School’s Out For The Summer!
School might be out, but there are still ways for your teen to keep learning over the summer. In addition to local offerings through Boys & Girls Clubs, the library, or other organizations, several colleges and universities have summer camps and programs for middle and high school students. These programs focus on a variety of topics including science, art, or sports, and may be day programs or overnights. Scholarships for summer programs are often available for those who qualify.

Did You Know?
Youth who are not engaged in productive activities during the summer can lose up to 3 months of classroom knowledge. Over time, summer learning loss can put students at a disadvantage. Children should be encouraged to read and participate in activities during the summer.
**Myth Buster**

**MYTH:** The best time to visit colleges is after you have been admitted.

**REALITY:** Many students have fallen for this myth only to find that none of the colleges to which they were admitted felt right when they visited.

If possible, students should visit as many campuses as possible before applying, and again after being admitted. There’s no need to wait until senior year. Find out if your child’s school will offer any field trips or summer camps on a college campus.

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**Student Checklist**

- **Get hands-on experience.** Make the most of your summer by getting hands-on experience in the real world, whether through a paid job, volunteer work, or an internship. Summer work allows you to develop new skills and looks good on a college application. It shows that you are a dedicated, goal-oriented person — and one who’s likely to succeed.

- **Join or form a book club.** Participating in a book club is a great way to become comfortable sharing your thoughts in a group setting, a common activity in college classes. You can also work on organizational and leadership skills if you help create the reading list or set up some of the meetings.

- **Keep a journal.** Keeping a diary or a blog is a great way to boost your writing skills. You may even find the perfect topic for a college application essay as you write about a vacation you took or your experiences at work or with friends.

**Family Checklist**

- **Help your teen stay involved this summer** with camps, programs, volunteering, or even a job. Combat boredom and prevent learning loss by insisting your child stay on a (somewhat) regular schedule and participate in summer programs, volunteer or find a job like mowing lawns or babysitting.

- **If possible, visit college campuses** with your child.

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