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HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

Below and attached is a list of summer opportunities including camps and educational enrichment programs.

Summer 2009

Summer Youth Forestry Institute is a four week program in July - August (specific dates for this year have not yet been announced). Up to 12 high school students from King County will be selected to participate. They will be setting up long-term forest monitoring plots at Taylor Mountain Forest (a publicly owned forest near Issaquah) and then collecting baseline ecological data and synthesizing the data for forest managers to use. Through their activities they will learn plant identification, data collection techniques, and tool use, and they will also get to meet a variety of natural resource professionals from the area and learn about a variety of career paths. King County will provide a \$800 service award to each participating student. This is a great opportunity for a student interested in pursuing a career in environmental science or natural resources. Applications are available by calling 206) 205-3132 or at WSU Extension website, <http://king.wsu.edu/forestry/SYFI.html>.



Washington Business Week is a week long summer program for students in grades 9th - 12th in the spring of 2009 and includes four different career paths. Students may choose Business, Advanced Business, Healthcare or Construction. Students are housed on a college campus for one week (PLU, Gonzaga, CWU or WWU) while they experience hands -and experiential learning. It is a fast paced week full of competitions, teamwork, and real life experiences that encourage youth to think beyond high school and plan for the future. Applications & information are available on the Washington Business Week website at <http://www.wbw.org>. Applications will be accepted through June 5 with an Early Bird deadline of April 15. Business and community sponsors subsidize a significant portion of the program's cost and additional financial assistance is available. The registration fee is \$325.

SAME (Society of Military Engineers) Engineering and Construction Camps: High school students from across the country learn engineering solutions and skills from professional engineers while getting a taste of what it means to work for and with the military services. Only at an SAME Engineering and Construction Camp can you design a chair with three legs and sit on it, construct a concrete beam and smash it, or build a cardboard boat and race it! These exciting week-long camps take place during the

summer months in a variety of settings—the colorful Colorado Rockies, the beautiful Southern California Coast, or the historic Mississippi Valley. For more information, deadlines & an application go to: <http://posts.same.org/camps/2009/>

Camp Stealth Teen Leadership Opportunities (located on Vashon Island): www.campfire-usa.org/camp/leadership Counselor-In-Training (CIT) and Riding-Staff-In-Training (RSIT) The CIT and RSIT programs are three-week long leadership development programs for teens entering grades 10-12 who are interested in working with younger children. Students can earn 50+ volunteer service hours through completion of the CIT/RSIT program. Students entering grades 11 and 12 are eligible to apply to high school internship program, a volunteer junior staff position. Students can earn 100+ volunteer service hours through completion of the internship program.

Community Service Internships through TEENS IN PUBLIC SERVICE: TIPS offers young leaders paid community service internships that link them to service while providing non-profits organizations with bright, reliable interns to help fill their workforce gaps. TIPS teens serve Seattle's hungry and homeless, mentor disadvantaged children and open the eyes of at-risk youth to the power of art, culture and education. They work to preserve the natural habitat of our region as well as bring joy to elderly, hospital patients and those with special needs. Hands on experience in the medical, science and environmental fields. Apply on-line at www.teensinpublicservice.org before March 27, 2009

Journalism Summer Workshop seeks out talented high school students, interests them in the world of journalism, and establishes a pipeline as they go from high school to college. Students receive intensive instruction from journalists and university professionals. The students' work is published by major news organizations. Students live in dormitories at Seattle University. All expenses are paid and college scholarships are awarded to two outstanding workshop participants. Applications must be postmarked by April 6, 2009. Final selections are made by early May. The workshop operates from June 19 - June 26, 2009. Thirteen students are selected to report-write articles and two for a photojournalism component. Click here for application: [Summer Journalism Workshop](#)

The Coalition for American Indians in Computing is recruiting in-coming 11th and 12th grade self-identified Native American students for a computer camp July 11-25, 2009, at Humboldt State University (Northwest California). The Coalition is a partnership between HSU, local area Tribes, and funding from the National Science Foundation under their Broadening Participation in Computing Demonstration Project. The all-expenses-paid, two-week camp explores computer gaming, geographic information systems, digital media, and computerized Native language preservation with HSU Computing Science Department Professors. Other HSU staff teach college prep, applying to college and financial aid, and they also provide information about HSU's Native American academic and social support programs. Community Tribal members lead demonstrations and field trips on Native Art, culture, language acquisition, and local Native-run business and health endeavors. Flyers and applications can be downloaded at <http://humboldt.edu/~caic> under the Summer 2009 heading. Admission questions can be directed to Janet Sclar, Project Coordinator, caic@humboldt.edu 707-826-3338. Deadline for submission of application and reference letter: May 1, 2009.

Learn about Business: Internship Program: Are you interested in learning more about the process of creating public policy? Are you interested in participating in community outreach/education programs? As an intern with the **Business Institute of Washington** you will have the opportunity to

meet and work along side key individuals highly engaged in affecting change in our state. You will be working with various groups involved with creating public policy, from non-profit groups, private companies and associations, as well as elected officials. The **Business Institute** recruits civic minded individuals who are interested in expanding their knowledge on public policy and its effects on the business climate in Washington State. Orientation and training will be provided at the beginning and throughout the internship period. Interns will be working with the institute's staff and may be assigned to different work groups depending on project requirements. Applicants should send the **Business Institute** a resume with two (2) references by fax 425) 313-0075. If you have questions, call 425) 313-0074 (Valerie Huntsberry). Go to <http://enterprisewashington.org/InternshipProgram.htm> for more information about this position.

General Information:

Summer is a great time for students to get involved in programs that build leadership and self-esteem, acquire new skills, and have fun. Some programs have applications deadlines in early spring, so the now is a good time for your student to start exploring. When searching for programs with your student, keep in mind the following points:

There are many different types of experiences including camps, academic programs, sports clinics, arts workshops, internships, volunteer opportunities, and travel adventures throughout North American and abroad. Here's a little of what each may offer:

Camps-Students can make lasting friendships while enjoying fresh air and sunshine. Camp is also a place to learn cooperation, leadership, and independence. For those who'd like to combine the great outdoors with inner growth, there are camps representing a wide range of religious affiliations.

Summer on Campus-Whether your student is looking for remedial help or a chance to move ahead, many programs offer a combination of academics with recreation

Extra Credit-Students can get challenging coursework out of the way or find a program that normally would not be offered at LHS.

Community Service/Internships-Students can gain invaluable skills volunteering for organizations in line with their interests. Many organizations have teen programs already set up with coordinators who are able to mentor and give sound career advice

Experiences range in price from \$50.00 for a day workshop to \$4,500 for a world trek with sessions varying in length from a couple of days to a couple of months.

Your student's satisfaction with a summer opportunity is directly proportionate with the amount of research you both do. Here are some good questions to ask:

Who is the director? Get to know that person to find out his or her credentials and philosophy about the program.

What is the program's track record?

Who are the counselors and instructors?

Can you talk to past participants of the program to find out their level of satisfaction?

What are the program's goals?

What if discipline problems arise?

How safe is the program?

Could you arrange a tour or visit of the program?

What provisions are made for medical care and emergencies?

How do you find an internship? Many resources exist for finding internships. If there's a specific company or organization you'd like to work for, you may contact them directly or look on their website. There are several internship guidebooks in the Career Center that you can refer to or try these helpful websites:

www.internshipprograms.com

www.internabroad.com

www.idealists.org

www.volunteerinternational.org

Make sure you also check out the Career Center website for Volunteer and Employment Opportunities!