

Allegheny County Department of Human Services Office of Equity and Inclusion



Summer Youth Program Guide 2019



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★FREE★ Opportunities:

Academy Pittsburgh Beta Builders

[website](#)

The Beta Builder program teaches students from City of Pittsburgh Schools how to code and write software.

Requirements: Participants must be 10th, 11th, or 12th graders in a City of Pittsburgh High School. For students studying something technical, like Biology, Engineering, or Computer Science

Dates: April to September. Wednesday nights for three hours.

Registration Deadline: Sessions began in April, but they are still accepting applications. Recap sessions are available for late joiners. Application: <https://academypgh.com/beta-builder-session-1-application/>

AJAPO STEAM Project

[website](#)

This program offering keeps with the theme of empowering refugee and immigrant high school youth to build confidence in school and preparing for the future by connecting to STEAM resources around the city. The group meets once per month on Saturdays, including the summer. The central meeting point is the Carnegie Library Downtown and Business at 612 Smithfield Street. This summer we will attend the Carnegie Science Center, The Citizen Science Lab and cap off the first year of the program with an overnight trip to Washington DC to visit the Smithsonian museums. Limited number of spots for the trip are available and preference will be given to students with the best attendance during the year. There is no cost to students.

Requirements: Participants must be in grades 9-12. There is a focus on immigrant and refugee students, but all are welcome.

Dates: 2nd Saturdays of the month, year-round, 10am-12pm. Carnegie Library, Downtown & Business. 612 Smithfield St.

Registration Deadline: Registration is on a rolling basis. Please contact Matthew Hess at AJAPO for the STEAM Project intake form or with any additional questions at: mhess@ajapopittsburgh.org or 412.9391.4985 (office), 412.908.2344 (cell).

PRYSE Academy

[website](#)

A three-week summer camp for refugee and immigrant youth in middle and high school to develop literacy skills, participate in arts workshops to create personal storytelling projects, and play sports to foster community and friendships. Weekly Port Authority bus passes are provided. Free breakfast and lunch.

Requirements: Refugee youth ages 12-16 who attend public school.

Dates: Mon. - Fri., July 18th– August 2nd at Duquesne University.

Registration Deadline: Official registration has passed, but nominations are still available for students with special circumstances. If you'd like to nominate a camper, send student's name, age, school, date of arrival (if applicable), language, nationality, home address, parents' names and contact information to jenna@arysepgh.org ASAP.

The Brashear Association's Summer Programs

[website](#)

The Brashear Association offers a variety of summer programming for children who reside in the Hilltop communities. This year's offerings include an Art Camp, Tech Camp, Venture Outdoors Camp, and Gardening Camp. All camps run Monday through Thursday from 12-4pm with a healthy snack provided daily.

Requirements: Grades 2-5. Must reside in the Hilltop communities.

Dates: Dates vary for each camp. Further details are available on the website.

Registration Deadline: None.

Cops and Kids Camp with Citiparks

[website](#)

Each session of Cops and Kids Camp is held on a local university or college campus. Camp participants learn about leadership, teamwork, the benefits of physical fitness and good nutrition, as well as gain a better understanding of public safety.

Requirements: Ages 8-12, City of Pittsburgh residents. Children who attended summer camps for two consecutive years, Summer 2017 and 2018, will be placed on a waiting list, so that they can provide an opportunity for more children to attend the camp.

Dates: July 8th-12th, 15th-19th, 22nd-26th , and August 5th-9th.

Registration Deadline: April 15th or until full. Application can be found [here](#).

Higher Achievement Pittsburgh Summer Academy

[website](#)

A six-week program that ensures continuity and readiness from one school year to the next, minimizing summer learning loss. Academic enrichment is provided in math, literature, social studies, and science, as well as programming in arts, cultural, and physical health activities. Field trips are taken every Friday, and a college visit is planned for the final week. Transportation and meals are provided.

Requirements: Grades 5-8. Primarily serves youth in the Hill District, Homewood and West End.

Dates: June 24th– August 2nd at Woolslair K-5.

Registration Deadline: May 1st, 2019 Find the online application [here](#).

Summer Dreamers & Little Dreamers Academy

[website](#)

A premier, month-long summer learning camp from Pittsburgh Public Schools that engages students in learning and fun during the summer months. Campers spend 5 weeks with friends, participating in unique activities that develop their curiosity, self-confidence, and perseverance. Beginning Summer 2018 *incoming* Kindergartners are now able to attend Little Dreamers Academy.

Requirements: Pittsburgh Public School students who have completed grades K-8 and *incoming* Kindergartners.

Dates: June 24th – July 23rd, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (No camp on Thursday, July 4th or Fri-

Registration Deadline: May 4th. Or until the 300 available spots are filled. The Summer Dreamer K-8 registration form can be found [here](#). The Little Dreamers *incoming* Kindergartner registration form can be found [here](#).

Y Creator Space at the Homewood YWCA

[website](#)

The Y Creator Space (YCS) is a free STEM-based Maker program serving Pittsburgh-area youth after school, in school, and during the summer. At YCS, participants develop grit, innovation, collaboration, and problem-solving skills through projects involving 3D printing, robotics, graphic design, circuitry, engineering, and more. The program hub is at the Homewood-Brushton YMCA, but YCS also delivers enrichment and outreach programming in Allentown and throughout the Greater Pittsburgh region.

Requirements: Ages 9-13

Dates: The Homewood Y Creator Space is open 4 to 6 PM in the summer.

Registration Deadline: None. Application: <https://www.pittsburghymca.org/sites/default/files/2018-12/YCS-registration-packet.pdf>



Allegheny County CYF Summer Camp Scholarships

Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth and Families offers full summer camp scholarships for CYF clients looking to attend one of the many local summer camps being offered this season. Applications should be submitted by the child's caseworker.

- Requirements: Children or families must be CYF clients with open cases.
 Dates: Varies based on camp and location.
 Registration Deadline: None. However, it is suggested to submit as early as possible.

Employment Opportunities:

Learn and Earn: Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment

[website](#)

A six-week summer employment program for teens and young adults in the Pittsburgh region. More than 350 businesses and non-profits are expected to host youth workers in fields like Education, Health Care, and Technology. Pay rates vary, but most youth will earn \$7.25/hour. Youth who are selected for the competitive Corporate Internship Program (age 18-24) will earn \$10.35/hour. Youth can work up to 25 hours per week.

- Requirements: Ages 14-21 who meet program income requirements. *Please Note: youth under 16 will need a work permit.*
 Dates: June 24th-August 2nd.
 Registration Deadline: May 4th The application for new applicants can be found [here](#) and for returning applicants [here](#).

Programs with Minimal Cost or Financial Assistance:

Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania Summer Camps

[website](#)

Campers enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, including arts and crafts, computer programs, fun physical challenges, and a variety of non-competitive individual and team sports. The program also includes a weekly field trip to North Park. \$75/week. Camp locations include Carnegie, Duquesne/ W. Mifflin, Lawrenceville, McKeesport, Millvale, Shadyside/East Liberty, McKees Rocks and Wilkinsburg.

- Requirements: Ages 6-12.
 Dates: Schedules for different locations are available on their website.
 Registration Deadline: Registration period is April 5th—May 24th

Camp Harambee

[website](#)

An 8 week youth summer day camp which provides educational, cultural, recreational, and creative activities for youth ages 5-14. The goal of Camp Harambee is to encourage family bonding, improve literacy, and expose campers to service learning. CCIS (child care subsidy) is accepted and campers enjoy Field Trips, Arts & Crafts, Swimming, Character Development, and Breakfast, Lunch & Snack. See summer camp [flyer](#) for more information

- Requirements: Ages 5-14. Costs vary based on length of camp session chose.
 Dates: June 24th—August 16th
 Registration Deadline: None listed. Registration links on website.

Summer Camps at Sarah Heinz House

[website](#)

Summers are a time for fun and adventure at Sarah Heinz House with day camps, robotics camps and overnight camps for kids, ages Pre-K to 12th grade. From swimming to outdoor adventure to robots or just having fun, there is something to make every child's summer spectacular! Limited financial assistance or 'camps' are available. Any questions, please contact us at (412) 231-2377 or www.sarahheinzhouse.org

Requirements: Ages 3-12th grade. Costs vary based on camp chosen and Sarah Heinz House member/non-member.

Dates: Varies by camp. June-August. Pre-Care Available for additional fee (7:30am until Camp Start) Post-Care Available for additional fee (Camp End until 5:30pm)

Registration Deadline: Registration opens March 1st. Registration links [here](#).

YMCA: Send Kids to Camp Program

[website](#)

A one-week overnight (Sunday through Friday) camping session at Camp Kon-O-Kwee for a rate of \$50 per household. Children entering grades 9-10 are eligible for a 2-week session for \$80. Food is provided, and there are 65 different program activities kids get to choose from (rock climbing, rope tying, dance, yoga, etc.). Transportation is provided to and from the camp from PPG Place downtown. A duffel bag with some supplies, such as a flashlight, sleeping bag, and pillow is also provided. Visit the website for more information or to apply. For questions, call (724) 758-6238.

Requirements: Children entering grades 2-10. Require proper documentation of income requirements (IRS 1040, page 1) and complete registration form for all participants.

Dates: June 24th– August 3rd (for one week total, 6 different weeks available).

Registration Deadline: None. Subject to availability.

The Young Writers' Institute

[website](#)

A one-week series of writing workshops for students who like to write, and who want to develop their craft in a community of writers. There are both winter and summer sessions. A scholarship application fee of \$35 is required. Scholarships are available based on need.

Requirements: Grades 7-12 for Oakland location. Grades 4-12 for Westmoreland location and Pine-Richland location. Written verification from a child's teacher or school stating that the child is eligible for the School Lunch Program is sufficient.

Dates: June 15th—19th

Registration Deadline: June 1st, though scholarships are limited. Applicants are advised to submit early. Application can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7IIW-56c0KRxfXqMQ9Gz5VvDY55PF7qxqUANAapbu9Mjt0Q/viewform>

Casa San Jose's Campamento Sonrisa

[website](#)

A five-week camp session at one of two Casa San Jose locations for a rate of \$100 per child (\$20 per week) with a variety of activities such as visiting museums, tours, education, soccer, basketball and swimming. Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks are provided.

Requirements: Children ages 7-14.

Dates: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am– 4pm, June 18-July 18th in east Liberty and July 22nd-August 22nd in Beechview (Children can only attend 1 session).

Registration Deadline: 21 slots available on a first come first serve basis. Call 412-343-3111 to register.

Food Service Programs:

Allegheny County SummerFood Program

[website](#)

Call 1 (800) 851-3838 to learn more about where your child(ren) can receive wholesome and delicious breakfasts and lunches during summer recess in Allegheny County outside of the City of Pittsburgh. A list of site locations is also available on the Allegheny County website.

CitiParks Summer Food Service Program

[website](#)

Citiparks Summer Food Service Program provides healthy and delicious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks to all children up to 18 years old as well as mentally disabled individuals up to 21 years old. Call (412) 244-3911 for specific locations and hours of operation.

USDA Summer Food Service Program

[website](#)

For a comprehensive listing of all Allegheny County Summer Food Programs. Starting in June, please dial 211 or text FOOD to 877-877 (COMIDA to 877-877 for Spanish) to find the sites near you.

Other Opportunities and Resources:

2018 Pennsylvania Camp College

[website](#)

Camp College is an intensive three day/ two night workshop designed for 60 rising high school seniors and juniors. Paired with mentors, participants will learn about all aspects of the college search and application process, experience life in the residence halls, learn about financial aid, standardized test exams and have a lots of fun! At the end of Camp College, we expect that the students Will be equipped with the tools to navigate the college application process.

Requirements: Rising High School Senior or Junior

Dates: Tuesday, July 16th –Thursday July 18th.

Registration Deadline: May 15th or until full.

Assemble Summer Camps

[website](#)

“Does your child ask a lot of questions? Do they like solving mysteries and problems? Think science camp, technology camp, engineering camp, art camp and math camp ALL rolled into one for STEAM!”

Requirements: Ages 6-14 – There are various dates, each for different ages. All levels accepted and welcome. Costs vary based on camp chosen.

Dates: 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday Pre-camp is 8-9am and Post-camp is 4-5pm for an additional fee.

Registration Deadline: Registration links on the website, or call 412-661-6111 or email Hannah@assemblepgh.org

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh: Kid Events

[website](#)

The Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh host a number of events catered to children and *free of charge* all summer long. Visit their website for an updated schedule.

Citiparks Community Recreation Centers

[website](#)

Visit your local recreation center to find out more about summer activities available for youth in your area, including sports teams, field trips, Carnegie Library in the Park visits, and other activities.

Discounted Museum Admission for ACCESS/EBT Card Participants

Present your Access/EBT Card at any Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh and you'll receive discounted admission for up to four people. \$1 per person at Carnegie Museum of Art, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and The Andy Warhol Museum. \$3 admission at Carnegie Science Center. Not valid with any other offer or group rate. Visitors must present an Access/EBT Card, along with a photo ID, to receive the discount. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from BNY Mellon Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Information about other opportunities for discounted admission can be found [here](#).

Comprehensive Local Listings:

~~A~~POST-Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time

Sign up to receive information about local programs specific to your location and your child's age and interests. A comprehensive list of local summer programs is also provided [here](#).

Summer Camp Guide - Pittsburgh Parent Magazine

Pick up a copy of this free monthly magazine for its annual listing of more than 70 camps categorized by topic, gender, age, cost, location, etc. The guide is also available online [here](#).

Pittsburgh City Paper

Pittsburgh City Paper provides information about family-friendly (and occasionally free) events throughout the summer, as well as places for children to go to during the day. Their Summer Kids guide is typically released in late mid-May. For ideas on similar programs, the 2017 guide can be found [here](#).

Information compiled by the DHS Immigrants and Internationals Initiative, part of the Office for Equity and Inclusion.

For more information contact Benedict.Killang@alleghenycounty.us or Call 412-320-4681 (ext.229)