

How Are You Planning to Spend Your Summer?

Summer is a great time to follow passions whether it's volunteering, learning or getting a job. Use the time to relax and get ready for the fall but also do some self-discovery. Many students get a better idea of career direction by following their interests in extracurricular activities. Remember many post-secondary institutions are not only looking at grades. Many require a supplementary with your application so those extracurricular activities can prove very important in a university application.

Students enrolled in Work Experience this fall should ensure to check in with the Career Resource Centre (E102) before summer break in order to get credit for work or volunteer hours completed over the summer.

Make Money!

If you are just starting your summer job search here are some helpful hints:

- Make a list of all the people you and your family know who may need help this summer. A personal relationship is the best way to find a job or, if they don't have a job for you they might know someone who will.
- Make sure your resume is current. If you don't have a resume, come into the career resource centre and we will help you develop a resume. If you're doing this in July, go into MS Office Word and use one of their resume templates. Make sure it's suitable for a student who is entering the job market for the first time.
- If you are walking around, leaving your resume with a business **it is extremely important** that you try and talk to the manager. Otherwise, your resume is piled with others and you likely won't get a call back. Make sure you're dressed presentably, shake the manager's hand firmly and look them in the eyes. All of this is critical in making a good first impression.
- Visit your local employment centres where advisors who specialize in youth employment can assist you with all aspects of your job search. They offer workshops in; preparing resumes and cover letters, interview skills, job search techniques and finding career direction. Youth Employment Services Centre – Located at #106 - 930 1st St W, North Vancouver. Call them at 604-988-3766.
- Check the Job Board outside the Career Resource Centre at Rockridge.
- If you can't find a job, then consider creating your own job opportunity. This could involve walking pets, painting, babysitting, fixing peoples' computers, etc. Put together a flyer and deliver it to your neighbourhood to let people know of your service.
- Check out these job search engines for current openings:

Federal Government Job Bank:

http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/job_search.do (go to "More Search Options" and choose "student & youth")

Park Royal Jobs:

<http://www.shopparkroyal.com/careers>

Job Postings.ca:

<http://www.jobpostings.ca/>

My Canada Jobs:

http://www.mycanadajobs.com/loctype_6_31.html

Cool Jobs Canada:

http://www.cooljobscanada.com/job_search.aspx

Workopolis Campus Jobs:

<http://www.workopolis.com/EN/students/summer-jobs>

Vancouver Craig's List Jobs:

<http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/>

Vancouver Kijiji 's Part time student Jobs:

<http://vancouver.kijiji.ca/f-jobs-part-time-students-W0QQCatIdZ59>

Volunteer!

Round out your job skills and help build a solid resume this summer by getting involved.

- Career Resource Centre <http://mskashani.weebly.com/opportunities.html>
- North Shore Youth Volunteer Directory for information on a vast variety of opportunities <http://www.nscr.bc.ca/volunteer/youth.html>
- Get Involved <https://www.getinvolved.ca/>
- Volunteer Canada <http://volunteer.ca/>
- Charity Village <https://charityvillage.com/directories/organizations-i-z/volunteer-centres-bureaux.aspx>
- If you want to volunteer with West Vancouver Parks and Recreation you need to complete their volunteer orientation course first: <http://westvancouverrec.ca/spring-summer/youth/training-leadership>
- West Vancouver Harmony Arts Festival – July 31 – August 09 <http://harmonyarts.ca/volunteers/>
- Theatre under the Stars has lots of opportunities. Contact them before May 14th at volunteers@tuts.ca
- Presentation House in North Vancouver boxoffice@phtheatre.org
- 10,000 Villages are always looking for volunteers to work at their free trade stores. <http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/about-volunteers>
- Salvation Army volunteer opportunities <http://northshoresalvationarmy.com/volunteer-opportunities/>
- West Vancouver SPCA <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/branches/west-vancouver/volunteer/>
- Harvest Project <http://www.harvestproject.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Canadian Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.ca/en/get-involved/volunteering/ways-to-volunteer/?region=bc>
- Come into the career resource centre and ask about other opportunities. We often have opportunities from the Vancouver Aquarium and Science World
- Odium Brown VanOpen @ Hollyburn Country Club. Event is August 15-23 <http://www.vanopen.com/s-v.html>
- Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre. School Program Volunteer or Mini Camp Volunteer http://www.dnv.org/ecology/Gen_public_adults.html
- Carousel Theatre (Audience Services or Administrative Volunteers 15 yrs +) <http://www.carouseltheatre.ca/about-carousel-theatre/volunteer/>

Learn!

Here are some wonderful opportunities to explore your passions!

- **West Vancouver School District Summer Learning.** Grade 10-12 academic courses. <http://www.sd45.bc.ca/summer-learning/index.htm>
- **Theatre K Summer Youth Conservatory** offers both classes and performance opportunities. Classes at Kay Meek and West Van Secondary. They are presenting Footloose this year. <http://kaymeekcentre.com/theatrek>
- **West Vancouver Parks and Recreation** programs for youth offer a multitude of courses. <http://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/youth-centres/activities>

- **Emily Carr** – Has all kinds of amazing summer programs for youth including Book Arts Studio, Digital Comics Studio, Digital Photography Studio, Painting Studio, or the summer institute. <http://www.ecuad.ca/programs/cs>
- **Needing help with SAT/ACT exams or with US or Canadian University admissions?** Options Solutions has workshops in August to help. <http://www.optionssolutionsed.com/services>
- Select College Admissions offers workshops, classes and **tutorials for SAT/ACT and American admissions**. <http://www.scadmissions.com/workshops-2/scad/>
- **Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership at Pearson College**, Vancouver Island July12-August 1st. Open to students in grades 10-12 and earn school credits while you are there. www.psyl.ca
- **BCIT CSI Academy Summer Camp** – Hands on forensic experience for grades 10-12 <http://www.bcit.ca/cas/forensics/csiacademy.shtml>
- St. George's school in Vancouver has some amazing summer courses to offer including **Medicine 101** for 15-17 year olds and an SAT prep course. <http://www.summeratstgeorges.ca/summercamp/content.asp?area=enrichmentprograms&subarea=38>
- **Quest Summer Programs** offer some very interesting pre university courses up at Squamish for grades 10-12. <http://www.questu.ca/news-and-events/summer-program-courses>
- **Fashion Boot Camps at Vancouver Community College**, Ages 13-18. Learn fashion styling and design. <http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/courses/boot-camp---fashion-styling-teen-fash-1182/>
- **Vancouver Film School Summer Intensives**. Hands on learning of filming. Students must be 17 years old. <https://secure.vfs.com/summerintensives/>
- **Gulf Island Film and Television School** offer all kinds of wonderful one week media courses for students 13-19 years old. http://www.giftsfilms.com/courses/calendar-registration/age/?age_id=3
- **YMCA Youth Summer Work Student Exchange**, for students 16 or 17 interested in learning French while gaining important experience through paid employment: <http://my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=536>
- **Capilano University Blues Sports Camps**, grades 5-12 focusing on everything from basketball to yoga: <https://www.capilanou.ca/athletics/blues-sports-camps/>
- **North Shore Equestrian Centre** offer ½ day riding camps for ages 8-adult: <http://www.wecreateriders.com/summercamps.html>
- **Eagle Harbour Yacht Club summer sailing program**: <http://www.ehyc.org/sailing-school/>
- **West Vancouver Yacht Club summer sailing program**: <http://www.wvyc.ca/Default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=374945&ssid=290180&vnf=1>
- **Hollyburn Sailing Camps for kids**: <http://hollyburnsailingclub.ca/>
- **UBC is offering a Summer Scholar's Program** on their UBC Okanagan campus, ages 16-18: <http://www.summerscholars.ubc.ca/>
- **UBC Summer Techtrek** offers fun courses in computer science and robotics. <https://www.cs.ubc.ca/homepage-banner/techtrek-summer-camps>
- **UBC Teens only Programs, ages 15-18** everything from journalism , philosophy, performing arts, law, languages , history and culinary arts: <http://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/pre-university/for-teens.html>
- **University of Toronto Medicine and Law Youth Summer Programs** for students going into grade 10 - 12, stay on the UofT campus from 1-5 weeks and get an insight into studying law or medicine: <http://www.ysp.utoronto.ca/>
- **Oxbridge Academic Summer programs in Oxford/Cambridge/Barcelona/Paris or New York**, for ages 14-18. Spend a month studying with scholars at some of the world's most acclaimed educational institutions: <http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com/>
- **MEI International Academy for grade 11 and 12**, travel for 30 or 40 days to Europe, Africa or Asia and learn: <http://www.meiacademy.com/courses/summer-overview.php>

- **IWE Study Tour**, visit either the UK or the USA's most prestigious universities as well as doing some general touring with an experienced guide. 8 day tours go in August : www.iwestudy.com
- **College Visits**, tour colleges in the US and Canada: <http://www.college-visits.com/>