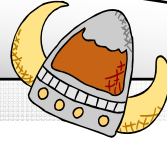


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Parent Newsletter

Rainier Beach High School

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Need Service Learning Hours?

Now that summer is here it's the perfect time to get those service learning hours! Many students tend to put the required 60 hours off, but then get overwhelmed their senior year with everything else going on. So use that free time this summer— get some hours!

There are many great opportunities in Seattle to get hours, and with a little creativity your student can even do something they enjoy. Great websites to check out local volunteer opportunities are www.volunteermatch.org and www.greenseattle.org/volunteers, or see the article on the opposite page about Youth Volunteer Corps.

Your student can make those volunteer hours work for them by choosing within their career interests. This way, they can learn new skills to list on their resume and make professional contacts— just make sure they ask for references when finished! Love sports? They can volunteer with Special Olympics



(www.sowa.org, 206-362-4949). Like to help others? They can volunteer for the Teen Link hotline (call 1-866-TEENLINK from 6-10 PM).



Interested in the environment? Contact Seattle Parks and Rec-

reation (www.seattle.gov/parks). Want to work with children? They can volunteer at the APPLE Parenting Program (<http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/apple/volunteers.htm>, 206-870-9015). And the list goes on!



There is no shortage of opportunities for youth to do something good for our community. Volunteering can help someone figure out what they may be interested in doing for a career...or even what they are NOT interested in doing! Just remember...60 hours needed to graduate!

Congrats and good luck to all graduating seniors!!!

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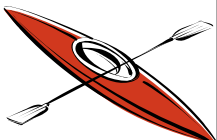
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Kayaking at Alki Beach

When I first stepped out of the car and took that first breath of the salty air my heart jumped with joy. As the group learned how to properly fasten a life jacket and skirt on, my energy increased. I couldn't wait to hit the open waters.

Maxi and I were the first pair to launch our kayaks out on the ocean. Once everyone had launched their kayaks we set out to see what the ocean had in store for



us. Maxi and I stayed at the back of the group at first to enjoy the sun and beauty of the beach. Once in a while I would play a trick on Maxi, by screaming shark when her hand was in the water.

Then as we headed towards Alaska Maxi and I led the group and made sure nobody got by us. We faced many challenges as we paddled through the waves from other boats almost knocking us over. The thrill and excitement made us laugh with joy.

Our journey came to an end and we paddled back towards the beach. The group circled up on shore and everyone was asking when the next kayaking trip was going to be. It just proves to show how much fun kayaking can be.

On May 31st, Mr. Jefferson took a group of RBHS students kayaking on the sound through the Sierra Club. The previous article was written by one of the students who attended this adventure, Jazz Drevitch.

A Cure for Summer Boredom!

Over the summer, many youth are stuck with nothing to do. Sometimes that can lead to engaging in unsafe activities or maybe it leads to spending the summer in their houses with a television as company. Don't let this summer pass your family by— take advantage of the many fun and free activities that Seattle has to offer! Here are just a few of the numerous activities coming up over the summertime— get out there and enjoy our beautiful city!

Seafair

Seafair is one of Seattle's biggest and best summer events, and community activities are scheduled throughout the summer. On July 5th, the **Milk Carton Derby** will take place at Green Lake, with around 100 different boats of all shapes and sizes competing in the derby— sure to be interesting! Also on July 5th, the **Seafair Pirates** will land on Alki so come to the beach and watch the spectacle. On July 26th, the **Torchlight Parade** will march through downtown, along 4th Avenue, at 7:30 PM. Then, the weekend of August 1-3 will be the exciting **hydroplane races, fireworks show, and Blue Angels Air**



Show. You can watch the shows from various parks around Seattle, but the real fun takes place at Genessee Park, with food, activities and live bands all weekend long. For more information, call 206-728-0123 or log onto www.seafair.com. The whole family will love it!

Seattle Parks and Recreation

The Rainier Beach and Rainier Community Centers have numerous fun activities and groups taking place over the summer, many of which are free! Activities range from open gyms to bowling leagues to cooking classes to movie nights to martial arts classes...and lots more. These programs are great ways for youth to keep active, explore interests and interact with other youth in the community. For more information, call 206-386-1919, log on to www.seattle.gov/parks, or stop by a center and pick up a summer brochure!



Museums

Many of Seattle's museums have designated "free days" at least once a month— a great way to see some of Seattle's culture without having to pay a lot!
Museum of Flight- free every Thursday from 5-9 PM; 206-764-5720

Experience Music Project— free the first Thursday of the month from 5-8 PM; 206-770-2700

Northwest African American Museum— free the first Thursday of the month; 206-518-6000

Seattle Art Museum— free the first Thursday of the month, free for teens with ID (ages 13-19) the second Friday of the month; 206-654-3100
Seattle Asian Art Museum— free first Thursday of the month, free for families the first Saturday of the month; 206-654-3100



Other Local Activities

Some other great ideas for the whole family this summer:

Swimming— there are nine public beaches in Seattle where the whole family can enjoy a picnic and some water fun

Woodland Park Zoo- \$4.00 discount on Fridays at 4 PM; 206-548-2500

Olympic Sculpture Park— a free, unique park in downtown Seattle

Ballard Locks— spend a day watching the boats pass through the locks or have a picnic by the water



Congrats RBHS Library!

As many of you know, RBHS is undergoing a remodel over the summer, and when we return in September we will have a fancy new library. However, what you may not know is that our library recently received a \$40,000 grant to buy more library books for our new library...and another \$2500 from a different group! That is a lot of books that will be put to good use.



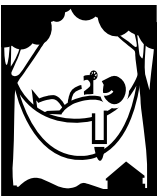
OneWorld Now!

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Learn Arabic or Chinese this summer (Aug. 4-22) through the OneWorld Now! 2008 Summer Language Camp at Seattle University. This is a FREE opportunity to learn an interesting language and culture... and have fun doing it! Contact OneWorld Now! to sign up for this great opportunity at 206-223-7703 or log onto www.oneworldnow.org/summercamps.htm.

Retiring Staff and Counselor Change

Goodbye and good luck to our Rainier Beach High School staff who are retiring at the end of this year: Joan Engle, Aurora Escame and Mary Guillory. We will miss you and wish you all a happy retirement! Also, because our head counselor Aurora Escame will be retiring, next year all students will have Dan Jurdy as their academic counselor. If you need to speak to your student's counselor, Mr. Jurdy can be reached at 252-6362.



Youth Volunteer Corps

Youth Volunteer Corps is a program through Camp Fire USA, and has numerous projects throughout the summer. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to get service learning hours, help the community, meet new people and have a blast doing it!

These projects are **free** and most run for about a week. Some examples of projects offered: cheer on marathon runners, referee basketball games, collect donations at a Seahawks game, chaperone field trips for children, clean up local parks and many, many more!! Space is limited, so register soon! Log onto www.yvckingcounty.org or call 206-461-8550 for more info.

Congratulations to our 2008-2009 ASB Officers!

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The Teen Health Center will be opening one week prior to the start of school for Fall Sport Physicals!
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