

# Summer Planning Resources

## How to Use This Guide

Contact Mrs. Terni at any time to go through this together or research additional opportunities not listed. [ktetni@hvrhs.org](mailto:ktetni@hvrhs.org) or Google Chat or stop by the CCRC.

- Take time to read and/or scan this guide.
- Information will be most up-to-date on the links of the pages offering the program/job/camp/etc.
- If information is for the previous year, bookmark/star/favorite the page to come back and check
- Types of opportunities and resources listed include
  - **job ad websites**
  - **resume resources**
  - **local programs to our area**
  - **pre-college programs**
  - **travel programs**
  - **programs intended for rural students**
  - **programs intended for underrepresented students**
  - **art programs**
  - **STEM programs**
  - **programs for student who learn differently**
  - **Military programs**
  - **environmental jobs**, etc.
- Use this only as a starting point as this is just a small sample of what is out there.
- These are not HVRHS programs and we do not have first hand knowledge of all of them.
- Review all relevant information for the program(s) you are interested in doing.
- Research and ask any questions needed as you will be responsible for any deadlines and materials required to participate.
- Check for online or in-person offerings
- If you do not see something you're looking for, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Terni!
- New programs can be added, so check back often.

If you want to work in a certain job or at a certain place, don't hesitate to reach out to that store/restaurant/person/business to introduce yourself and ask if they have any openings. If they say no, they may think of you later on when they have an opportunity. If they say yes, you have the chance to start exploring your interests, and make some money if it's a paid job. It can be hard to put yourself out there, and hopefully this guide will help!

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### Summer Camps site from Connecticut

Check out the [CT Kids Summer Programs website](#). It includes filters by age and location and is a great starting point to see what's out there. Follow up with specific sites for questions. There's another site from [MyConnecticutKids.com](http://MyConnecticutKids.com) as well.

### TeenLife Program Directory

TeenLife provides a directory of STEM, gap year, pre-college, overnight summer and community service programs for students in grades 7-12. Their print and online content helps teens, parents, and educators make strong enrichment-program decisions. If you start on [TeenLife's home page](#), you can use the search bar or the menu option "Find Opportunities" to learn more. As always, look into any program and company you find before applying.

### Paying for summer programs

Note that many programs have registration and participation fees. Some individually offer scholarship or financial assistance, but many do not. You may also apply to the [21st Century Fund for HVRHS](#) or [Berkshire Taconic Community Fund](#) based on your program. There are also some free search sites like Scholarships.com and FastWeb.com to use once you create a basic account.

### The Kids of Summer Scholarships

Called "Camperships" the goal of this foundation is to help students attend camp. For 2024, partnering camps included 18 summer camps from around the region. See [The Kids of Summer](#) site for more information and stay tuned for 2025 info.

### Coalition for College List of Affordable Pre-College Programs

Expanding college access to communities that have been historically under-represented in higher education is a shared goal among Coalition schools. Many of our members provide [pre-college summer opportunities](#) with financial aid available.

### College Greenlight's List of Affordable Pre-College Summer Programs

This [list of affordable pre-college summer programs](#) is a great place for you to start your search. Visit the websites below to find more information about course options, program eligibility, start and end dates, program costs, financial aid criteria, required materials, housing, additional activities, and more. They also have an [article](#) about their list of free and low-cost programs.

## Job Resources

### CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection seasonal opportunities

The [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) offers seasonal employment opportunities at various locations throughout the State of Connecticut. The majority of these positions are located within the State Parks Division at various state parks and forests ([types of seasonal positions](#)).

### HVRHS Student Job Board

Local businesses and residents advertise opportunities through the College and Career Resource Center. Opportunities will be emailed out and posted on the bulletin board outside the CCRC during the school year. Electronic Jobs Board runs when there are enough postings. See [information on Working Papers](#) as needed.

### Online sites

- [Indeed](#) (enter the location and/or keyword and click "Find Jobs")
- [Job Hub - Discover Litchfield Hills](#)
- [CT Hires](#) (18 and older only)
- [1Berkshire Jobs](#) (located in Berkshire County, MA)

### Region 1 town websites for news/jobs/recreation opportunities/etc.

[Canaan \(Falls Village\)](#), [Cornwall](#), [Kent](#), [North Canaan](#), [Salisbury](#), [Sharon](#)

### Shopper's Guide ads for jobs and more

Serving the Hudson Valley, NWCT, and the Berkshires, the [Shopper's Guide online](#) is a great resource for local jobs, programs, entertainment, events, etc. Click on "Read the Shopper's Guide Online" and look for the Help Wanted section.

**Tricorner News job ads**

Check out this online source for local jobs in the [classified HELP WANTED section of TriCorner News](#).

**Writing a resume**

Take some time to add your activities to [Xello's Resume Builder](#) (this should bring you to SSO) or [view a resume template](#) and advice to start or edit yours! Google Docs also has easily editable resume templates. If you're going into 12th grade or 11th grade, it's a great time to set aside some time to research a list of colleges, schools, training programs or jobs that interest you.

## Local(ish) Summer Programs

**American Legion CT State Police Youth Week**

The American Legion Department of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Police, announce their joint sponsorship of the Annual State Police Youth Week. The program, a law enforcement practicum for high school students completing their JUNIOR YEAR at an accredited high school in the state of Connecticut, will be held at the State Police Training Academy in Meriden, CT. The most up-to-date info will be posted on the [Forms and Document section of their website](#).

**Bard College at Simon's Rock - Young Writers Workshop**

The [Young Writers Workshop](#) is a three-week creative writing program for students currently completing grades 9, 10 and 11. Unlike more traditional workshops in creative writing, the Young Writers Workshop focuses on using informal, playful, and expressive writing as a way to strengthen skills of language and thinking. Out of these informal writing activities, using techniques of peer response, students develop more polished pieces, ranging from personal narratives to short stories, poems, brief dramatic works, and experiments in creative nonfiction.

**Bard College at Simon's Rock - [Curiosity Camp](#) (campus closing June 2025)**

Two week exploration of college living and learning designed for students currently completing grades 9, 10 and 11. Curiosity Camp at Simon's Rock is open to inquisitive and motivated students interested in exploring their academic and creative interests in a college environment while they are currently completing grades 9, 10 or 11. Students will participate daily in Simon's Rock's signature Writing and Thinking Workshop along with a Seminar, and arts and science courses to experience diverse and exciting academic offerings. The program's cohort of 30 students allows for small class sizes where students and professors can collaborate and engage in dynamic discourse in this academic summer camp.

**Buck's Rock Performing Arts Camp**

[Buck's Rock Camp](#) is a freedom-of-choice creative and performing arts camp for teenagers ages 10 to 17. Every summer at Buck's Rock is completely different. The campers who join us each year make the summer their own adventure, and the camp constantly evolves and changes to meet the needs of that year's campers.

**CT Boys/Girls State Summer Program**

Connecticut American Legion Boys State and Girls State will be held at the University of New Haven, in June 2024. Visit the [Connecticut Boys State website](#) and [Connecticut American Legion Auxiliary Girls State](#) to learn more.

**Camp Sloane Teen-Leadership Programs**

Visit [the website](#) to see opportunities and dates.

**Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)** lated hosted the [National Summer Transportation Institute](#) (NSTI) Program for high school participants in Connecticut in 2023. It does not appear to be a yearly program, but any up -to-date information will be posted here and send to students via email. It is typically a non-residential program for two consecutive weeks to create awareness and stimulate interest in higher education and careers in the transportation industry.

**Flying Cloud Institute**

The mission of Flying Cloud Institute is to inspire young people and educators through dynamic science and art experiences that ignite creativity. See their [summer programs](#).

**Hotchkiss School Summer Portals**

[Hotchkiss Summer Portals](#) offers middle and high-school age students the opportunity to hone a talent or try something new while experiencing the unique learning community that is Hotchkiss. In each two-week session, our dedicated faculty members share their expertise and passion with students from all over the world.

**Loomis Chaffee Summer Programs**

For students going into grades 7-10, check out their [summer programs](#) offering in-person and online options.

**Music Mountain Concert Series Usher**

In the past has advertised an usher position for Sunday concerts for the [Music Mountain Summer Festival](#).

**Sharon Playhouse Youth Stage**

Summer Programs and Workshops for ages 5 to 18! Check out the [Sharon Playhouse Education website](#) for the current year's dates, costs, and registration information.

**Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center**

Silver Lake is a place where young people experience nature, make new friends, and explore their faith. With more than 60 acres of wooded land on lakeside shores, Silver Lake offers [many opportunities](#) for young people to take risks and try new things with the support of an intentional Christian community.

**Wassaic Project, Amenia, NY**

Every summer, we host a [series of day camps](#) for local students. All of our camps take inspiration from the art in Maxon Mills, the Wassaic outdoors, and campers' imaginations.

We have a no-questions-asked scholarship policy to ensure our education programming is accessible to everyone who wants to participate. If the cost of camp presents a significant financial barrier, please reach out to [jill@wassaicproject.org](mailto:jill@wassaicproject.org) for a partial or full scholarship.

# Pre-college Programs

## General

**Summer Study in the USA**

Visit the [Summer Study in the USA website](#) to search summer pre-college programs.

**Summer Discovery Programs for High School and Middle School students**

Use [Summer Discovery's Program](#) to search for summer programs at places like UCLA, U Michigan, Georgetown, UPenn, Warton, and more; or by subject areas like Leadership, STEM, Theater, Culinary Arts, etc.

**[Assumption Pre-College Program](#) Worcester, MA**

Each summer, high school students from across New England and around the country join Assumption University professors for a competitive pre-college program that introduces rising high school seniors to undergraduate studies in the liberal arts. Participating students gain firsthand experience of studying the humanities in a college setting. Our Pre-College Program gives high school students the opportunity to study

great works of philosophy, literature, art, political science, and theology with nationally known faculty as they simultaneously meet new friends and experience what collegiate academic life is like.

**[Barnard College Pre-college Program](#) New York, NY**

Experience Summer in New York City at Barnard. With distinct programs to choose from, ranging from entrepreneurship to STEM, you have the unique opportunity to explore an area of interest on a deeper level through both in-class discussions and city exploration. As part of the learning experience at Barnard, you will get a taste of both college life and the city that never sleeps!

**[Boston University Pre-college program](#) Boston, MA**

Illuminate your future this summer at Boston University. BU's long-running Summer Term pre-college offerings include a choice of one-, two-, three-, and six-week programs, where you can participate remotely from anywhere in the world. Our programs for high school students prepare you for success in college. With five exciting and challenging pre-college summer programs to choose from, you can earn college credit, discover a new subject area, perform cutting-edge research in University labs, or immerse yourself in project-based learning. Summer is a great time to push yourself academically while experiencing college life in this new normal, making new friends, and engaging in remote social activities. We invite you to join other motivated teens from 50 states and 87 countries in our summer programs for high school students - a great introduction to college life and academics.

**[Carleton Liberal Arts Experience](#) Northfield, MN**

The [Carleton Liberal Arts Experience \(CLAE\)](#) is a free, in-person, week-long summer academic program for high school students. CLAE supports 52 high school students who have just completed their sophomore year. CLAE Scholars experience the benefits of a liberal arts college education through classes in science, art, social studies, and technology. Students from across the country are invited to apply for this academic program. CLAE is intended for students who identify as Black or African American, or who have an interest in African American culture. Throughout the week, scholars will focus on African American community and identity through the framework of a liberal arts education.

**[Carnegie Mellon Pre-college program](#) Pittsburgh, PA**

Online Academic Information: In Pre-College Summer Session, high-school students enroll in CMU college courses, earning college credit and receiving a Carnegie Mellon transcript. Courses are from subjects across the entire university, including in science, humanities, social science, engineering, computer science, and technology applied to the arts. The courses are the same ones taken during the fall and spring by Carnegie Mellon students, usually in their first year or as sophomores. Pre-College Summer Session students enroll in one or two courses, which typically also enroll undergraduate students. The program is therefore appropriate for students who will be returning to high school, yet who are ready to take the challenge of fast-paced summer college courses within a supportive and welcoming environment.

**[Clarkson University, The Clarkson School Young Scholars Program](#), Potsdam, NY**

This program is for motivated and talented students who will be high school sophomores, juniors, seniors, and first-year college students, including The Clarkson School students. In general, [The Young Scholars Program](#) provides a unique summer experience for students. Consistent with Clarkson's overall focus on interdisciplinary education, students are given a problem to examine and solve from three different perspectives. This year's project is "Designing a Sustainable and Scalable Portfolio for Financial Wellness".

**[Emerging Rural Leaders Program at University of Chicago](#), Chicago, IL**

A lower-cost program for students in [9th](#), [10th](#), or [11th](#) grades. Through readings, lectures, discussion, and hands-on activities, students will learn about developing leadership skills and about the process for highly selective universities with the guidance of UChicago admissions counselors. Students will also be exposed to the kinds of opportunities available in a large urban center for academic work and professional development (as well as just for fun!) through activities that showcase the city of Chicago. The program will be hosted on-campus,

and program participants must reside in campus housing for the duration of the program. Financial aid is available.

### **EXPLO Summer Programs, Wellesley, MA**

[EXPLO](#) is a non-profit organization offering personalized academic enrichment programs where smart, curious students in grades 7, 8, and 9 step outside of their comfort zones, grasp the power of their potential, and embrace their ability to shape the future. Overnight and day options are offered.

### **[Landmark College](#), Putney, VT**

Landmark College offers summer programs to assist a wide range of students with learning differences, including high school students, graduating high school seniors, and students enrolled at colleges around the country. All of the programs are designed to enable students to identify their learning strengths and differences. Students learn specific strategies to be successful in formal academic settings and grow personally and academically in an intentional and supportive academic community. The instructors consist of current Landmark College faculty as well as teachers from the surrounding area who are experienced in working with students who learn differently.

### **[Smith Pre-college programs](#), Northampton, MA**

Designed by Smith's professors and staff, precollege programs offer an inspiring learning experience, and you can request a recommendation from Smith faculty to use in your college applications. A hands-on, collaborative environment lets you directly engage with world-class scholars who help you pursue your passions and develop new skills. Enjoy learning without the pressure of grades or competition. Outside the classroom (whether it be remote or on campus), enjoy Smith's social offerings in the evenings and on weekends. Remote learners will have multiple options every week to take part in creative, health and wellness, and social online activities. On-campus students will live in a house just a few steps from downtown Northampton and will have the same opportunities in person.

### **University of California - Santa Barbara Summer Programs for High School Students**

High school students in the ninth through eleventh grades can apply now for UC Santa Barbara's [Research Mentorship Program \(RMP\)](#) or the [Summer Research Academies \(SRA\)](#). These summer programs provide students with a unique opportunity to gain university-level research experience and earn college credit.

### **UConn Pre-College Summer Programs, Storrs, CT**

Visit UConn's [Pre-College Summer Programs page](#) to explore course offerings in areas like Biomedical Engineering, Video Game Design, Marine Biology, pre-Vet, the Entrepreneurial Journey and more. Dates, costs and registration information all online, and you can sign up for the mailing list to be notified of important updates.

### **University of Massachusetts - Amherst Pre-College Summer Programs, Amherst, MA**

[Residential pre-college programs at UMass](#) combine all the major elements of college, including great academics, living in a residence hall, and eating in our award-winning dining commons. Of course, it takes a little help to adjust to life on a college campus, so we have great live-in program assistants who are specially trained to help you get used to a new environment. We have lots of great events in the evenings and on weekends that help you connect with other pre-college students.

### **University of New Haven Summer Academies, West Haven, CT**

The [University of New Haven](#) invites youth to participate in innovative and individualized summer programs. Students have the chance to immerse themselves in the worlds of communications, engineering, health sciences, and more. With a number of innovative and hands-on options being offered, students will spend a week immersed with faculty, industry professionals and other students. Some programs also offer the opportunity to gain three college credits!

### **[USC Summer Programs](#), Los Angeles, CA**

The application for the University of Southern California Summer Programs 2025 is now open. Programs include

a range of topics from business and engineering to acting and creative writing. Check out programs, dates, and application information online if interested.

## College Application

### **College Horizons for Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian 10th and 11th graders**

A college application workshop for Indigenous students during the Summer 2025 at Yale University (CT) and the Northwestern University (IL). Check out the [College Horizons website](#) for eligibility requirements and application which is **due January 29, 2024**.

(many pre-college programs also do a college application workshop week)

## ARTS

### **Denison University: Summer Tutti, Granville, OH**

Summer [TUTTI Performing Arts Camp](#) at Denison University offers talented high school dancers, musicians, and theatre-makers a chance to deepen their skills while collaborating with professional artists and ensembles and peers from across the country.

### **[Maine College of Art & Design Pre-College Program](#), Portland, ME**

Our Pre-College program is a three-week experience designed to help you discover what life would be like for you as an undergraduate student at Maine College of Art & Design. During Pre-College, you develop your admissions portfolio, develop language for artistic critiques, earn college credits, make friends with peers from around the country, and work alongside fantastic professional artists and designers! Based in the beautiful, walkable city of Portland, Maine, you will be immersed in the arts and culture of the area while being just minutes from the state's beaches and hikes.

### **[Maine Media Academy](#), Rockport, ME**

Our pre-college workshops for high school students are often described by participants as Best. Summer. Ever. Young Artists (who call themselves YO's) are surrounded by friends who share their passion, and are guided by professional instructors who connect them to their creative spark. Our Young Artists learn useful media skills, develop confidence, and find their unique artistic voice. Workshops are offered in: Photography, or Film.

### **[MIAD - Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design pre-college program](#), Milwaukee, WI**

MIAD's Pre-College Program is a series of [weekend](#) and [summer classes](#) devoted to developing high school students' artistic skills and preparing them for an art and design college. Classes are available for high school freshman through senior year.

### **[Pratt Pre-college Program](#)**

PreCollege programs support future artists, designers, and creative thinkers to develop their skills and creative voice. High school students engage in rigorous college-level courses, modeled after Pratt Institute's undergraduate offerings, and taught by Pratt faculty who are committed to sharing their expertise in the fields of art and design. Students enrolled in credit-bearing PreCollege classes receive elective credits accepted at Pratt and most other colleges and universities. PreCollege students have the opportunity to: Experience studying art, design, architecture, or creative writing at a college level. Build skills using a variety of tools, materials, and techniques. Develop a body of work to build a college admissions portfolio. Join a community of students who share your interests. Explore undergraduate majors and get a preview of the college experience at Pratt.

### **[RISD Pre-College Program](#), Providence, RI**

Rhode Island School of Design offers pre-college programs in the summer as well as a year-round online program. Take a look at the RISD pre-college website to search for programs and application instructions.

### [Ringling College of Art and Design Pre College, Sarasota, FL](#)

PreCollege offers an intensive four-week summer program that teaches you the fundamentals of art and design, gives you a taste of college-level work, and lets you explore the majors you choose. You'll receive hands-on instruction every day from world-class teachers as well as studio time, so you can develop as an artist and strengthen your portfolio for college admissions and scholarships. You'll earn college credit and meet like-minded artists from all over the world.

### [Skidmore Pre College Programs, Saratoga Springs, NY](#)

Programs in Liberal and Studio Arts, Dance, Writing, Jazz, Theater. There are too many courses to list here to check out the website!

## STEM

### **CACHET resource for STEM Summer Programs**

Check out their [list of summer STEM program by institution](#). CACHET is a national coalition of colleges and universities committed to promoting opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

### [Columbia Engineering SHAPE Summer Program, New York, NY](#)

Columbia Engineering Summer High School Academic Program for Engineers (SHAPE) is a selective summer high school program for rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors as well as recent high school graduates. SHAPE is geared toward students with a curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

### **Girls Who Code virtual summer programs**

Girls and non-binary 9th-12th graders. Sign up to receive information when the application opens:

<https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program>

### **Lebanon Valley College Actuarial Science Program, Annville, PA**

Our [Actuarial Science Summer Camps](#) are week-long intensive programs for rising high school seniors designed to help them decide if they're interested in actuarial careers. LVC has had a successful Actuarial Science Program for more than 50 years, and we've run this summer camp for more than three decades. Leveraging industry connections and alumni suggestions, we've forged an authentic experience that features interaction with actuaries and an introduction to relevant software and content.

### **MIT advertised programs**

**Free summer programs for various grades:** This MIT website conveniently lists many **\*\*highly competitive\*\*** summer programs at many locations: <https://mitadmissions.org/apply/prepare/summer/> If you are interested in STEM, read through this information and decide if you should apply!

### [PREFACE Program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY](#)

PREFACE is a summer program for talented students who have been historically under-represented in science, engineering, and the technological fields, and who express a strong, early interest in pursuing careers in these areas. This is for students who will be entering the 11th or 12th grade in the fall. Interested candidates should review the information on the PREFACE website and complete the online application when open.

### [Stevens Pre-college summer program, Hoboken, NJ](#)

You may not know exactly what you want to do yet, but you know whatever it is, it's going to be big. When you enroll in a pre-college program at Stevens, you can explore your ideas and interests in a pressure-free, inspiring academic environment that welcomes big thinkers. What distinguishes our pre-college programs from others is that you get to create something from start to finish: a business plan, a video game, an investment portfolio, a short animation. Yes, you'll leave with a stronger college application, you'll try out a potential major, get a taste of



what campus life is really like and make some new friends. But: designing your own portfolio project with cutting-edge technology in state-of-the-art facilities while studying alongside our exceptional and talented faculty while exploring New York City? Only at Stevens!

### **[WPI Summer Programs, Worcester, MA](#)**

For 9-12th grade in person and virtual. STEM, research and tech.

### **Veritas AI**

[Veritas AI](#) is a virtual AI program for high school students, founded and run by Harvard graduate students. In the program, students learn the fundamentals of AI, interact with world-class AI practitioners, and build a personalized project that they can use for college applications and beyond. No coding skills are required and the program has levels for advanced students. Holds different sessions year-round.

## Writing

### **[Fir Acres Writing Workshop at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR](#)**

Two weeks to write and join a community of writers on the beautiful, wooded campus of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. In daily Workshops, participants study great writing and produce their own under the guidance of dynamic, thoughtful, published faculty. At night, participants gather to socialize, meet and hear from distinguished visiting writers, and work on their own poetry, fiction, and creative prose.

### **[Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison University, Granville, OH](#)**

Every summer for more than two decades, talented high school juniors and seniors to-be have been welcomed to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for the acclaimed [Reynolds Young Writers Workshop](#). The workshop is an eight-day residential program that incorporates small creative writing workshops, group sessions with Denison creative writing faculty and notable visiting writers, and much more. Financial assistance is available to families who qualify, and information about the program is online.

## Research

### **Lumiere Education**

Founded by Harvard & Oxford researchers, the Lumiere Research Scholar Program is a mentored research program for talented students. In the program, students work 1-1 with a researcher from a top university to produce an independent research project. Visit the [Lumiere website](#) for more information.

## Travel and Gap Year Programs

### **Alzar**

[Alzar Gap](#) - Three gap programs for high school graduates ages 18-22 in Idaho, USA, Patagonia, Chile, or both!

[Alzar School](#) - High school semester away for 10th and 11th graders

### **American Field Service**

[AFS Summer programs](#). If you are interested in any of the programs, please contact HVRHS AFS Advisor, Jessie Bate, at [jbate@hvrhs.org](mailto:jbate@hvrhs.org). There are several scholarships available to support these experiences.

### **AmeriCorp Service opportunities**

Find opportunities from summer to 8-12 month time commitments through [AmeriCorp State and National](#), [AmeriCorp VISTA](#), [AmeriCorp NCCC](#).

### **City Year**

If considering a gap year after graduation, [City Year](#) could be an option to consider. Part of AmeriCorp and working with students in diverse school settings. Applications considered on a rolling basis, and you can even applying using the common Application if you've already got an account.

### **Gap Year Association**

Lists [programs that adhere to the Gap Year Association accreditation standards](#), which is recognized by the US Department of Justice and US Federal Trade Commission. You can also find a list of all programs affiliated with GYA.

### **[IFYE USA International Exchange](#)** (19 years old and up)

The IFYE foreign exchange program is for individuals 19 and older and may last two, three, or six months. As a participant in the program, you'll live and work as part of the family. You'll also move to a new family every three to five weeks, so you're able to gain a broader perspective about life in your host country.

### **[Inspiring Girls Expeditions](#)**

We offer tuition-free field expeditions and virtual programs for high school girls\* to empower them to lead and succeed through science, art, and outdoor exploration. Applicants must be 16-18 years old on June 1 of the expedition year, and currently enrolled in high school (including graduating in the spring before expeditions start). \*We welcome cis girls and trans girls, as well as non-binary and gender non-conforming youth to our programs.

### **[NOLS Wilderness School](#)**

Find adventure and perspective. Develop lifelong leadership skills as you dive into our time-tested curriculum. Build courage and competence under the guidance of the best instructors in the industry. A NOLS course is an immersive expedition where you will spend time exploring remote, wild places with a tight-knit community of students and instructors. No experience is required, but by the end you'll have the skills and experiences to be a leader. On the expedition page filter by date to find summer options.

### **[Oxbridge Academic Programs](#)**

Oxbridge delivers a learning experience like no other. We now offer over 150 course options in five cities: Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Barcelona and New York. Our programs range from one week to four weeks and cater to students in grades 8 through 12.

### **[Putney Student Travel](#)**

Based out of barn in Putney, VT, this family owned travel business offers many programs for travel in the summer as well as pre-college programs at select US schools and abroad. Putney's website boasts their "programs instill confidence, maturity, and passion for cultures and ideas that are new to students—benefits that extend far beyond summer. These experiences often serve as springboards for students to develop lifelong interests."

### **[Where There Be Dragons Summer Travel Programs](#)**

Ages 15-22. Whether you are a seasoned traveler or this is your first adventure away from home, Dragons offers a meaningful way to travel with intention. Experience what it's like to live somewhere else, if only for a few weeks, through one of the immersive summer travel programs. Explore trips in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and more.

# Military Programs

## **[Norwich University Future Leaders Camp](#), Northfield, VT**

FLC is a two-week, military-style, summertime adventure experience that builds understanding of small-group leadership techniques, leadership ethics, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. Participants will encounter challenge, excitement, and fun. Activities include rappelling, paintball, first-aid, classroom instruction, a challenge course, and more. Teams are led by current Norwich University students and professional leaders to ensure expert instruction and a life-changing experience.

## **[U.S. Coast Guard Academy AIM \(Academy Introduction Mission\)](#) New London, CT**

The Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program where you'll immerse yourself in Academy life. Exclusively for students entering their senior year of high school, AIM is regarded as the most realistic of the service academy summer orientation programs. AIM will test and inspire you. It will push you to your limits. You'll rise early. You'll study. You'll compete. For six non-stop days, you'll test your mind, body and spirit in every way. Intense and rewarding, AIM will help you to discover whether the Academy experience is truly what you want from college, and whether you have what it takes to succeed.

## **United States Military Academy at West Point, West Point, NY**

Juniors can [Apply to our Summer Leaders Experience](#) by between Feb 15 and April 15 of junior year to take a behind the scenes look at West Point and see how we develop leaders of character. There is no fee to apply, and generous need-based scholarships are available. Standardized test scores are not required, but the ideal applicant has a strong academic background and participates in team sports and other extracurricular activities. Note: When you apply for SLE you are also submitting an admissions screening application.