

Make this an AMAZING SUMMER!



A launching pad from the GHS Career Center
to inspire you to explore your options.

1. Check out our list! We've done some research to help you find Oregon-based summer programs. *This is not an exhaustive list* and does not include sports camps. Your counselors do not endorse or recommend any specific program on the list below. Many are fee-based, some offer scholarships/sliding scale fees and some are free. We also post summer opportunities on our instagram account ALL YEAR ROUND. Look for the posts that start with the sunshine emoji! [@ghscollegeandcareercentral](#)

The list is provided to inspire you to investigate your options and consider new ideas:

BodyVox [workshops and intensives](#) for **dancers** (beginner-advanced)

Building Camps for girls are sponsored by [Oregon Tradeswomen](#)

Coding with Kids offers [coding summer camps](#) (Python, arduinos, game development, etc.)

[Fire Fighter Camp](#) for Girls from Portland **Fire and Rescue**

Free Geek's [volunteers](#) learn how to **build computers**, save the environment from toxic e-waste, and transform the lives of people in your community.

[iDTech](#), a national tech education company, offers **STEM** education on the Lewis & Clark campus

Multnomah County **Library** [Summer Reads](#) is the largest youth volunteer program in the county. It's free, offers transportation assistance if needed, and is located right in your communities.

My Voice **Music** offers [music lessons, classes, Hip Hop Lab and an Artist Mentorship Program](#)

[NW Children's Theater](#) High School musical and drama labs and productions.

[NW Film Center](#) Summer Camp for Kids + Teens is an informal, interest-based program which provides young people entering grades 4-12 with the chance to experiment with and learn about media arts and technology from experienced teaching artists. Scholarships available.

[NW Youth Corps](#) non-residential, day program for 15 to 18 year olds. With the experience of field staff guiding them, participants complete service projects in their own community each day and return home at night. Members spend an average of 6 hours per day working and one hour participating in an educational lesson, from which they earn high school credit and a PAID \$250/week stipend. The Camping programs combine education and job skill training with outdoor adventure for 16 to 18/19* year olds. With the guidance of experienced field staff, youth crew members work on conservation, reforestation, and recreation projects, while developing leadership skills and learning how to work as a team. Crews camp in the field for their entire 5-6 week session, traveling to a new project each week and recreating on the weekends. PAID \$300/week stipend

The [LGBTQ Inclusion Crew](#) offers an excellent Opportunity for LGBTQ Youth and Young Adults: Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) has provided youth and young adults work opportunities in the great outdoors in a fun team-based learning environment that emphasizes personal growth and stewardship since 1984. OUT There Adventures (OTA) cultivates leadership and builds community for LGBTQ youth and young adults through adventures in nature.

OMSI's Youth Volunteer Program: [Teen Science Alliance](#) solve creative design challenges, get a backstage look at museum education, and build skills perfect for your next step.

[OMSI's 9-12](#) grade **summer science camps**. An individual can receive financial assistance for up to two classes, or one camp per year.

[OMSI Counselor jobs](#): position requires living with campers in cabins for the duration of the program at the Coastal Discovery Center at Camp Gray, in Newport, Oregon; at Hancock Field Station near Fossil, Oregon; and on overnight campouts at other sites.

Open Signal offers [media arts classes and workshops](#) for teens

Oregon Department of Transportation's [Driver Education](#) Teen Parent Resources

Oregon **Shakespeare** Festival's [summer program for juniors](#)

Oregon State University's [pre-college summer programs](#)

Oregon State University's [Summer Experience in Science & Engineering for Youth](#) welcomes **girls and minorities interested in math**

Oregon Story Board's [Intro to Virtual and Mixed Reality Summer Courses](#)

Oregon Writing Project [Writing the College Essay](#) workshop \$175, \$100 for free/reduced lunch students

Oregon Zoo has many [volunteer opportunities](#) for youth.

Outward Bound's [wilderness adventures](#) (some Oregon rafting/mountain trips, most programs in other states)

[PLACE](#), a youth **civic engagement** program with an urban planning focus at The Center (Create Engage Notice Teach Empower Remember) offers 1 and 4 week [civic engagement and leadership](#) programs in the summer.

Portland Center Stage, [Summer Intensives in Theatre](#)

Portland Community College, [Summer Teen Program](#)

Portland Parks & Rec, [Teen Force lots of activities!](#)

Portland State University's [Invention Bootcamp](#) (free, four week program includes lunch and TriMet pass!)

Portland State University's [Transportation Institute](#) (free programs for women and students of color-sign up for updates)

Portland Oregon Women's Film Festival (POWFest) offers [POWGirls filmmaking classes](#) for girls

Process Institute's [Summer Youth Leadership Intensive](#) A 5 Day Workshop Empowering Teens In Leadership, Conflict Facilitation, and Creativity.

[Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls](#)

[Saturday Academy](#), offers a wide variety of hands-on classes and camps all year round and on school holidays.

Trackers Portland offers [teen adventure camps and jobs for counselors](#)

[University of Oregon's FREE Summer Academy to Inspire Learning \(SAIL\)](#) is an innovative bridge program for high school students from underrepresented backgrounds, which include lower income and/or first generation college students, with the aim of encouraging students to enroll and succeed in college through early exposure and exploration. SAIL offers free one-week summer programs on the Eugene, where students learn about various subjects from distinguished University of Oregon faculty members through fun social and interactive activities. Each summer, returning students choose a new academic

subject. SAIL programs include sessions on the college admissions process, scholarship availability, and the financial aid process.

University of Oregon's [Design Camp](#) in Portland

Youth Empowered Action Camp <http://yeacamp.org/>

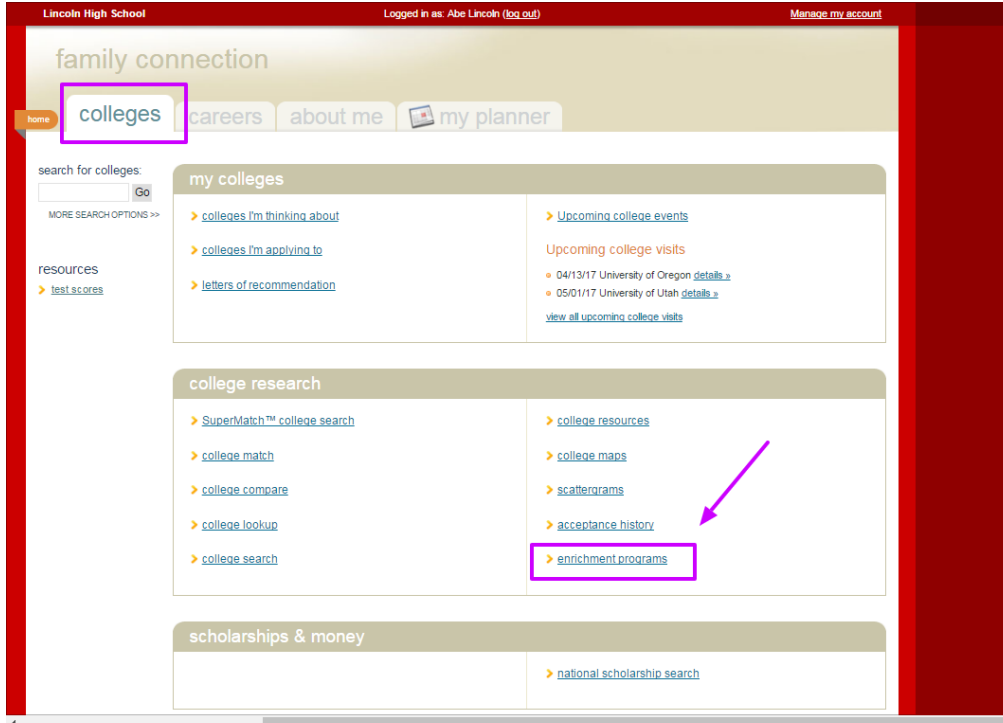
[Young Entrepreneur's Business Camp](#), is a statewide initiative to educate Oregon youth in business, leadership, teamwork and more, hosting week-long experiential education programs for high school students at college campuses each summer: **University of Oregon (UO)**: July 12-18, 2020 / **University of Portland (UP)**: July 26-Aug. 1, 2020 / **OSU-Cascades**: July 26-Aug. 1, 2020 / **Oregon State University (OSU)**: Aug. 9-15, 2020

2. Youth and adults can find one-time and extended volunteer opportunities at Hands-On Portland's 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>.

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



3. Find a list of national and international "Enrichment Programs" in the Colleges tab of your [Naviance](#) account. These are compiled by Naviance and can be searched by topic, location or application deadline.



4. Look for opportunities that match your interest, schedule and budget. Point your web browser towards a combination of applicable words `Portland + Summer 2017 + _____` (fill in the blank with a keyword representing your interest) to find the class, camp or program that would be a good fit.