



SUMMER PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIPS FOR YOUTH

At Y.E.T.I., we are currently focusing on school and community based programs throughout the traditional school year, operating after-school clubs and outdoor weekend adventures from September to June. We hope to bridge the gaps in community resources by sharing a collection of summer programs, both through summer camps and internship opportunities.

Summer Programs

African Community Housing and Development

Unknown ages

Hands-on experiments, exciting field trips, and field studies continue this summer with Curiosity Lab! Learn more [here](#).

Associated Recreation Council

Ages 3-17

Come experience the amazing summer opportunities in your neighborhood community center and parks. Learn more [here](#).

Big City Mountaineers

Unknown ages

Big City Mountaineers program includes a slow introduction to the wilderness first through a day hike, then a front country camping trip and finally a week long backpacking experience. Learn more [here](#).

Bike Works Summer Camps

Unknown ages

We offer physically challenging camps that allow youth to be active and explore their world by bicycle, and hone values for environmental stewardship, community engagement, leadership, social justice learning, and healthy living. Sliding scale cost. Learn more [here](#).

Boys and Girls Club

Grades K-12

Summer day camps for grades K-5 and sports camps for grades K-12. Learn more [here](#).

Braided Seeds

All ages, families too

A black-centering nonprofit committed to removing barriers to experiencing the wonders of the Pacific Northwest for BIPOC communities. Their mission is to provide opportunities for rest, restoration, and reconnection to the land, especially for communities of color. Learn more [here](#).

Burien, City of, Parks and Recreation

Grades 1-9

Summer day camps, including Camp CRAZ and Burien Teen Summer Crew, at the Burien Community Center.

Explore [here](#)

Des Moines, City of, Parks and Recreation

Unknown ages

Uniquely designed to serve children in our community by providing equitable recreation services in city parks. The program is intended for youth looking to have the day camp experience. Site locations are selected based on community need, partnerships, and safe spaces. Activities will include arts & crafts, sports, field trips, STEM programs, nature-based programs, swim lessons, and more! Lunch and snacks will be provided. Learn more [here](#).

Geeking Out Kids of Color (GoKiC)

Unknown ages

Empowers kids of color with an education in computer science, programming, and robotics, helping unlock their creativity through technology. Limited spaces are available in the summer program at TAF Bethaday Learning Community Space in White Center. There are separate programs for elementary and middle school youth. Learn more [here](#).

NorthStar Cycling Club

All ages, families too

Gets melanated people on bikes in order to build a beloved community and be the radical, justice focused conscience of cycling. Sunday group rides every Sunday for families. Learn more [here](#).

Parent Map

All ages

Compilation of summer camps from the puget sound region. Learn more [here](#).

Seatac, City of, Parks and Recreation

Grades 1-5

Summer camp packed full of organized games and exciting and educational activities that will provide your child with a safe and fun place to be this summer. Kids will engage in crafts, cooking projects, outdoor fun & more. Learn more [here](#).

YMCA Bold and Gold Backpacking Adventure Camps

MS to HS age youth

The YMCA Bold and Gold program stands for Boys Outdoor Leadership Development and Girls Outdoor Leadership Development. Through week long backpacking trips that can include climbing, art, canoeing, hiking, fishing, rafting, and other activities, youth develop leadership skills. Scholarships are available.

Explore [here](#)

YMCA Summer Day Camps

Ages 3-17

Communities served: Auburn, Algona, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Kent, Normandy Park, Pacific, Renton, SeaTac, and White Center. Learn more [here](#).

Tukwila, City of

Ages 7-14

Summer sports camp. Learn more [here](#).

Summer Internships (Paid)

4Culture – Equity in Historic Preservation

Ages: Recent college graduates or current students pursuing and undergraduate or graduate degree

Gain research experience related to historic preservation practice in the region, with the goal of exploring ways to strengthen processes to identify, protect, and interpret socially and culturally significant properties. 4Culture is hiring two interns. A background in archival research and documentation of historic properties is preferred, and candidates from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities are especially encouraged to apply. Learn more [here](#).

The Boeing Company – various internships

Ages: current undergraduate and graduate college student

Paid internships in engineering, supply chain, finance, public relations, information technology, data analytics, sustainability, and other subjects in the Puget Sound and across the world. Learn more [here](#).

Boys and Girls Club of King County – YouthForce TeamWork Intern

Ages: 16-20 years old, King County resident

Places teens in paid internships, coupled with college and career readiness training. Paired with the teamwork, leadership, and life skills youth need to realize their full potential, YouthForce participants are prepared to reach their professional goals for a successful future. Learn more [here](#).

City of Seattle, Seattle Youth Employment Program – Seattle Youth Employment Program

Ages 16 – 24, low-income Seattle residents

Helps youth from low-income households pursue careers that pay well and feel meaningful. **Foundations Program:** Get paid to attend trainings while preparing for your first or next job and making new connections along the way. Six months, 2-hour weekly sessions. **Pathways Program:** Participate in professional training and programs to gain credentials for specific career tracks. 6-8 months, pay is unknown. Learn more [here](#).

DIRT Corps – Fall 2023 RainWise Job Training Sessions

Ages: 18+ years old

Learn how to plan, design, build, and maintain Green Storm Water Infrastructure spaces! Five-week training program focused on ecological restoration, green stormwater infrastructure (GSI), and urban forestry. Gain skills that will prepare you to work in landscape maintenance, water quality control, and climate resilience. Learn more [here](#).

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation – Doris Duke Conservation Scholars

Ages: College undergraduate freshmen and sophomores

Two-summer experiential conservation training program for undergraduates interested in careers in conservation and in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field. Scholars take part in applied field research projects, professional internships, mentoring, and form strong professional networks, learning field techniques, leadership, research, and communication skills. The Doris Duke program pays for travel, lodging, and provides a separate stipend for food during the 8-week summer experience. Learn more [here](#).

EarthCorps – Corps Member

Ages 18+

Provides participants with an opportunity to grow through hands-on environmental service. EarthCorps has three Corps Programs: EarthCorps Crew, EarthCorps Volunteer, and EarthCorps Specialist. Projects include introduced plant control, native plant installation, trail construction, and slope stabilization. See their website for current openings, stipend amounts, application deadlines, and more. Learn more [here](#).

Green Seattle Partnership – Youth Ambassadors

Ages 15-18

Two teens will serve as Youth Ambassadors (YAs), which is a unique opportunity to gain employment skills, take action around local environmental and social justice issues, and make an impact in your community. YAs will select and carry out a project, with support from the project manager. Learn more [here](#).

Highline Public Schools – Highline Internship Program

Students enrolled in the Highline School District

Offers a variety of teen internship opportunities for its students' career exploration and growth. Participation requires a permission slip signed by the student's legal guardian. Learn more [here](#).

Institute for Systems Biology – Laboratory High School Interns and Systems Thinkers in STEM Ambassadors

Ages: 10th and 11th grade

Students work with a variety of specialists and projects, gaining skills in STEM research, systems biology, microbiology, biomedical engineering, computational biology, environmental science, web design, and systems thinking. This will take place in person in a lab setting, at environmental field sites around Seattle, and/or online based on COVID restrictions. The application window is open between mid-January and mid-March only. Learn more [here](#).

InterIm CDA – Wilderness Inner-City Leadership Development

Ages 14 – 18

The WILD program works to build leadership in the context of environmental and social engagement, primarily in diverse, low-income communities. Learn more [here](#).

King County – Youth Conservation Corps Internship (YCC)

Ages: rising 10th, 11th, or 12th grade students

Interns work for six summer weeks with King County Parks & Recreation Division staff at multiple Parks locations to better understand the breadth and depth of environmental justice, conservation, environmental stewardship, and parks and recreation management practices. The program will provide growth and learning opportunities, foster positive work relationships, and support youth in experiencing the work life environment. Applications are usually due in May. Learn more [here](#).

King County Metro – Youth Transit Equity Internship

Ages: 15-18 years

This unique group learning and skill-building opportunity is for young people interested in public transit and community leadership. Throughout the program, the Transit Equity Interns become peer ambassadors of transportation resources, explore career pathways within Metro, and build skills and knowledge of transit, urban planning, climate justice, and local government. Learn more [here](#).

Latino Community Fund – Alianza Youth Leadership Program

Latinx youth ages 16 – 25

Alianza Youth Leadership Program is a youth-led movement of collective youth voices connecting leaders to unlock their leadership potential and bring change to their communities. Through community organizing and training, Alianza aims to build leadership of Latinx youth by providing them with a platform and resources to do so. Alianza offers Fellowships, the Alianza Advocacy Council (AAC), and volunteer opportunities. Learn more [here](#).

Mid Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group – Internships

Ages: College

College interns assist with a variety of projects, including stream surveys, project stewardship, monitoring, the Bull Trout Task Force and much more. Learn more [here](#).

Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group – Summer Youth Crew

Ages: 16-18 years

Join a crew of 8 youth who live near Auburn to gain work experience while improving salmon habitat in Auburn parks. No experience necessary! Learn more [here](#).

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust & King County Wastewater Treatment Division – Clean Water Ambassadors

Ages: High school students who are at least 16 years old

Five-week summer internship program for teens who are new to exploring environmental topics and/or who are from communities that are underrepresented in environmental careers. Interns learn about local environmental issues, solutions, and careers focused on clean water in our region. Applications are usually due in mid-May. Learn more [here](#).

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Pacific Education Institute, and school districts – Youth Engaged in Sustainable Systems (YESS)

Ages: current high school student

Two cohorts of high school students experience working as part of a restoration crew while earning a stipend and graduation credit and exploring green careers. Participants must be a current student in Highline School District or Riverview School District. Applications are usually due in mid-May. Learn more [here](#)

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Burien PaRCS, and Dirt Corps – Burien Green Teens

Ages: current high school student living within the Highline School District boundaries

Learn valuable job skills and network with environmental professionals while spending time outdoors with a cohort of teens. Lunch is provided and each intern leaves with a set of restoration tools and gear (including hiking boots, Carhartt pants, Greenway Trust shirt, gloves, first aid kit, and more). Applications are usually due in early June. Learn more [here](#).

Museum of History and Industry – MOHAI Youth Advisors

High school students ages 14 – 18

Youth Advisors get a behind-the-scenes look at the museum, offer feedback and input on MOHAI projects, and plan teen events and resources at the museum. Learn more [here](#).

Na’ah Illahee Fund – Indigenous Youth Program

The Na’ah Illahee Fund seeks to support the development of strong, positive Indigenous identity through work centering youth in learning about traditional foods and medicines, historical and sacred places in the community they live, traditional language of the Seattle area, cultural arts, and leadership in the growing movement of Indigenous people fighting for the health of Mother Earth and Native communities. Current offerings include Youth Grantmaking Council and the Native Youth Rising Start Scholarship. Learn more [here](#).

National Park Service – In My Backyard

Ages: Current or recently graduated high school students

This 5-week experience is tailored for high school-aged youth looking to better connect with themselves and our nation’s public lands and stories. Weekly themes include building a sense of place, “(Re)Defining Art,” and professional development. Program dates in summer 2022: July 11 – August 12, 1.5 hours per week. Applications are usually due in May. Learn more [here](#).

Northwest African American Museum – Youth Curator Program

Ages 14 – 18

High school students discover the art and science of museum curation and learn about African American culture through a program theme such as “Washington State’s Black Women in the Arts.” Learn more [here](#).

Pacific Science Center – Discovery Corps

Ages: High school students

Discovery Corps is a paid youth development program that puts young people on the front line of Pacific Science Center’s mission to ignite curiosity in every child and fuels a passion for discovery, experimentation, and critical thinking in all of us. Discovery Corps is for high school youth who want to dive into exciting, interactive experiences and have the opportunity to bring a youth voice to PacSci while learning new professional and life skills. Learn more [here](#).

Partner in Employment – Youth Restoration Crew

Ages 16-24

Over the course of 10 weeks, crew members focus on environmental education and training in environmental topics while completing restoration projects in parks. This program happens every quarter. Learn more [here](#).

Port of Seattle – High School Internships

Ages 16+ and enrolled in high school or GED program within the past year

Youth gain job skills and training related to business management, facilities management, communications, engineering, and other aspects of Port of Seattle operations. Learn more [here](#).

RVC – Community Impact Fellowship

For individuals from underrepresented groups who are committed to the Rainier Valley community and a career in social justice. This fellowship is intended for young adults with at least four years of work, academic, or volunteer experience in the non-profit sector. High school students would not qualify, but it’s an amazing opportunity to keep in mind for the future! Learn more [here](#).

Sage Leaders – Community Leadership Institute

Ages: 18+

This is a 6-month, in-person fellowship. Participants learn the nuts and bolts of local government processes as well as advocacy, storytelling, and communication skills. After graduation, the fellows apply for and are placed on strategic boards, commissions, and task forces at the city and county level. Learn more [here](#).

Seattle City Light – High School Internships

Ages 16+, currently enrolled in high school and will still be enrolled next year (i.e., no graduating seniors), minimum 2.00 GPA

Interns assist with projects, receive mentoring, participate in special trainings related to professional development, equity, and social justice, and may also go into the field. Learn more [here](#).

Seattle City Light – College Internships (Summer and School Year)

Ages: college sophomores, juniors, seniors; or graduate students

Work alongside energy, government and business professionals, while learning new skills and developing deep industry knowledge. Summer internship opportunities are typically posted in January. School year internship opportunities are posted in early February, August, and November. Learn more [here](#).

Seattle Parks and Recreation – various job opportunities for teens

Ages 13 – 24

Several programs are still on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic, including: YES! Youth Engaged in Service, Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR), Student Teen Employment Preparation (STEP), Summer of Service (SOS), and Youth Career Training Program. Learn more [here](#).

Seattle Parks and Recreation – Youth Green Corps

Ages 18 – 24, with a high school diploma

Members work on Forest Restoration and Trail work in Seattle Parks for educational and career training related to site management, restoration skills and management, tool safety, native plant species, invasive plant identification, and environmental stewardship. Applications are usually due in June, approx. 30 hours per week. Learn more [here](#).

Student Conservation Association (SCA) – Crews (several opportunities)

Ages 15+ depending on the program

The Student Conservation Association gathers young people from every town and every city, from every background and every academic focus to bring their diverse talents and perspectives to a nationwide effort to save the planet. Bolster your skills, clarify your passions, make lifelong connections to your team and the land through meaningful conservation work and purposeful adventure. Learn more [here](#).

Washington Trails Association (WTA) – Emerging Leaders Program

Adults; age range not specified.

The Emerging Leaders Program is a 14-week program designed for a diverse cohort of individuals — including Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) individuals and other shared identities — who want to form an inclusive community and build leadership skills to support future career interests in natural-resource stewardship and outdoor recreation. Skills learned include trail work, camping, risk management and proper tool use, leadership skills, Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification, career exploration, and more! Learn more [here](#).

The Wilderness Society – Urban to Wild Partnership and Outreach Intern

Experienced undergraduate, recent college graduate, or current graduate student

Paid internship with the Urban to Wild program! The Wilderness Society is focused on making America's system of public lands part of the solution to the most pressing conservation challenges of our day: climate change, unprecedented species extinction, and inequitable access to nature's benefits. We work with diverse partners to find common ground around enduring, science-based conservation solutions, combining long-term investments in community-led conservation, deep public lands expertise, and commitment to advocacy efforts that share voice, power, and impact. The Urban to Wild Partnership and Outreach Intern will support The Wilderness Society's work in Seattle to ensure the communities we serve benefit equitably from our public lands and have meaningful access to nature. Learn more [here](#).

The Service Board – Core Program

Ages: unknown

Each year, the Service Board brings together a group of high school students and adult mentors from a diverse range of academic, racial, cultural and economic backgrounds to engage in our Core Program. Participants meet twice weekly from beginning of winter through spring. On Saturdays, we alternate between community service and snowboarding (they provide the gear, lessons and buses to the mountain). Applications are usually due in December. Learn more [here](#).

SHADOW Lake Nature Preserve – Restoration and Education Internship

Eligibility varies with position

Interns gain experience with environmental restoration and education; learn about wetlands, forestry, and nonprofit management; receive networking opportunities with environmental professionals. Learn more [here](#).

Sustainability Ambassadors – Various Internships

Eligibility varies with specific internship

Internship opportunities include Climate Justice Ambassador, Leadership Development, Ambassador Team Leader, Communications, Equity Diversity Inclusion, Sustainable City Planning, Cross-Training Partner, and Alumni Network. Learn more [here](#).

Teens in Public Service (TIPS) – Teens in Public Service Internship

Ages 15-19, enrolled in high school

Interns explore a career in public service and build connections within their community through hands-on work in a nonprofit. Interns gain training in teamwork, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving. Learn more [here](#).

Tilth Alliance – Rainier Beach Youth Stewards Program

Ages 14-18

Gain job experience through wetland restoration and farm education. Spring crew members work 6 hours/week for 8 weeks; summer crew members work 15 hours/week for 10 weeks. Applications are usually due in May. Learn more [here](#).

Vashon Nature Center – Summer Internship Opportunities // Catálogo de Pasantías

Ages 16+ (11th and 12th grade preferred)

Hands-on experiences in research, conservation, ecological restoration, nature education and science communication. Applications are usually due in April. Learn more [here](#).

The Washington Bus – Washington Bus Internship

Eligibility unspecified

Learn to advocate, education, organize, and engage young folks around important issues related to social justice. Interns across Washington State come together to advocate, educate, organize, and engage young folks around important issues. Each season has a different focus reflecting what is happening that time of the year. Learn more [here](#).

The Washington Bus – Summer Fellowship

Ages 18-25

Intensive, intentional and transformative experience for young folks who are ready to inspire change alongside their communities. Learn more [here](#).

Washington Environmental Council – Internships

Eligibility varies with specific internship

WEC works to protect Washington's natural environment through lobbying, outreach, and community organizing. Internships are posted at the link above when available and are generally geared toward high school graduates. Learn more [here](#).

Washington State Department of Natural Resources – recreation internships, various locations

Full time undergraduate student, or graduate student

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has an exciting opportunity within our Recreation and Conservation Division. Are you interested in a Community or Land Use Planning, Recreation, or Natural Resource Management field and want real-world experience? If so, you may be perfect for the DNR Recreation internship program. Learn more [here](#).

Waste Management – WM Recycle Corps Internship

Ages: Individuals with a high school diploma or GED who are pursuing a Bachelor's degree in a related field of study

Nine-week internship focused on the latest strategies in engaging residents and businesses in waste reduction and recycling behavior change. Interns will primarily conduct in-person site visits, attend community festivals with a WM booth, and complete some remote phone-based outreach to help businesses and apartment complexes with their recycling program. Learn more [here](#).

World Relief Western Washington – various internship opportunities

Ages 16-23

Interns are prepared for cross-cultural service by being immersed in the field of refugee and asylee resettlement. Internship opportunities include Refugee Resettlement, ESL, Health and Wellness Program, Youth and Family Summer, Detention Center Post-Release, and Legal. Learn more [here](#).

Young Women Empowered – Y-WE Grow

Ages 14+; centering those who identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA+ and have participated in Y-WE Grow previously, all are welcome to apply

Grow fresh culturally-relevant produce sustainably at Marra Farm (South Seattle) to share with community, while participating in local Food Justice movements and learning from Black, Indigenous, and other leaders of color across the region. Interns gain “green job” and professional skills while deepening their connection and responsibility to our environment and cultivating belonging, joy, healing, and embodiment in our community. Learn more [here](#).