A Campus Recreation Summer Camp has been added to the list of 2020 summer camps. Click here for information.

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Penn offers children, teens and young adults an array of summer activities from academics, enrichment and recreation—including anthropology, business, law, veterinary medicine and music—to a dozen athletic sports camps—from baseball to volleyball. For more information and applications, see the specific contact information below. Additional camps and programs may be available on the Penn Athletics website (https://tinylurl.com/pennsummercampsports).
Penn Museum’s Junior Anthropologists in the Making: This camp invites the youngest campers to explore the Penn Museum through structured, hands-on activities. This camp is designed for children who will be entering 1st grade for the 2020-2021 school year. Cost: Register by May 1, $280 members/$300 non-members/week; after May 1, $300 members/$320 non-members/week; pre- and after-camp care for fee and scholarships available. Info and registration: https://tinyurl.com/pennmuseumjrcamp2020

June 22-26: Journey to Ancient Egypt. Explore what life was like for pharaohs, priests, scribes and commoners in Ancient Egypt. Make papyri, sculpt a magic wand and engineer a boat for the Nile. Listen to stories from Egyptian mythology and discover how Ancient Egyptians celebrated life after death.

June 29-July 3: Cross Your Fingers, Knock on Wood. Have you ever crossed your fingers, knocked on wood, or avoided stepping on a sidewalk crack? Why did you do it? Was it for good luck or something else? Explore the origins of these customs and why we still practice them today. Create your own superstitition and then make a protective amulet to take home.

July 6-10: Kings and Queens of Africa. Africa has been the home of many great kingdoms throughout history. Explore the vast and vibrant continent of Africa as we learn about temples, pyramids, textiles and jewelry from these great kingdoms. Examine different textile patterns, sculpt a Nubian shabti and design your own musical instrument.

July 13-17: Let’s Go on a Dig! Do you like to get your hands dirty? Participate in a mock dig and uncover artifacts from around the world. Learn to clean artifacts, piece them back together and discover the stories that they tell. Meet with an archaeologist and explore techniques used in the field today.

July 20-24: Building Bridges, Pyramids and Temples. Humans have lived in a wide variety of dwellings, used roads to travel and visited places of worship throughout history. The things we build and how we use them can tell us so much about the daily lives of people around the world. Join us for a week of building challenges as we design our own bridges, construct the tallest towers and create pyramids and temples fit for a king and queen!

July 27-31: Ready, Set, Go! It’s games week at the Penn Museum! Did you know that games exist in every culture around the world? Explore the different types of games hidden in our galleries and learn what it takes to create a game. Challenge a fellow camper to a round of the game you design and let your camp friends vote on which mancala board to take home.

August 3-7: Pharaohs and Queens, Princes and Kings. Why did so many cultures have kings and queens and where are they today? Learn what it meant to be a powerful leader in the past and present in cultures around the world. Discover regalia, art and other symbols of status as you explore the museum galleries.

August 10-14: Stories from the Stars. Have you ever stared up at the night sky and tried to find a picture in the stars? If you look closely you can find heroes, giants and monsters from some of our favorite myths and legends. Listen to important origin stories from around the world and draw your own constellation in the sky.

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Architecture: Summer at Penn: June 28 - July 25. This program is based on the approach of Penn’s undergraduate architecture program. Students will be encouraged to develop a unique creative process as they learn specific architectural design skills. Working with Penn faculty, they will experiment with different techniques and design tools and use the city of Philadelphia’s historic and modern architecture for inspiration. Cost: $7,800. Apply: https://jkcp.com/architecture Deadline: February 29.

Canine Handler Academy: Beginner Session 1 July 6-10; Beginner Session 2 July 13-17; Beginner Session 3 July 20-24; Advanced Session July 27-31. Participate in hands-on dog training and working-dog demonstrations through the School of Veterinary Medicine’s Penn Vet Working Dog Center. For a group of 20 or more who are graduating 7th, 8th and 9th graders (2020-2021 school year), Counselor opportunities for high school students. Cost: $650/week. Scholarships available. Apply: www.vet.upenn.edu/canine-handler-academy or email caninehandleracademy@gmail.com. Registrations accepted on a first come, first served basis. Limited to 10 students per session.

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Summer Program in Pediatric Medicine: June 28-July 11. For high school juniors and seniors, ideal for students interested in careers in the healthcare field, including medicine, nursing, respiratory therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy. A mix of lecture-based and skill-based learning provides a broad exposure to the various professions that specialize in the care of babies, children and young adults. Cost: $4,995. Apply: https://jkcp.com/program/pediatric-medicine-summer-program/ Deadline: rolling admissions.

Engineering Summer Academy at Penn (ESAP): July 3-25. Sponsored by Penn Engineering, ESAP offers an opportunity to experience rigorous and challenging college-level coursework that combines sophisticated theory with hands-on practical experience in cutting-edge technologies such as biotechnolog, computer graphics, computer science, nanotechnology, networks and robotics. Open to rising sophomores-seniors (students must be at least 15 years old by start of program). Cost: $7,690, $85 application fee; need-based financial aid available. Apply: https://esap.seas.upenn.edu/apply/ Contact: esap@seas.upenn.edu Priority deadline: February 28; Final deadline: March 27.

Summer Internship for High School Students: Session 1 June 21-July 11; Session 2 July 13-August 7. These interns will interact with Penn students entering 11th-12th grade within their field of choice, where they will benefit from a mentor who will give them a hands-on, three-week look at what they do—a priceless opportunity to see a career in action. Students will walk away from their internships with a better understanding of industry realities as well as their own interests. Cost: $5,990/session. Apply: https://jkcp.com/program/internships-for-high-school-students/ Deadline: rolling admissions.

Institute for Academic Studies (IAS): July 3-31. Offered by the ELP, IAS provides a foundation for university-level English. Students receive an introduction to academic content-based language and experience life and culture at a US university. Guest lectures from Penn professors offer students a unique experience. For students at least 18 years old. Intermediate students must demonstrate a language proficiency at the CEFR level of B1- as demonstrated by TOEFL iBT of 57+, IELTS of 5.5+, or TOEIC of 550+. Pre-intermediate students must demonstrate a language proficiency at the CEFR level of A2, demonstrated by TOEFL iBT of 40+, IELTS of 5.0+, or TOEIC of 400+. Cost: $3,095. Apply: www.elp.upenn.edu/ias Deadline: May 29.

Institute for Business Communication (IBC): July 13-August 7. Offered by the ELP, IBC assists students in improving their business knowledge and communication. By using real-world business issues and topics, the program helps students enhance their professional skills. Guest lectures from Penn professors offer students a unique university experience. For students at least 18 years old with a language proficiency at the CEFR level of B1- as demonstrated by TOEFL iBT of 57+, IELTS of 5.0+, or TOEIC of 400+. Cost: $3,095. Apply: https://www.elp.upenn.edu/ibc Deadline: May 29.

Leadership, Education, and Development Program (LEAD): June 28-July 18. This Wharton summer business institute exposes minority and underrepresented rising high school seniors to the study of business principles and industries. The intense curriculum provides students with a first-hand knowledge of business philosophies, exposes them to collaborative and teamwork environments, and helps them develop their presentation and public speaking skills. It includes a demanding schedule of faculty and executive classroom presentations, corporate site visits, team projects and a five-day program designed to sharpen entrepreneurial interests. Cost: $4,000 (financial aid available). Apply: leadprogram.org Deadline: March 1.

Leadership in the Business World (LBW): Session 1 May 31-June 27; Session 2 June 8-July 25. This is an intensive summer program for high school students (ages 15-18) who want an introduction to undergraduate business education and the opportunity to hone their leadership, teamwork and communication skills. Open to rising juniors and seniors. Fees and to...
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apply: https://globalyouth.wharton.upenn.edu/summer-high-school-programs; Deadline: May 1.

Management and Technology Summer Institute (M&TSI): July 5-25. Run by the Jerome Fisher Program in Management & Technology in partnership with Penn Engineering and Wharton, M&TSI is a for-credit summer program for rising seniors and select juniors interested in exploring the integration of technological concepts and management principles. Fees and to apply: https://globalyouth.wharton.upenn.edu/summer-programs/high-school/pre-college; Deadline: April 1 for international students; May 1 for all others.

Penn Summer Academies: July 5-25. Subject-intensive programs fusing scientific or social theory with relevant applied application. Select from Biomedical Research, Chemistry Research, Experimental Physics Research, Mathematics, Neuroscience Research, Social Science Research. Open to students entering 10th-12th grade. Financial aid available. Fees and to apply: www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/high-school/academies; Deadline: May 1.

Penn Summer Prep: Session A July 12-24; Session B July 26-August 7. This noncredit program offers the challenge of college-level academic work in an exploratory environment and gives students entering 10th-12th grade the chance to experience college life on Penn’s historic campus. Fees and to apply: www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/high-school/summer-prep; Financial aid available. Deadline: May 1/Session A; June 1/Session B.

Penn Summer Science Initiative (PSSI): July 6-37. Free program for students within daily commuting distance to Penn who are entering their junior or senior year of high school and are interested in materials science and engineering. Program consists of lectures on materials, experimental labs and field trips to both industrial and Penn facilities. Apply: www.lrsm.upenn.edu/outreach/pssi; Deadline: March 1.

Penn Summer U of S Scholars Program: Session I June 26-July 1; Session II July 2-August 7. This commuter program is an opportunity for academically exceptional local high school students to take college courses with Penn students and earn full college credit. Scholars can pursue their favorite discipline beyond the level offered in secondary schools, get a head start on college requirements or explore a brand-new field that interests them. Open to rising juniors and seniors. Apply: www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/high-school/yound-scholars; Deadlines: May 1/Session I; June 1/Session II.

Prorest’s Summer Mentorship Program: July 6-31. Gain experience in STEM disciplines and explore academic and career opportunities in the Schools of Dental Medicine, Engineering, Law, Medicine and Nursing. For students who have completed 9th grade for engineering; 10th grade for all other schools. Apply: www.almanac.upenn.edu/summer/program/university-connection-program; Deadline: April 3.

Summer Math and Science Honors (SMASH) Academy: June 27-July 1. Hosted by Wharton, this three-week STEM-intensive residential college prep program empowers low-income and first-generation students to deepen their theoretical and pursue STEM careers. In the summer, scholars are immersed in studies at the school. During the academic year, they participate in monthly programming. They develop their skills and network–they also find their voice and build confidence. Cost: Free. Apply: www.smash.org/programs/smash-academy; Deadline: February 28.

Summer VETS (Veterinary Exploration Through Science) Program: June 15-19 and July 13-17. Offered by Penn Vet, this program gives students the chance to participate in labs/lectures and visit clinical departments at the Matthew J. Ryan Small Animal Hospital. For current college/post bac students only. Cost: $995. Apply: https://www.vet.upenn.edu/education/vmd-admissions/summer- vets/summer-vets-application; Deadline: March 31.

Teen Research and Education in Environmental Science (TREES): June 22-August 14. Hosted by the Center for Excellence in Environmental Toxicology in the Perelman School of Medicine, this program offers approximately eight local students entering 10th-12th grade a unique, hands-on environmental research experience; students work one-on-one with mentors on projects they choose and design. Cost: Free (small fees for supplies and social/cultural activities; students responsible for all transportation costs). Apply: https://bit.ly/2NYmA9c; Deadline: March 2, 5 p.m.

University Connection: June 25-August 14. UniConn combines academic English preparation with one-on-one advising, admissions workshops, and orientation to US university culture to help you successfully apply and gain admission to undergraduate or graduate degree programs at US universities. Information, fees and to apply: https://www.elp.upenn.edu/program/university-connection-program; Fees and to apply: https://www.almanac.upenn.edu/summer-high-school-programs; Priority deadline: January 22; Final deadline: May 1.

Wharton Essentials of Entrepreneurship: Session I May 31-June 13; Session II June 14-27; Session 3 June 28-July 11; Session 4 July 12-23; Session 5 July 26-August 7. This is an intensive two-week, residential program for high school students (ages 14-18) interested in topics of entrepreneurship, including, but not limited to: concept creation, innovative thinking, product design, prototyping and testing. Open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Fees and to apply: https://globalyouth.wharton.upenn.edu/summer-high-school-programs; Priority deadline: January 22; Final deadline: May 1.

Wharton Essentials of Finance: Session I May 31-June 13; Session 2 June 14-27; Session 3 June 28-July 11; Session 4 July 12-25; Session 5 July 26-August 7. This is an intensive two-week, residential program for high school students (ages
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14-18) interested in topics of finance, including, but not limited to: time value of money, corporate finance, financial ethics and decision-making. Open to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Fees and to apply: https://globalyouth.wharton.upenn.edu/summer-high-school-programs/ Priority deadline: January 22; Final deadline: May 1.

Wharton Data Science Academy: July 19-August 9. This program brings state-of-the-art machine learning data science tools to students ages 14-18. Students will learn data visualization and data wrangling and will gain exposure to modern machine learning methodologies. Open to rising high school juniors and seniors. Fees and to apply: https://globalyouth.wharton.upenn.edu/summer-high-school-programs/ Priority deadline: January 22; Final deadline: May 1.

Unversity City Summer Academy: June 15-19, July 13-17, August dates TBD. Located in Penn’s state-of-the-art fencing gym, this day camp welcomes present and future athletes of all ages levels 10-17 to participate in the Olympic sport of fencing. UCFA offers training in epee, foil and saber from elite coaching staff. Cost: $395/week plus registration fee. Info: (267)237-2312, uncitityfencing@gmail.com

Penn Elite Field Hockey Camp: June 20, June 21 & July 8. Goal of this day camp is to challenge players to elevate their game with high-intensity skills sessions and games reflective of collegiate play. Goalkeepers taught by experienced goalkeeping coach. Strong camper-to-coach ratio; space limited. Open to incoming 8th graders through high school-aged girls. Cost: $250/day. Register: https://pennfieldhockeycamps.com

Ray Prior Summer Football Camps: One-Day Clinics: June 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28; July 7, 10, 11 & 12. Evening Kicking One-Day Clinics: June 27 & July 11. Activities structured to resemble Penn’s football practices. Athletes will be challenged and compete in drills aimed at developing proficiency in each position. For players entering 9th-12th grade. Cost: $155/one-day clinics; $80/kicking clinic. Register: www.pennfootballcamp.com

Penn Gymnastics Day Camps: Session 1 June 22-26; Session 2 June 29-July 3; Session 3 July 6-10; Session 4 July 11; Session 5 July 15-19; Session 6 July 13-17; Session 7 July 20-24. Sessions 1-3 & 6 will be Recreational Gymnastics up to Level 5; USA Gymnastics Competitive Level 6-Elite sessions 4 & 5. Recreational through high school-aged girls. Team Girls Level 6-Elite for 8-18 years old. No experience necessary for Recreational. Cost: Recreational $460/per week; Junior Olympic $250/per day. Register and info: www.penn-gymnasticscamps.com

Quaker Boys’ Lacrosse Prospect Day: June 21. This clinic is designed to provide the opportunity to learn and showcase your skills in front of the Penn coaching staff. Additional staff will be hired from local lacrosse programs. Cost: $140. Register: http://quakerlacrossecamps.com/event/quaker-june-prospect-clinic/


Penn Junior Quaker Soccer Camp: June 22-25, July 27-30. For boys and girls grades K-5. Offers players of various skill levels the opportunity to improve their soccer skills. Development of individual skills taught through fun exercises, daily competitions and small games. Cost and register: www.pennsoccercamps.com

Penn Tennis Day Camp: August 10-14, August 17-21, August 24-28. For players of all experience levels, ages 5-17. Each camp will focus on stroke production and technical skills, while incorporating sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork. 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. After-camp care available 3:30-6 p.m. Cost: $470/week, or $425/week ($135 discount) for those who sign up for all 3 weeks. After-care $25/day. Register: www.pennTennisSummerCamp.com Contact: info@pennTennisxCamp.com, (215) 315-3130.

Penn Track & Field Clinic: July 5. Led by Steve Dolan, director of track and field/cross country at Penn, and his staff. The clinic is a great opportunity for the beginner to the All-American. Lunch and snack included. Cost: $150. Register: https://penntrackcamps.com

Penn Volleyball Camps: Day Camps: Session I June 8-9; Session II July 18-19; Session III July 27-28. Beginner Skills Camp July 23-24; Elite Overnight: July 31-August 2. Benefit from extensive training in individual skills, team systems and competition drills. Camps offer a look into Penn’s visual training methods and education around mental toughness. Open to female student-athletes entering 9th-12th grade. Fees and register: https://upennvolleyballcamps.com/