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| **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 various topics, including science, art, or sports, and may include day programs or overnights. Scholarships for summer programs are often available for those who qualify. |  |  | ***Advertise Local Summer Programs Here*** | ***Advertise Local Summer Programs Here*** |
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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 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, an everyday activity in college classes. You can also work on organizational and leadership skills if you help create the reading list or set up some 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.
 |  |  | MYTHBUSTER**MYTH**: The best time to visit a college campus is after admission.**REALITY:** Many students have fallen for this myth only to find that none of the colleges they were admitted to felt right when they visited. Students should visit as many campuses as possible before applying and again after admission. 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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| FAMILY CHECKLIST * This summer, help your teen stay involved 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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