



MAXIMIZING YOUR SUMMER IN STEM

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FIRST, LET'S TALK ABOUT:



The Perfect Summer



- Take a moment to think about your perfect summer. Maybe one that has happened or one that you want to happen. Write down at least 5 words that describe why it was so great.
- Meaningful
- Fun
- Make Money
- Take a break
- Relaxing

CAN YOU DO IT ALL?

- Yes.
- What do you want out of summer?
 - Meaningful
 - Service
 - Career Exploration
 - Fun
 - Make \$\$
 - Relax
- Be strategic! Get ahead!
- Fun things can make \$ and expose you to STEM careers



WHY BE INVOLVED IN THE SUMMER?

- More time than during academic year
- Reflection
 - Past choices + Future choices
 - Courses, grad school, internships, research
- Faculty in non-threatening environment
 - Mentor for life?
- Make new friends, build network
- Try it on! - careers, companies, research



MY SUMMERS:

	Summer #	What I did:	Priority
	Post-Freshman	Mechanical Engineering Internship in my home town	Homesick (family, HS friends), \$\$, engineering experience, fun, relax
Rumblings of a career crisis →	Post-Sophomore	Ann Arbor: Officemax, Potbelly, Nuclear Research Lab observations, course	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ + FUNNNNNNNNN Make friends, research experience, get ahead on electives
Career crisis →	Post-Junior	Ann Arbor: Taught social justice course, ran Tech Day program TN: Internship at nuclear power plant	Service, teaching, get a minor, fun, relax Try out nuclear power plant career, get out of MI, \$\$
	Post-Senior	Ann Arbor: mope around, Research at UMICH hospital	Relax, network to land a full-time job, try out service-oriented nuclear work, \$\$



These are not meant to show you how to spend your summers. These are my summers and they might not be meaningful to you. These are to show you all of the things I was able to do in my summer that helped me get ahead academically and professionally while making \$\$ and still having fun.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

- **Too late to get internships or student jobs? But check anyway!**
 - April 14-16 – STEM Internship Series with TVC Talent (stemssummer.unm.edu)
 - career.unm.edu
 - Student Job and Internship Fair – April 15, 10 AM -2 PM, SUB
 - > Students > Jobs > Lobo Career Connection
 - Students for STEM Success on Facebook
 - unmjobs.unm.edu for student work on campus

- **Other engagement opportunities:**
 - Student organizations
 - Academic departments
 - Ethnic and support centers
 - STEM Summer



American Nuclear Society – Tech Day
Nuclear Department – Summer Camp outreach
El Centro, Women’s Resource Center

BUT I'M GOING BACK HOME!

- Can your schedule be flexible?
- Set goals for summer
 - Volunteering
 - Job Shadowing
 - Events
- Find friends with similar goals
- Come back to town for a few events!
 - Stay with friends and go together!
- Meet us there!



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Set goals for summer

Volunteering – How many hours? Where? Apply to career path?

Job Shadowing – What jobs interest you?

Events – like STEM Summer

WHATEVER YOU DO...

Don't turn your brain off!



I wonder
what's on
Netflix...

STEM SUMMER EVENTS & PROJECTS

▪ **Companies & Career Stuff**

- Internship Series
- Sandia Day
- AFRL
- ABQ Startup Tour
- Tricore
- Water Treatment Plant

▪ **Research Site Visits**

- Valles Caldera X 3
- Very Large Array

- Geology Sites

- Sandia Mountains
- Bosque del Apache
- Rio Grande Valley Nature Center

▪ **Projects & Courses**

- Cave Trip + Microbe Culturing
- Cave Trip + Biostats
- Parasites + Museum
- So, you want to be a doctor?
- Drug Modeling

READY TO GO?



STEM SUMMER SIGN-UP

1. stemsummer.unm.edu
2. Create an account with netID and password
3. Register for events
4. Check your email!
5. Best summer ever.

QUESTIONS??

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