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# Summer Ideas & Opportunities

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Use your summer to explore an interest or go deeper with a passion. Consider these possibilities:

**WORK:** Paid, volunteer, or internship

**STUDY:** Go deeper in an area of interest, make time for an additional class next year, or remediate a poor grade

**CREATE:** Build your portfolio, or your own business or non-profit. Start a band or take a class.

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## March Events

Virtual College Fair  
[Click here](#) to register

### Women's History Month

Women's colleges can be a GREAT option! [Click here](#) for a list of schools to explore.

## WHEN SHOULD I START MAKING SUMMER PLANS?

### Now!

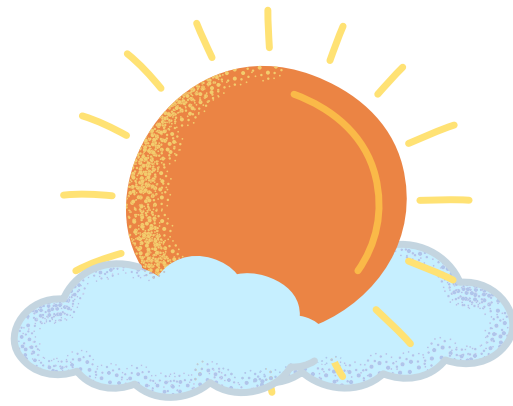
March and early April are the time to research your ideas & apply to jobs, classes & programs. This is especially true of internships and paid jobs in skilled areas.

## 9 POSSIBLE SUMMER JOBS DURING COVID:

- **Lifeguarding:** Spring break is a great time to get certified
- **Food delivery:** May require a car or bicycle
- **Child care:** This can be well paid and give you great experience
- **Peer tutor:** If you excel in a subject especially math or a foreign language
- **Camp Counselor:** virtual or in person
- **Food Service:** seasonal hires are still needed for to-go diners
- **Grocery stores:** clerks & more: business is booming
- **Golf Caddies:** Golf has picked up and some courses are hiring
- **Pet / House care:** walk your neighbor's dog or take care of homes

### Network!

Reach out to family, neighbors, coaches, clergy: do they need an intern or volunteer? Do they know of a paying job?



## 10 VOLUNTEER OR COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

- Opportunities with your faith community
- Tutoring through local non profit or with local school
- Food bank and food distribution centers
- SPCA centers often need volunteers
- Donation gathering for homeless shelters (clothes, toiletries)
- Refugee assistance with local agencies: practice English
- Public Libraries need volunteers
- Hospital volunteers (this may be more available in the future)
- Nature preserves (local, state and regional)
- Conservation efforts (recycling, clean up)

# KEEP LEARNING!

Take advantage of free time to choose what you learn! With so many educational courses out there you can dive into topics you love or explore something completely new.

## Free or Low Cost

Community College class

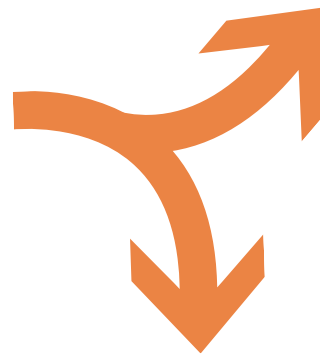
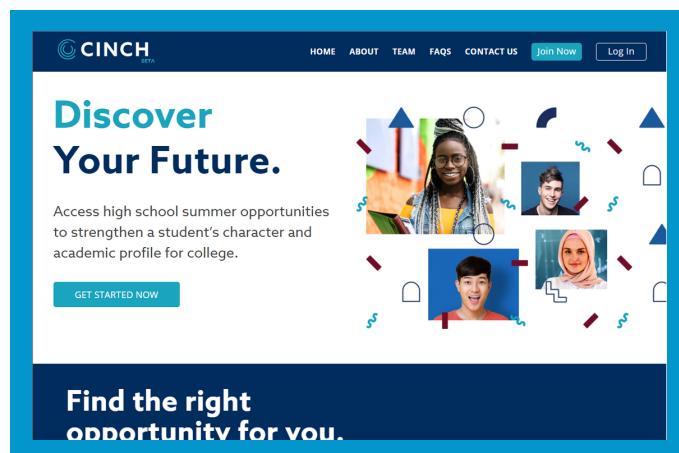
- Explore an area that may not be offered in high school

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)

- Expand knowledge base in area of your choosing: STEM & much more

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## Varied Costs

Summer Programs at Universities

Click [HERE](#) to explore:

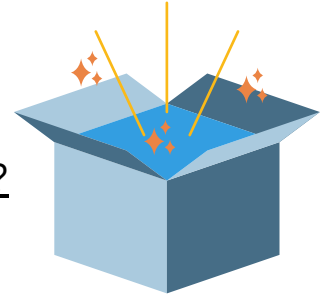
- General Academic/STEM
- Foreign Language
- Musical Theater / Drama
- Journalism / Media
- PT / OT / Kinesiology

Try this cool search engine!



## Think outside the box

What can you create and control on your own?



**Learn a new skill:** find a mentor to assist if possible be it in construction, motorcycle maintenance, stock trading, pastry making, fashion, movie making, cooking, a sport, any art or science



**Turn your hobby / skill into a business:** jewelry, ceramics, music, swim lessons

**Keep a record of progress and goals:** Document what you learn, challenges faced, how you overcame them, how it expanded your world. This can be done in a journal, through photos, instagram, FB, Tik Tok.



**Let people know:** Share your new skill, knowledge, prowess either in person or virtually. Sell products on Etsy or FB Marketplace

# SUMMER VACATION!

## Sampling of schools near your favorite vacation spots

### Southern California

UCLA / UC Riverside  
Chapman  
University of San Diego  
San Diego State University  
CalTech  
Whittier

### Beaches

Gulf Coast: Eckerd, Tulane  
Atlantic: Connecticut College,  
College of Charleston  
Pacific: UC Santa Cruz,  
UC Santa Barbara, Pepperdine  
Lakes: Cornell, U of Chicago

### National Parks

Yosemite - UC Merced  
Acadia - Bates, College of the  
Atlantic  
Rocky Mtn - U Colorado-Denver  
Olympic - Seattle U, UW  
Shenandoah - U of Virginia

### Big Cities

New York: Columbia, NYU  
Philadelphia: U Penn, Temple, Drexel  
San Francisco: USF, UC Berkeley  
Chicago: Northwestern, DePaul,  
Columbia College

## WHILE ON CAMPUS

Get / Download a map: Use this to guide yourself around the campus and check out facilities: theater, athletic center, student union, career center

Location/Campus setting: Would you be happy in this setting? Are you comfortable with the location be it close or far from home? What is public transportation like?

Campus newspaper or radio: pick up a copy or tune in to find out about campus happenings.

Bulletin boards: Check out flyers announcing upcoming events.

Talk to people: Don't be shy about asking students you meet about why they came to the school and what they do or don't like about it



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