

# Allegheny County Department of Human Services Office of Equity and Engagement



## Summer Youth Program Guide 2022



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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 students attending the Greater Pittsburgh area or its surrounding communities.

**Dates:** First cohort begins in March. Each session is 5 weeks long.

**Registration Deadline:** Registration is on a rolling basis. Check the website for updates.

### 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.

**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](#)

Provides a culturally competent and articulated curriculum to support the academic, social, and emotional development of each newly arrived student.

**Requirements:** Refugees grades 6-12 who attend public school and live in Allegheny County.

**Dates:** Over the course of 6 weeks, located on University of Pittsburgh Oakland campus.

**Registration Deadline:** 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 [jen-na@arysepgh.org](mailto:jen-na@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.

**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.

**Dates:** To be announced.

**Registration Deadline:** To be announced.

## Summer B.O.O.S.T

[website](#)

The PPS Summer B.O.O.S.T. program is a no-cost, summer learning program designed to support students by building positive relationships and creating opportunities for exploration that put youth on track for their future academic success.

**Requirements:** Participants must be Pittsburgh Public School students in grades K-7th.

**Dates:** July 5th-July 29th 2022.

**Registration Deadline:** Applications will be released in March 2022. Email [outofschooltime@pghschools.org](mailto:outofschooltime@pghschools.org)

## Y Creator Space at the Homewood YMCA

[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:** Grades 9-12.

**Dates:** Mondays through Friday from 3:00pm-6:30 pm

**Registration Deadline:** None. Fill out the application [here](#). Email [ycs@ymcapgh.org](mailto:ycs@ymcapgh.org) or call (412)-436-0531.

## Allegheny County CYF Summer Camp Scholarship

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:** Until the 300 spots are filled.



## Employment Opportunities:

### Learn and Earn: Pittsburgh Summer Youth Employment

[website](#)

Designed to provide meaningful work experiences and career exposure to low-income young adults residing in Allegheny County.

**Requirements:** Ages 14-21 who meet program income requirements and reside in Allegheny County. **Please Note:** youth under 16 will need a work permit.

**Dates:** June 13th to August 5th 2022.

**Registration Deadline:** Registration is open from February 14th 2022 to April 1st 2022. Inquiries can be submitted [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 Wilkesburg.

**Requirements:** Participants must be age 6-12.

**Dates:** Schedules for different locations are available on their website.

**Registration Deadline:** Enrollment alerts available on [website](#). Email [contact@bgcwpa.org](mailto:contact@bgcwpa.org) or call (412)-782-5710.

### 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. 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 'camperships' are available. Any questions, please contact us at (412) 231-2377.

**Requirements:** Participants must be in grades 1st-11th.

**Dates:** The schedule for 2022 will be released soon. Check the website for updates.

**Registration Deadline:** Registration deadline will be released soon. Check the website for updates.

## YMCA: Summer Day Camp

[website](#)

YMCA: Summer Day Camp is a supportive, creative, nurturing environment where kids will grow physically and emotionally, improving self-esteem. Call (412)-573-4166 or email [daycamp@ymcapgh.org](mailto:daycamp@ymcapgh.org).

**Requirements:** Requirements vary by location.

**Dates:** Varies based on camp and location.

**Registration Deadline:** Registration opens January 24th 2022.

## The Young Writer's 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. Tuition is \$190 for each week-long half-day camp (15 hours of instruction). Payment plans are available at registration. Email [trianglekidswrite@gmail.com](mailto:trianglekidswrite@gmail.com).

**Requirements:** Grade level requirements vary depending on the specific program and location.

**Dates:** Varies depending on the specific program and location.

**Registration Deadline:** Registration is currently open on the [website](#).

## Casa San Jose's Campamento Sonrisa

[website](#)

Campamento Sonrisa is a day camp held four days a week for four weeks. It is primarily designed for Latino children so that they might more deeply appreciate their cultural heritage and continue to speak Spanish in order to strengthen their bilingual fluency. Financial assistance is available.

**Requirements:** Children ages 7-14.

**Dates:** First session begins in June and ends in early July. Second session begins in mid July and ends in August.

**Registration Deadline:** 21 slots available on a first come first serve basis. Email [jose@casasanjose.org](mailto:jose@casasanjose.org) or call (412)-343-3111.

## Musa Summer Camp

[website](#)

Musa is a nonprofit in the Homestead area that also provides free/low-cost/financial assistance STEAM summer camp.

**Requirements:** Must have completed Kindergarten through age 12.

**Dates:** The program begins June 13th 2022 and ends August 19th 2022.

**Registration Deadline:** Applications accepted on a first-come first-serve basis: will close once full. Apply online.

## Food Service Programs:

### Allegheny County Summer Food Program

[website](#)

Call 1 (888)-340-3572 to learn more about where your children 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)-571-3291 for specific locations and hours of operation.

### USDA Summer Food Service Program

[website](#)

For a comprehensive listing of all Allegheny County Summer Food Programs Text "Summer Meals" to 914-342-7744 or call 1-866-348-6479 to find a site near you. Visit the [website](#).

## Other Opportunities and Resources:

### Point Park University Teen

[website](#)

From dance, theater, & film to athletics, journalism, & even CSI, Point Park has something to make everyone's summer the best summer. Email [SummerCamps@PointPark.edu](mailto:SummerCamps@PointPark.edu) or call 412-392-3457.

**Requirements:** Age requirements vary depending on the specific program.

**Dates:** Date vary depending on the specific program and location.

**Registration Deadline:** Depends on the specific program and location.

### 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!" \$250 Full Registration/\$125 Scholarship Registration/ \$0 FREE for Garfield Residents.

**Requirements:** Grades 1st-3rd.

**Dates:** April 11th-15th, 2022; 9am-4pm

**Registration Deadline:** Registration links on the [website](#). Email [info@assemblepgh.org](mailto:info@assemblepgh.org) or call 412-661-6111.

## **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 Electronic Benefit Transfer Card (EBT Card) from any state (such as, for example, Pennsylvania ACCESS card, Ohio DIRECTION card or West Virginia MOUNTAIN STATE card, etc.) and receive general admission for up to four people for \$3 each. Email [CustomerService@CarnegieScienceCenter.org](mailto:CustomerService@CarnegieScienceCenter.org) or call 412-237-3400.

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

## **Comprehensive Local Listings:**

### **APOST-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

### **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.

### **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 guide can be found.

**Information compiled by the DHS Immigrants and Internationals Initiative, part of the Office of Equity and Engagement.**

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