



Summer jobs can teach your teenager important lessons

Whether it's lifeguarding at a local pool or flipping burgers, summer jobs can give teens a lot besides a paycheck. They can also teach important lessons. One of the most important is responsibility. If your teen doesn't show up to sit in the lifeguard chair, kids may not be able to swim.

A summer job can also give your teen a taste of a career. Is she thinking about business? Let her see what it's like to worry about meeting payroll. Does she want to be an actor? A bit part can give her a glimpse of life backstage.

Sometimes, of course, these experiences teach teens that their original career ideas need a little revising. But it's far better to learn she doesn't want to be a vet now than after she has taken two or three years of college classes.

Remember that a "job" doesn't have to involve a paycheck. Some of the best summer experiences come with no salary. But they give teens real responsibility and a chance to work for a cause or issue they believe in.

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DATES TO KNOW

May 18, 2010
Parent of the Year Awards Banquet

May 23, 2010
Computer Scholarship Banquet

June 5, 2010
SAT Test Date

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

***Projected Dates**
NOTE: All dates subject to change and may vary by school.

Deadlines for 2010 Summer camps are fast approaching!

Remember all camps featured in the brochure and on our website are FREE to GEAR UP students.

Additionally, this year GEAR UP is throwing in a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card for GEAR UP students who complete any GEAR UP sponsored camp in its entirety!

For applications and further information, speak to your school's GEAR UP site coordinator, or visit the GEAR UP website:

www.fairmontstate.edu/gearup/summercamps2010



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- Future Teachers Academy
- GEAR UP Outdoors
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Websites:

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GEAR:UP website

Parent of the Year Banquet

On Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm, Fairmont State GEAR UP will host its annual Parent of the Year Banquet on the Fairmont State University campus in the conference rooms of the Falcon Center.

This banquet gives us the opportunity to thank and honor those parents who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to their child's continuing education as well as contributing to their child's school.

This year, our GEAR UP schools have selected 18 nominees on which to bestow this honor. Each parent of the year will receive an award to show our appreciation to their dedication.

Additionally, we will also announce and recognize the 2010 Fairmont State GEAR UP Parent of the Year for their work to help achieve GEAR UP goals.

Following is a list of nominees and the school they represent – thank you all for being a shining example of parental involvement in our schools!

Braxton County High School	Michelle Wilson
Buckhannon-Upshur High School	Sal and Virginia Carmona
Calhoun County High School	Debbie Murphy
Doddridge County High School	Mary Harris Hughes
Elkins High School	Nancy Philpott
Fairmont Senior High School	Janet Zirkle
Grafton High School	Jackie Hunt
Harman School	Tammy McFarlan
Lewis County High School	Traci Probst
Liberty High School	Kim Floyd
Lincoln High School	Leslie Haning
North Marion High School	Kathleen Smith
Philip Barbour High School	Kenny and Cassie Wilmoth
Pickens School	Wanda Scott
Preston High School	Steven Louk
Robert C. Byrd High School	Beth Ann Ferrell
South Harrison High School	Louie Romano
Tucker County High School	Donna Patrick
University High School	Kimberly George



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 Spring:

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!

To register, call the GEAR UP office at 304-367-4302 or toll-free at 1-877-385-0896
Monday—Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

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..