

Ideas for a Productive Summer:



- ❑ **Write your College Admissions Essays.** For some valuable tips, go to: www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/essay-skills/9406.html
- ❑ **Go on college visits.** Contact colleges you are interested in and schedule a visit. Can't make the trip? Visit www.campustours.com/ for a virtual tour of thousands of campuses!
- ❑ **Attend a Pre-College Summer Program.** Get an in-depth look at your chosen major or career. See the attached Summer Programs Bulletin for more info.
- ❑ **Job Shadowing.** Shadow a professional in a career you're interested in. For more info, visit <http://internships.about.com/od/internships101/a/whatisjobshadowing.htm>.
- ❑ **Explore Careers.** Visit <http://tcids.tbr.edu/> for career exploration and college searches.
- ❑ **Volunteer.** Get involved with a local organization to give back to your community—plus, it looks great on college applications! Visit www.HandsOnNashville.org or www.secondharvestmidtn.org/ to learn how you can help! Or, volunteer with a church's vacation bible school, music camp or other summer program.
- ❑ **Get a job.** Visit <http://www.nupace.org> for a listing of businesses that hire teens and what you need to know about applying and interviewing for jobs. Also, attend the Lunch & Learn session on Thursday, April 28 during both lunches to get information about getting the job you want and interview practice.
- ❑ **Summer Camps.** Attend or donate your time as a volunteer. You can find a list of camps at <http://nashvillelife.com/sports/page27.html>.
- ❑ **Take the ACT/SAT.** See the attached page with important test information or visit www.act.org or www.collegeboard.com.
- ❑ **Seek out tutors.** Talk with your teachers and school counselor for help locating individual coaching in areas you want to improve or even expand your understanding.
- ❑ **Use every opportunity to learn.** Taking a family vacation? Spend time learning about the area you'll visit, its history and its demographics. Painting your house? Learn about the chemistry of paint or calculate the amount of paint you'll need to cover the desired square footage.
- ❑ **Read, read, read.** Summer is a great time to read a book without a deadline. Immerse yourself in each one, researching the author and relevant history.

