

Opportunities and Special Programs for HS students

A myriad of unique opportunities and special programs are available to Southside High School students and are advertised on the school announcements which are read during 2nd period each day and are also posted on the school website. These opportunities are also sent out by direct email and Remind text message. This is not an all-inclusive list; major programs are listed below. The programs vary from year to year and are subject to change. For more information about any of the programs listed here, contact the Counselor, Lisa Rich at lisa.rich@southsideschools.org or by phone at 870-251-2662.

Axiom / UCA IT Careers Camp

This highly competitive, grant-funded camp targets students entering grades 9-12 from across the state interested in learning more about the field of information technology. The camp will be held at UCA during the summer. uca.edu/itcareerscamp.

Arkansas Boys' State and Arkansas Girls' State

These two programs are sponsored by the American Legion. Junior students who are selected for this one-week, all-expense paid stay on a college campus must have demonstrated interest in government, leadership, character, honesty and academic achievement. These students will have the opportunity to learn about the Arkansas State government and political system. They will learn about our democratic way of life and, hopefully, realize their own potential for making a better America in their future.

Arkansas Governor's School

A six-week summer program held on the campus of Hendrix College. Selection for Governor's School is based on a combination of ability & interest and highly competitive. AGS is designed for seniors who eagerly desire to stretch their intellectual capacity, develop their abilities and to learn about the world around them.

ASU Sports Medicine Camp

This workshop, usually held in the spring, will expose 10th – 12th grade students to a variety of sports medicine fields, concepts, and sports first aid. There will be demonstrations and small hands-on projects for response techniques and intervention.

DAR Good Citizen's Program

The DAR Good Citizen's Program is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must be a senior who is outstanding in the qualities of dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality), service (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others), leadership (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility), and patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation).

Henderson 100 Program

Held on the campus of Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, 11th grade participants have the opportunity to visit college classes and participate in seminars designed to help them learn more about the academic disciplines in which they are interested. Participants are chosen based on their GPA, standardized test scores, extra-curricular activities, faculty recommendation and short essays.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY)

This three-day conference usually held in the spring in Bentonville, AR provides 10th grade students the opportunity to learn about positive leadership skills and to meet with community leaders. Seminars and hands-on activities are used to assist students in gaining self-confidence and to practice skills necessary for future success.

Lyon College Outdoor & ACT Prep Camp

Lyon College offers Outdoor and ACT Pep Camps in the summer for 9th-12th grade students. Students have ACT Prep in the mornings and spend afternoons doing bouldering, ropes courses, disc golf, slack lining, ultimate Frisbee, etc. Online form at: <http://tinyurl.com/LyonOutdoorACTPrepCamp>

MASH

MASH is a free summer enrichment program designed to inform students about health careers and personal health improvement. Held at WRMC, this program is for student's entering 11th or 12th grade. To participate, students must demonstrate above average scholastic ability. Schedule is 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch provided. apply on line at www.whiteriverhealthsystem.com

National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine

Students who are promising future physicians may attend one of ten extensive programs in Boston, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, or Washington D.C. for eleven days. This first-hand experience in a motivating and challenging environment will allow participants to examine state of the art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail.

National Youth Leadership Forum on Law

This program is dedicated to the early recognition of our nation's most promising young people. It is held in Washington, D.C. and reaches out to high school juniors and seniors who exhibit academic excellence, leadership skills, and an interest in the field of law.

Optimist Club Essay and Oratorical Contests

This is an opportunity for students to win cash prizes by writing an essay or recording a speech over a specific topic (topics vary each year). The Optimist Club essay and oratorical contests are open to any student under age 19.

Optimist Club Youth Appreciation

The purpose of the Banquet is to honor two outstanding 9th grade students, nominated by the SHS faculty. Selection is based on the ideals of our district, as well as the tenets of the Optimist Creed and Purpose. The students selected will be recognized at a banquet and presented with a plaque and copy of the Optimist Creed.

Presidential Classroom

Students spend a week in Washington, D.C. observing the federal government at work, witnessing the development of public policy and exploring the roles of citizens, lawmakers, experts, associations, and businesses in the world's most successful democracy.

Society of American Military Engineers

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) hosts the SAME/ARMY Engineering and Construction Camp each summer. Forty students from across the nation are competitively selected to attend the camp. The students are housed at the 168th Engineer Command Building and engage in hands-on engineering and construction activities under the mentorship and supervision of SAME professionals and others from the local engineering community. The program includes interaction with representatives of architecture/ engineering firms, construction companies, Military leaders, and Corps of Engineers' employees. The camp fee is \$50. More information at <http://samevicksburg.org/engineering-camp/> or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/samearmycamp>

UALR Engineering Scholars Program

The objective of the program is to increase the number of students entering engineering programs in Arkansas through exposure to hands-on engineering projects, plant trips, and interaction with industry engineers. Counseling and advising sessions will assist 9th – 12th grade students in preparing for college. There is no charge for attending the one-week residential program. However, students are encouraged to bring funds as needed to do their laundry, purchase snacks, and to purchase items of interest during social outings and field trips.

UALR High School Research Program

The objective of this summer program is to engage academic high achievers in a focused research environment by proactively mentoring them and helping them make informed choices on appropriate course work during their high school years for pursuing future careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. Open to 9th – 12th, there is no charge for the three-week residential program.

UAMS Pharmacy Summer Camp

Designed for rising 11th & 12th graders who are interested in learning more about the challenging career pathway opportunities in pharmacy. Camp tuition is usually \$400 and includes housing, all meals, & all camp instruction materials and costs. A limited number of stipends are available for those who require

tuition assistance. Application at <http://pharmcollege.uams.edu/prospective-students/pharmacy-camp/>
For questions contact cdcater@uams.edu or 501-686-6282.

VFW Voice of Democracy

9th -12th students record a 3- 5 minute essay for a chance to win cash. Essay theme varies each year.

WRMC Volunteen program

For students going into grades 9-12 and who have at least a C average. Must commit to at least 4 hours of service per week (6 week program). A \$500 scholarship for the Volunteen voted most outstanding.