HTLA’s Guide to Summer Enrichment

What should students do over the summer?

• Colleges do not have preference as to what you do with your time when you are not in the classroom.
• Colleges encourage students to do what interests them!
• Do not have to do a bunch of things; not a checklist! Try to stick to 3-5 activities throughout high school.
• Job, internship, or volunteer – which is “better?” They are all the same!! They all show you have an interest, sought out opportunities, were selected for a position, show up on a regular basis, and are in charge of a variety of tasks. Do what works best for you.


Community College Classes:

• Take college level classes while in high school.
• Choose a class that is interesting to you!
• Choose wisely because this class will stay on your college transcript forever!
• Community College Classes are typically 5 weeks long, and meet Monday – Thursday every week.
  Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Online classes available as well!
• Community Colleges near HTLA:
  - Pierce College
  - Valley College
  - Santa Monica College
  - Moorpark College
  - College of the Canyons

How to Register:

• Step 1: Apply online at LACCD
  http://www.laccd.edu/Students/opencccapply/Pages/default.aspx
  • Student will receive a “Student ID” number 5-10 business days after application is processed via email.
• Step 2: Pick up a Concurrent Enrollment Form from a HTLA Counselor (Ms. Bender or Ms. Miramontes)
• Step 3: Fill out student information section and include “Student ID.”
• Step 4: Look at the “Summer Schedule” online at the Community College of your choice, and list up to 6 classes that you are interested in taking.
• Step 5: Bring the completed Concurrent Enrollment Form to a HTLA Counselor for approval and signature.
• Step 6: Once the form is completed and signed, you must bring the form to the Admissions Office at the Community College of your choice for processing.
• Step 7: Check your email! You will receive an email letting you know when/how to go online and register for your class.

Programs at College Campuses:

• Woodbury University
  - June 25th – July 24th
  - Student entering 11th/12th grade
  - $250
• California State University, Northridge Summer Academic Enrichment Program
  - June 15th – July 17th
  - Grades 9-12
  - $250 - $725 (scholarships available)
• University of California, Los Angeles
  - Online Classes
  - Precollege Summer Institutes with on campus housing
    • Acting, art, digital filming, game lab, mock trial, writing, nanoscience, etc.
    • $750 - $2,000

Interested in a specific college? It is very likely that they offer a summer program for high school students! Check their website or for more information.
Volunteer/Internships:
• What are you interested in?
• Contact via phone/email
  • Hospitals
  • Animal Shelters
  • Local Food Banks
  • Habitat for Humanity
  • Red Cross
  • Family Business
• Need more ideas?
  • There are 2,755 volunteer opportunities for teens in LA!
    https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/index.jsp?l=Los+Angeles%2C+CA%2C+USA
  • https://www.teenlife.com/blogs/50-community-service-ideas-teen-volunteers
  • Www.Dosomething.org

Get a paying job:
• Make sure to have an updated resume. Use Naviance resume builder!
• Types of jobs for high school students:
  • Retail stores
    • Ultra Zone: Sherman Oaks
  • Fast food / Restaurants
  • Babysitting
  • Tutor
  • Camp Counselor (parks, religious organizations)
    • http://www.campkinneret.com/work-at-camp/cilt/
  • Life Guard
  • Family Business
• Students under the age of 18 will need a work permit before starting a job. If you are hired for a job, please see Ms. Miramontes for a work permit form! Student must have a job BEFORE obtaining a work permit form.

Do SOMETHING interesting:
• See how many books you can read this summer / organize a book club
• Learn to play an instrument
• Learn a new language
• Learn how to cook / create a cookbook or cooking blog
• Play a sport or become a coach
• Build an iphone app
• Train for a 5k/10k/half marathon
Do something productive with your time!

Helpful websites:
• GOOGLE ☺
  • http://www.volunteermatch.org/
  • https://www.laworks.com/search?sort_c=&sort_o=&opportunity_id=&page=1
  • https://www.lafoodbank.org/volunteer/
  • http://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/summer-programs-for-high-school-students
  • https://www.teenlife.com/category/summer/summer-day-programs-in-los-angeles/
  • https://www.summerdiscovery.com/ucla

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