



## Find ways to keep your teen reading all summer long

While your teen may not need to read for school over the summer months, she should still read to keep learning. Here are some ways you can keep your teen reading:

- Focus on reading for pleasure. The most important lesson your teen may learn over the summer is that there are things she likes to read. Whether it's a magazine story about her favorite star or even the Sunday comics, be sure she keeps reading.
- Make sure she can choose her own books. During the school year, she has to read the books that are assigned. During the summer, she can "assign herself." Take her to the library. Browse through books to see what catches her eye and her interest.
- Connect on a different level. Reading is a good way to let your teen know you are aware she is maturing. Look for an article on a more mature subject and discuss it with her. Or pass along a book you have enjoyed.
- Read some books written for teens. You may learn more about the things that are on your teen's mind. These books can often open the door to interesting conversations.
- Be a good example. As with so many things, your example is a powerful teacher. So let your teen see you reading for pleasure.

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## DATES TO KNOW

**June 5, 2010**  
SAT Test Date

**June 12, 2010**  
ACT Test Date (register by May 7th)

## Were you the first?

**Tell us about it!**

Fairmont State GEAR UP is collecting stories from first generation college students of how earning a post-secondary education positively has impacted your life.



For more information, please visit the GEAR UP website:

[www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup/yourstories](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup/yourstories)

## Websites:

**www.cfww.com:**  
*Your Free Source for College and Career Planning*

**www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup:**  
*GEAR UP website*

# Get On Board The College Bus!

GEAR UP is providing FREE visitation trips for Students and their Families to Colleges and Universities around the state. The following trips are still available for Summer:

**Leave Tuesday, July 13th and return on Thursday July 15th.**



This summer, GEAR UP will be sponsoring a 3 day college tour for GEAR UP students and families!

This 3 day, 2 night tour will stop at 12 colleges across the state. This is your chance to get a comprehensive overview of the college experience. Participants will leave the morning of

Tuesday, July 13th and return on Thursday July 15th. Each day we will tour several college campuses, and each night we will stay in a college dorm, allowing students and families to experience college life first hand. Space will be limited on this trip, so make sure to get your reservations in. Registration starts May 1st!

**THIS TRIP IS FREE FOR GEAR UP STUDENTS & FAMILIES!**

The following are Campuses that will be visited:

Davis & Elkins, West Virginia Wesleyan, Alderson-Broaddus, West Virginia University, Wheeling Jesuit, West Liberty, Bethany College, Waynesburg, Fairmont State University, Marshall University, West Virginia State, and University of Charleston.

To register, call the GEAR UP office at 304-367-4302 or toll-free at 1-877-385-0896

## High School Senior College Prep List

- List your top college choices.
- Request admissions information and school catalogs.
- Save money from your summer job for college.
- Go on college visits.
- Compare costs of each school that interests you by contacting the colleges by phone, mail, or via their websites.
- Determine if the schools that interest you have online admission applications. If not, request them by mail now.
- Meet with school representatives who visit your high school.
- Look at virtual tours of college campuses online.
- If you haven't already taken the SAT and/or ACT, register for the test(s).
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- Ask employers, teachers, and guidance counselors for letters of recommendation to accompany your admissions applications.
- If you haven't already done so, attend college planning and/or financial aid information nights and college fairs.
- Visit your top school choices. If possible, make appointments with faculty, staff, and students.
- Complete applications for every scholarship for which you may be eligible.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to develop a college admission and financial aid application plan.
- Make a folder for each of your college choices.
- Contact the schools' financial aid offices to determine which forms they require. Some schools may require special forms.

### Upcoming Deadlines

#### **JUNE 5, 2010: SAT**

Last date to take the SAT to establish scholarship eligibility (reasoning test only). Scores will not be accepted for any SAT taken after June 5, 2010.

#### **June 12, 2010: ACT**

Last date to take the ACT (national test only) to establish scholarship eligibility. Scores will not be accepted for any ACT taken after June 12, 2010.