

Summer Activities for Teens
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Summer is a great time for high school students to expand their world view, pursue an interest in depth or explore a new interest, earn high school or college credit, experience college life in a pre-college program, make them more appealing college applicants, make new friends, earn money, and/or provide a community service. When deciding about different options, factors to consider include:

- Location
- Cost (including scholarship opportunities)
- Residential versus local
- Subject matter
- Time period
- Application process/deadlines: Keep in mind **many programs have deadlines for application in late winter or spring so early planning is advised.**

The SCHS Counseling Office and PTA have collaborated to provide this document as a resource especially for SCHS students and their families, but can be used by anyone who would find it helpful. In creating this document, we are not endorsing any particular programs, websites, or other resources. Rather, we're seeking to share the fruits of our research so that students and families have a starting point for their own specific research. This project is a work in progress and we welcome any additional input to improve it. Listed below are helpful general resources and then details about specific types of opportunities. The SCHS counseling office maintains files with information on many academic, special interest, and college-based summer programs. SCHS invites SCHS students and their families to visit the office and look through their files.

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1. College-Based Programs for High-School Students

College Board Website summer programs: <http://www.studenteducationprograms.com>.

This link is a free directory for searching for summer programs, many of which are based on college campuses.

Program Name	Location	Web site	Subject	Residential	Application Deadline
UC Santa Cruz Summer Session for HS Students	UCSC	http://summer.ucsc.edu/registration/high-school.html	Various	no	May 1, 2014
Arthritis Foundation Summer Internships (University of California, SF; Stanford)	San Francisco, CA; Palo Alto, CA	http://SummerScienceInternship.kintera.org/Overview	Rheumatology/immunology	yes	February 21, 2014
Cabrillo Summer Energy Academy	Aptos, CA	http://www.cabrillosteep.org	Science, Technology	no	Accepting now
Columbia University Summer High School Program	New York City, NY; Barcelona, Spain; King's Academy, Jordan	http://ce.columbia.edu/High-School-Programs-Homepage# & http://ce.columbia.edu/summer	Varied	Yes	For Spain and Jordan: early application February 5, 2014; regular application March 12, 2014. For NY program: Priority application February 5, 2014; regular application April 2, 2014
Stanford University High School Summer	Palo Alto, CA	http://summercollege.stanford.edu/	Various subjects	Both	Deadlines vary. See http://summercollege.stanford.edu/programs/page/how-to-apply-4
Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth (EPGY)	Palo Alto, CA	http://epgy.stanford.edu/	Various subjects	yes	Applications not available at time of this document.
Stanford Medical Youth Science Program (SMYSP)	Palo Alto, CA	http://smysp.stanford.edu/	Medicine/Science	yes	January 10, 2014
UC Davis Young Scholars Program	Davis, CA	http://ysp.ucdavis.edu/	Science	yes	March 21, 2014
Santa Clara University Summer Engineering Seminar	Santa Clara, CA	http://www.scu.edu/engineering/about/ses.cfm	Math/Engineering	yes	March 13, 2014
Cosmos Program	Various UC campuses	http://www.ucop.edu/cosmos	Science	yes	February 21, 2014
Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics (SCIPP) Quarknet Program	Santa Cruz, CA	http://scipp.ucsc.edu/outreach/	Science	Not specified	See web site
Boston University Summer High School Program	Boston, MA	http://www.bu.edu/summer/high-school-programs/	Various subjects	yes	See web site
Brown University Summer Pre-College Programs	Providence, RI	http://brown.edu/ce/pre-college/	Various subjects	yes	No deadline but apply now
Education Unlimited Programs	Various college campuses	www.educationunlimited.com	Various subjects	yes	Varied. Balance due 45 days before start of camp
Wharton Pre-College Program	Philadelphia, PA	http://www.wharton.upenn.edu/academics/pre-college-programs.cfm	Business	yes	See web site
Explo (Not run by Yale, but takes place at Yale)	New Haven, CT	www.explo.org/senior	Various subjects	yes	See web site
National Student Leadership Conference	Various college campuses	http://www.nslcleaders.org/youth-leadership-programs/dates-locations/	Various subjects	yes	Rolling admissions until filled.

Program Name	Location	Web site	Subject	Residential	Application Deadline
Junior Statesmen of America Program (Georgetown, Stanford, Princeton)	Washington, DC; Palo Alto, CA; Princeton, NJ	http://jsa.org/summer-programs/	Govt./ Politics	yes	Rolling admissions until filled.
National Young Leaders Conference	New York, NY Washington, DC	http://www.cylc.org/nylc/	Gov't/Politics	yes	Rolling admissions until filled.
New York University	New York, NY	http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/precollege.html	Various subjects, including music	yes	See web site
Cornell University Summer College	Ithaca, NY	http://www.sce.cornell.edu/sc/	Various subjects	yes	See web site

2. College Opportunities Not Limited to High School Students

There also may be college summer school programs (available to high school students, but not limited to high school students), so check the local colleges (see alphabetical list below). There are additional colleges in the Bay Area that are further from Santa Cruz that are not listed here but could also be consulted such as UC Berkeley, Mills, and CSU San Francisco.

Program Name	Location	Website	Phone
Cabrillo College	Aptos, CA	http://www.cabrillo.edu/	(831) 479-6201
Cal State University (CSU) Monterey Bay	Marina, CA	http://csumb.edu/	(831) 582-3000
De Anza	Cupertino, CA	http://www.deanza.edu	(408) 864-5678
Foothill	Los Altos, CA	http://www.foothill.edu	(650) 949-7777
Mission	Santa Clara, CA	http://www.missioncollege.org	(408) 988-2200
SJSU		http://www.sjsu.edu/	(408) 924-1000
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara, CA	http://www.scu.edu	(408) 554-4000
Stanford University	Palo Alto, CA	http://www.stanford.edu/	(650) 723-2300
UCSC	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.ucsc.edu/	(831) 459-0111
West Valley	Saratoga, CA	http://www.westvalley.edu/	(408) 867-2200

3. Online Courses

Another option to consider for the summer is online study. Most of these include high-school courses, some of which may be used to fulfill high-school course requirements (consult Counseling Office) and the A-G requirements for University of California (the UC-approved online provider list is available at <http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/>). Please note that both the provider and the specific course must be approved. Most do not have application deadlines since they are self-directed, but check the web sites for details.

Program Name	Website	Comments
APEX Learning Virtual School	http://www.apexlearninghs.com/	Drop out prevention and recovery; Exceptional Learners; Advanced Placement; Literary Advantage Courses
Brigham Young University Independent Study on-line courses	http://is.byu.edu/is/site/	A variety of required subjects including: science, math, languages, art and health
Connections Academy	http://www.connectionsacademy.com	Core and Elective Courses (e.g. foreign languages, digital technology, journalism, art history), Honors and AP Courses
Education Programs for Gifted Youth Online High School at Stanford University	http://epgy.stanford.edu/school/openenroll/index.html	English language, arts, math, science, social studies and electives. ESL/ELL; Special Education-IEP; AP; Test Preparation Full Time, Part Time, Single Course. General Education curriculum. Application and standardized testing required for admission
Education 2020	http://www.education2020.com/	English, math, science, social studies, electives, AP
Laurel Springs	http://www.laurelsprings.com/school-administrators/single-course-enrollment/ http://www.laurelsprings.com/catalog/index.html	Full- or part-time online programs (College Prep, AP, Core Courses, Summer Program); for parent with positive experience, contact elenac@post.harvard.edu
National University Virtual High School	http://www.nuvhs.org/	80 interactive high school courses in a wide range of subject areas; AP and college prep courses; dual high school and college credits
CaPASS Program/ Cyber High:	http://capassprogram.org/	Math, language, English, science, health, social science, life skills. Accrue credits for early H.S. graduation; make-up credits
California Virtual Campus: Distance Education at California College College Prep	http://www.cvc.edu/	Search engine for finding online classes and degree programs offered by colleges and universities across California.
UC Irvine Extension Advanced Placement and Honors courses through a UC	http://unex.uci.edu/mkt/campaigns/college_prep.asp?id=821FTB	

4. Fine Arts Camps and Programs

(see also College-Based Programs)

Program name	Location	Phone	Website	Subject	Residential	Application Deadline	Comments
Academy of Art University	San Francisco, CA	(800) 544-2787	http://www.academyart.edu	Art/Design	optional	Unclear from website (maybe rolling until filled)	
California College of the Arts (CCAC)	Oakland, CA	(510) 594-3638	https://www.cca.edu/academics/precollege	Art/Design	yes	See web site	
California State Summer School for the Arts	Valencia, CA	(916) 229-5160	http://www.cσσα.org	Visual and Performing arts, Creative Writing, Film	yes	Applications due February 28, 2014	\$1550. scholarships available July 14- Aug 10
California State University (CSU) Monterey Bay	Seaside, CA	(562) 951-4060	http://calstate.edu/summerarts/	Performing arts	yes	rolling	
Cazadero Music Camp	Sonoma County, CA	(510) 527-7500	http://www.cazadero.org		yes		
Donner Mine Music Camp	Grass Valley, CA	(530) 272-2269	http://www.dmmc.org		yes	Early reg. w/deposit of \$150 recommended	July 20-25 & July 27- Aug 1
Hayward La Honda Music Camp	La Honda, CA	(510) 537-4871	http://www.lahondamusiccamp.org		yes	Applications due in May	July 26-August 2
Kuumbwa Jazz Camp	Aptos, Cruz, CA	(831) 427-2227 x 212	www.kuumbwajazz.org Melody Korkos Education Coordinator	jazz	No	Registration will begin April 1st, 2012	June 16 - 26
Oxbow Summer Art Camp		(707) 255-6000	http://oxbowschool.org/#camp-overview.html		yes		June 29-July 14 July 20-Aug 4
Young Writers Studio University of Iowa	Iowa City, IA	(319) 335-4209	http://www.uiowa.edu/~iyws/	Creative writing	yes	February 3-14 2014	Jun 15-28 July 6-19

5. Language Immersion Programs

Program name	Website	Language	Application Deadline	Comments
Sol Abroad	http://www.solabroad.com	Spanish	Multiple, starting in May	Multiple sessions
Global Routes	http://www.globalroutes.org	Spanish	Depends on program	Multiple sessions
Visions Service Adventures	http://visionserviceadventures.com	Spanish, French, combines volunteer work w/study	Depends on program	Multiple sessions
Language Link	http://www.langlink.com	Spanish		Coordinates with schools in various countries.
Edu-Culture International	http://www.educulture.org	Spanish & French	Payment due April 1	

6. Other Opportunities

Program Name	Location	Phone/website	Subject	Application Deadline	Comments
Santa Cruz Animal Shelter	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.scanimalshelter.org/youth	Community service (animals)	Not yet researched	
Santa Cruz Public Libraries	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.santacruzpl.org/volunteer/volunteer@santacruzpl.org or (831) 427-7700x7615.	Community service	Not yet researched	
Seymour Center/Long Marine Lab	Santa Cruz, CA	http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/about-us/people/volunteers/ (831) 459-3854	Science	Not yet researched, but generally fills up early	
Boomerang Foundation	Santa Cruz, CA	http://boomerangfoundation.org/	Community service search site	Not applicable researched	
Teen Police Academy, Santa Cruz Police Department	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/index.aspx?page=1865 Officer Joe Harnandez at: jhernandez@cityofsantacruz.com	introduction to police work	Not yet researched	SCHS parent can provide additional information; email elenac@post.harvard.edu for details]
Santa Cruz Volunteer Center	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.scvolunteercenter.com/ (831) 427-5070	Community service search site	Not yet researched	
Santa Cruz Jobs	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.santacruzjobs.com/	Local job search site	Not applicable	
Star-Works	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us/star-works-employment-resources.html	Local job search site and tips for applying for jobs.	Not applicable	
Volunteer Match	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.volunteermatch.org/	Suggests opportunities based on interests		

7. Outdoor Education/Wilderness Camps

Program Name	Location	Website	Subject
Headwaters School	Varies (Mount Shasta area)	http://www.hwos.com/ info@hwos.com	Outdoor education and nature awareness
Camp Unalayee		http://www.unalayee.org/ (650) 969-6313 Office Number (866) 805-6901 Toll Free office@unalayee.org	Wilderness Camps, hiking and backpacking
Summer Activity Guide from City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation	Santa Cruz, CA	http://www.santacruzparksandrec.com 831-420-5270	
Western Association for Independent Camps:	Varies	http://www.waic.org 480-820-1702	Camp search site

8. Sports Camps

Program Name	Location	Phone/website	Subject
Cabrillo Extension	Local	http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/extension/sportscamp.html	Sports camps.