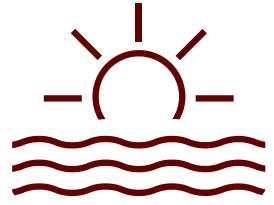


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When colleges review summer activities they aren't looking for specific experiences. They want to see that students have pursued activities that are meaningful and valuable to them. This can include but is not limited to part time jobs, summer research or internships, volunteer service, sports camps, learning new skills, etc. **It is also perfectly okay to rest, read, and spend quality time with friends and family during the summer!** Colleges desire students who are good community citizens – who contribute to their communities, have healthy mindsets, and work well with others – and these qualities can be demonstrated in several ways!

This resource is for those who are looking for suggestions on how they might spend their summer and are unsure where to start. We have included lists of possible experiences and quick tips for finding certain activities. If an activity you are interested in pursuing is not included, this does not mean the activity is not worthwhile!



INTERNSHIPS

Work Experience

- Political Campaigns
- Tech Companies
- Research Centers or Universities
- Other organizations you value (e.g., non-profits, religious organizations, zoos, museums, etc.)

Job Shadowing

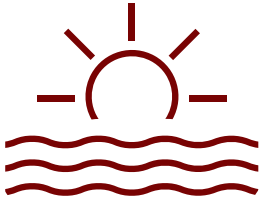
- Real Estate Agent/Apartment Property Manager
- Health Care and Hospitals
- Veterinary Services

Quick Tip: As you look for these experiences, if you don't find opportunities readily on websites, don't underestimate the power of reaching out to the company or organization through email to introduce yourself and ask if there are possibilities for internships. Even if the answer is no, they might connect you to a person or organization that has internships available!

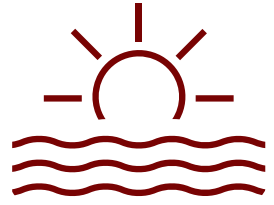


PART-TIME JOBS

- Community Centers for camp counseling or lifeguarding
- Lakeside School Camps and Programs (e.g., LEEP, Bridges)
- Grocery Stores and Food Industry including event catering
- Retail
- Construction, Landscaping, and Painting companies
- Self Employment + Entrepreneurial Pursuits
 - Lawncare
 - Childcare
 - Elder Assistance (e.g., running errands, cleaning homes, etc.)
 - Tutoring
 - Tech Services



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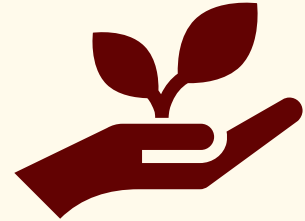


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VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to pursue volunteering over the summer, you should access the wealth of resources the Service Learning office has compiled for Lakeside Students. You might also find organizations that take volunteers by referring to old editions of *The Bull*, which sometimes lists various volunteer opportunities.



SPORTS

Individual opportunities for training and skill building

- Local sports camps
- Attending sports camps at colleges and universities
- Participating in tournaments in Seattle and away

Using athletic talents to train others

- Individualized training for younger athletes
- Coaching local teams (some places to start are Sky Hawks and Little Kickers.)

Quick Tip: If you aren't sure where to find these opportunities, try reaching out to your Lakeside coach and/or club coach to see if they know where you might look!



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Lakeside Summer School
- Participating in academic pre-college programs (e.g., humanities, STEM, research, business, art and architecture)
- Traveling nationally and abroad
- Exploring your home state
- Catching up on leisurely reading
- Learning a new skill
- **Any other activity that you value and want to pursue!**

