

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 check in with the Rockridge [Career Resource Centre](#) (E102) staff before the 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 (E102) and we will help you develop a [resume](#).
- 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. Dress presentably, shake the manager's hand firmly and look them in the eyes. All of this is critical in making a good first impression.
- Check all social media accounts to make sure the information available publicly is appropriate.
- 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, job search techniques and finding career direction. One Stop Career Shop, ([YMCA WorkBC Employment Services Centre](#)) – Located at #109 - 980 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 this article in **MacLean's Magazine** for some job search tips
<http://www.macleans.ca/work/jobs/10-summer-job-search-tips-for-students/>
- Look at these job search engines for current openings:

Federal Government Job Bank:

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home-eng.do?lang=eng> (search jobs for students)

Park Royal Jobs:

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

Job Postings.ca:

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

Cool Jobs Canada:

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

Workopolis Campus Jobs:

<https://www.workopolis.com/jobsearch/all-student-jobs>

Wow Jobs:

<http://www.wowjobs.ca/start.aspx>

Canada Indeed:

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

Vancouver Craig's List Jobs:

<https://vancouver.craigslist.org/d/jobs/search/nvn/iji>

Vancouver Kijiji 's Part time student Jobs:

<http://www.kijiji.ca/b-jobs/vancouver/west-vancouver/k0c451700287>

Volunteer!

Round out your job skills and help build a solid resume this summer by getting involved. Come into the Rockridge Career Resource Centre and ask about volunteer opportunities. Also search the list below for something that interests you:

- **North Shore Youth Volunteer Directory** for information on a vast variety of opportunities:
http://www.nscr.bc.ca/pdf/2019_Youth_Directory.pdf
- **Volunteer Canada:** <http://volunteer.ca/>
- **Charity Village:** <https://charityvillage.com/app/>
- 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** , August 02 – 11: <https://www.harmonyarts.ca/info/volunteer>
- **Vancouver Aquarium:** <https://www.vanaqua.org/join/hands-on/volunteer>
- **Theatre under the Stars:** <https://tuts.ca/programs-and-rentals/volunteer/>
- **Presentation House** in North Vancouver: <http://www.phtheatre.org/support-pht/volunteer/>
- **10,000 Villages** are always looking for volunteers to work at their free trade stores:
<http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/about-volunteers>
- **Salvation Army:** <http://northshoresalvationarmy.com/volunteer-opportunities/>
- **West Vancouver SPCA:** <https://spca.bc.ca/ways-to-help/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>
- **Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre:** http://www.lynncanyonecologycentre.ca/Gen_public_teens.html#volunteer
- **Carousel Theatre:** (Audience Services or Administrative Volunteers 15 yrs +)
<http://www.carouseltheatre.ca/about-carousel-theatre/volunteer/>
- **Capilano University summer camp leaders:** <https://csee.capilanou.ca/continuing-studies/camp-volunteers-needed/>
- **Grouse Mountain** for volunteer and paid positions : <https://www.grousemountain.com/careers>

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>
- **North Vancouver District Summer Learning:** <https://www.sd44.ca/school/summer/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Vancouver School Board Summer Learning:** <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Theatre K Summer Youth Conservatory** offers both classes and performance opportunities. Classes at Kay Meek and West Van Secondary: <https://kaymeek.com/jr-registration-2019>
- **West Vancouver Parks and Recreation** programs for youth offer a multitude of courses: <http://westvancouver.ca/parks-recreation/youth-centres/activities>
- **SHAD summer program**, grade 10-12 students spend a month studying at a Canadian University: <https://www.shad.ca/>
- **US College and University summer programs:** <https://www.bestcollegereviews.org/features/pre-college-summer-science-programs-high-school-students/>
- **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/academics/individual-courses-and-workshops>
- **UBC Continuing Education** has some great writing courses for ages 15-18: <https://extendedlearning.ubc.ca/study-topic/pre-university-experience-high-school-students>
- **Needing help with SAT/ACT exams or with US or Canadian University admissions?** Options Solutions has workshops in August to help: <http://www.optionsolutionsed.com/services>
- **Select College Admissions** offers workshops, classes and **tutorials for SAT/ACT and American admissions:** <http://www.scadmissions.com/>
- **Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership at Pearson College**, Vancouver Island July 15-August 4th. Open to students in grades 10-12 and earn school credits while you are there: www.psy1.ca
- **BCIT CSI Academy Summer Camp** – Hands on forensic experience for grades 10-12: <https://www.bcit.ca/cas/forensics/fieldschool.shtml>
- **BCIT Broadcasting and Media Summer Camp:** <https://www.bcit.ca/business/camps/>
- **Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in California**, Ages 15-18: <http://fidm.edu/en/calendar/summer+programs/signature+summer+program/>
- **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 Digital Media**, grades 5-12: <https://csee.capilanou.ca/continuing-studies/capu-digital-media-academy/>
- **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 Summer Techtrek** offers fun courses in computer science and robotics.
<https://www.cs.ubc.ca/homepage-banner/techtrek-summer-camps>
- **University of Toronto Medicine and Law Youth Summer Programs** for students going into grade 10 - 12, 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/2017-all-mei-summer-study-abroad-programs/>
- **Blyth Summer Programs for grade 9-12**: <https://blythsummers.ca/>