

Specialized Mayor's Program Worksites

In addition to traditional jobs working with children or senior citizens, in offices and libraries, or doing maintenance and landscaping projects, Mayor's Program participants can choose to be involved in a variety of specialized programs. Below, please find brief descriptions of some of those programs.

Boston Boat Building

Teens will work alongside a Boston-based non-profit that rents rowboats made by local families in the Charles River lagoon. Monitor boaters, check for safety, and spend the summer outdoors getting exercise and customer service experience.

Boston Mobilization – “Summer Activist Institute”

SAI is a month long training program designed to educate and empower students to be active participants in the political process. Through a series of hands on trainings participants learn about nonprofit skills and personal leadership competencies. The final week of SAI will be used to lead a community action event.

Cambridge Adventure Camp – “Fourteen Year Old Programs”

This program provides a transitional year opportunity for campers who have turned 14 who are too old to be campers, but too young to become Counselors-in-Training. Participants explore the realities of camp-based work as well as gain exposure to different jobs and their work environment. Youth also participate in group-building activities, planning and carrying out of community service projects, and direct work with campers and staff.

Cambridge Community Services – City Links

The mission of this program is to empower new immigrant high school students to take leadership roles in the Cambridge community by placing the youth in meaningful public sector internships and through the provision of 6 weekly seminars on job-readiness and public service careers.

Cambridge Community Services – Creative Action Project

Girls enrolled in this program will be involved in an intensive experience building leadership skills and confidence through writing, drama and art. Projects will be youth led. Participants will be writing short dramatic pieces, participating in acting exercises, and performing in a final public presentation at the end of the summer.

Cambridge Community Television – “Summer Media Institute”

20 Cambridge teens meet to learn about media art, technical production, meeting facilitation, and become proficient in all aspects of media production and presentation. In SMI youth will focus on creating television products that address issues in the Cambridge community.

City Peace Summer – Moore Youth Center

City Peace is a teen-led program for Cambridge teens centering on youth violence and conflict resolution. Through arts, song, dance, poetry and public exhibitions, participants will bring the message of violence prevention to the community.

Community Art Center Teen Media Program

The Summer Media Intensive gives 20 teens the opportunity to learn traditional and contemporary ways of creating and using either photography or digital video production methods in a focused environment with small workshops, high expectations, weekly presentations, and a final exhibition at the end of the summer.

Department of Public Works – Team GreenSense Youth participating in this new program will compile data to establish a baseline of energy use and waste production at CRLS. They will learn about various environmental topics and work to summarize recommendations for decreasing energy use at CRLS by 5% this year.

Entrepreneurship Program

Teens will work together as a team to identify and design a business, get it off the ground, and then shut it down in the course of just six weeks. Teens will get to explore product selection, marketing, promotions and sales, while running a social responsible business.

Friends of Alewife Reservation

Teens participating in the Friends of Alewife Reservation Ecology Camp will have the opportunity to explore the environment from a local standpoint, seeing the impact of ecological recovery on local flora and fauna and exploring the ways urban pollution affects the environment

Girls Taking Action (West Cambridge Youth Center)

This intensive girls youth development program focuses on building diversity, leadership, community service, personal excellence, responsibility, and career awareness in its participants. The young women involved in “Girls Taking Action” will get to know themselves, each other and their community through fieldtrips, guest speakers, service projects and workshops. The focus this year is to research and develop recommendations to make CYP programs and other youth serving programs more attractive to young women.

Leaders in Action - Frisoli

This year’s program will focus on developing participants as youth workers, providing training in: child/youth development, critical thinking skills, gender sensitivity training, lesson/activity planning, teambuilding, project-based learning, inclusion, facilitation, and community outreach. Youth will demonstrate newly acquired skills in the pre-teen camp.

Jam'nastics

Jam'nastics is a youth dance instructor training and apprentice program designed to demonstrate to young people how to use their own interests to develop important skills for a future career and also to increase their awareness of alternative career paths – dance, gymnastics and cheerleading. Participants teach dance and gymnastics to younger youth enrolled in a variety of camps. The students will also design and run a community showcase at the end of the summer.

Just A Start, "Youth Enrichment Program"

Just a Start is a youth employment program that OWD has partnered with closely for several years. Their mission is to provide youth with meaningful work experience, while strengthening basic skills and supporting school- year performance, and to provide enrichment activities to build vocational, cultural and life skills. They offer both a morning program and a smaller program in the afternoon to accommodate summer school students.

New England Aquarium

Teens participate in a summer long internship program working in various parts of the aquarium including Visitor Education, Community Programs, Visitor Services, and Behind the Scenes. Teens develop workplace skills and build relationships with other aquarium staff members. They also participate in a 20-hour Aquarium training course and a career and leadership skill building course.

Science Club for Girls

This program seeks to spark the interest and maintain the confidence of girl in science and technology through hands-on activities, mentorship and leadership programs. Science Club for Girls engages high school-aged girls as Peer Mentors to field test new curriculum and serve as lead teachers in community centers and summer programs, where they teach younger children.

Summerbridge

Summerbridge Cambridge is a tuition-free academic program serving 100 disadvantaged public middle school students and aspiring teachers. SBC's mission is to inspire an excitement for learning, create paths to college, and promote career exploration. Teens develop their teaching skills through first-hand experience designing lessons and activities. A second element of this year's program is to place a number of students in various internships throughout the city to expose them to other careers.

Terrascope Radio

Teens will work together as part of a team to research, write, and produce a radio program with an environmental sciences slant. Teens need not have extensive radio knowledge or extensive environmental interest to participate.

The Young People's Project

The Young Peoples project trains teens to become Math Literacy Workers. MLWs will participate in several academic enrichment classes and professional development workshops to help them deliver math workshops to younger children. MLWs will also design an interactive math tournament for the young people they are working with.

Underground Railway Theater

The Underground Railway Theater will create and present an original performance piece that will highlight Cambridge community concerns based on research conducted by teens drawing from members of the community. Youth will also develop and implement theatre workshops to children enrolled in various school age organizations.