transportation's [Driver Education Teen Parent Resources](#)
- [Oregon Humane Society Youth Volunteers](#) (short-term & long-term opportunities)
- Get certified to be a soccer referee through [Oregon Soccer Referee Association](#)
- [Oregon Society of Artists](#) (OSA) offers art classes over the summer (membership is free to students, and classes are offered at reasonable rates)
- Oregon State University's [pre-college summer programs](#) See also OSU Stem Academy High School Summer Camps [HERE](#)
- Oregon State University's Extension Service [4-H Wagon Train](#) offers camps to experience the real-life Oregon trail, learn principles of wilderness survival & more!
- Oregon Zoo has many [volunteer opportunities](#) for youth.

- [Outward Bound wilderness adventures](#) (some Oregon rafting/mountain trips, most programs in other states)
- [Pacific Northwest College of Art](#) Pre-college summer programs
- [Portland Audubon](#) Counselor in Training paid summer jobs for 10th-12th graders
- [Portland Backpack](#) is a nonprofit that provides weekend meals to school children over the summer. Volunteers are needed at park sites June-Aug to distribute food.
- [Portland Brand Camp](#) Portland Gear and University of Oregon offer this for students interested in business, branding, and entrepreneurship. (\*not happening Summer 2025)
- Portland Center Stage, [Summer Intensives](#)
- Portland Community College, [Summer Teen Program](#)
- Portland Parks & Rec, [Teen Force](#)
- Portland State University's [Invention Bootcamp](#) free, four week program for historically underserved and underrepresented students to learn basic skills to develop a prototype and then apply those skills in creating your own invention.
- Portland State University School of Music & Theater and Sonic Arts & Music Production (SAMP) presents [SAMP Summer Academy](#)
- Portland State University's [Transportation Research and Education Center](#) free, week-long camps for those curious about urban planning, STEM, or transportation policy careers. (Not happening summer 2025)
- Portland Oregon Women's Film Festival (POWFest) offers [workshops](#) for girls
- [Portland Tennis & Education](#): Volunteers lead games, play tennis with youth in the St. Johns community
- Process Work Institute's [Summer Youth Leadership Intensive](#) Leadership & Conflict Resolution Camp
- Red Cross [Summer Youth Corps](#) Volunteering
- Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls is now a part of [Friends of Noise](#)
- [Sail2Change](#) Program's mission is to change the lives of historically under-served and under-represented youth through sailing, mentorship, and tutoring.
- [Saturday Academy](#), offers a wide variety of hands-on classes and camps
- Stanford University's [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Camp](#) (some offered remote)
- [Strangeland Family Youth Choral Academy](#)

- Trackers Portland offers [teen adventure camps](#) and [Junior Leader-In-Training Program](#)
- [Travel For Teens](#) Provides youth with travel around the globe, and hands-on experiences
- [Tryon Creek State Natural Area](#), Volunteer Program
- [University of Oregon Summer Music Camps](#)
- Willowbrook Arts Camp [High School Apprenticeship Program](#)

## Summer Jobs



Need to earn some money this summer? Family and friends can be a great source for job leads--get the word out that you are looking! Stop by Room 153 for job leads, help with your resume, or interview prep. Start applying to businesses/organizations near your home. Consider applying to restaurants (bussing tables, dish washer, hostess, food prep); fast food; grocery stores; retail stores, movie theaters, [Portland Parks and Recreation](#), [Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation](#), [MJCC](#), [Portland Audubon Talon Program](#), Check- [Indeed.com teen jobs](#)



## Volunteer Opportunities

Youth and adults can find one-time and extended volunteer opportunities at the **Hands-On Portland** website. Type in your zip code or a keyword like *computers* or *animals* to find non-profits that need your time and talent:

<http://www.handsonportland.org>. **Volunteer Match** is another great online resource for finding a cause or non-profit who needs your passion and talent:

<http://www.volunteermatch.org>.

Considering a gap year? Check out the "Ultimate Guide to Gap Year Volunteering" -

<https://www.publicservicedegrees.org/volunteering/for-a-gap-year/>



## Out-of-state Opportunities

### College/Academic Summer Programs

### Pre-College Enrichment

- [University of Chicago Pre-college Enrichment Programs](#)

## Science Programs

- [Boston U High School Program](#)
- [Beaver Works Summer Institute](#)
- [Clark Scholar Program](#)
- [Carleton Computer Science Institute](#)
- [Carleton Summer Science Institute](#)
- [Garcia Summer Scholars at Stonybrook](#)
- [LaunchX at MIT](#)
- [LLRISE: MIT Lincoln Laboratory Radar Introduction for Student Engineers](#)
- [Stanford Institutes of Medicine Summer Research Program \(SIMR\)](#)
- [SSP \(Summer Science Program\)](#)
- [Science & Engineering for Minority Students at MIT - MITES](#)
- [RSI \(Research Science Institute\) at MIT](#)
- [Women in Technology \(MIT\)](#)
- [WPI Stem Programs](#)

## Math Summer Programs

- [Awesome Math](#)
- [Canada/USA Mathcamp](#)
- [Carleton Quantitative Reasoning Institute](#)
- [Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics \(HCSSiM\)](#)
- [MathILy](#)
- [Mathworks at Texas State University](#)
- [Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists \(PROMYS\)](#)
- [Ross Mathematics Institute](#)
- [Texas State Mathworks Honors Summer Math Camp](#)

## Music Summer Programs

- [Camp Interlochen](#)
- [Boston University Tanglewood Music Institute](#)

## Programs in Liberal Arts/Humanities

- [Carleton College Summer Programs](#)
- [Duke Summer College](#)
- [Economics for Leaders](#)
- [Global Youth Village](#)
- [John's College Great Books](#)
- [National Security Language Initiative for Youth through the Department of State](#)
- [School of the Arts Summer Institute](#)
- [Telluride Association Summer Programs](#)
- [US Department of State Student Internships](#)
- [World Affairs Seminar](#)

## Scholarship Programs

- [Bank of America Student Leaders](#)
- [Girls on Ice](#)

- [Gettysburg Civil War Institute](#)
- [American Youth Leadership Programs](#) through the Department of State

## **Visual Art Programs**

- [Cooper Union Summer Art Intensive](#)
- [Emerson College Summer Academy \(Acting/ Theatre/Design, Animation, Journalism, TV, Film, Writing\)](#)
- [RISD's Summer Teen Art Institute in Shanghai](#)
- [Skidmore College Summer Studio Art](#)

## **Programs Abroad**

- [Abby Road Programs Abroad](#)
- [Carpe Diem](#)
- [Broadreach College](#)
- [InvestIN](#) (London, Manchester & Dubai Career programs)
- [National Geographic Student Expeditions](#)
- [Putney Student Travel](#)
- [Rustic Pathways](#)
- [Where There Be Dragons](#)