

Volunteering Can Get You Credit!

High school students may earn elective credit by volunteering in the community. Students who volunteer for a total of 60 hours may earn ½ credit, and students who volunteer for a total of 120 hours may earn 1.0 credit. In order to begin the process, the student must meet with his/her high school counselor to get pre-approval. Parents must also approve the community service experience. Students must then locate a community site at which to volunteer. Volunteer sites in the community must be non-profit agencies, such as animal shelters, elementary schools, and hospitals. There must be an adult at the volunteer site to supervise duties and hours spent in service. At the conclusion, students must write a brief narrative describing the community service experience.

Educational Travel Credit May Be Earned This Summer

Students in grades 9-12 may earn up to one full elective external credit if they keep a journal of what they learned while traveling outside regular school time for at least 42 consecutive days for one credit or 21 consecutive days for ½ credit. In order to do so, students must see their high school counselor in order to get pre-approval. Upon approval, the student must keep a journal of what he/she learned while traveling, including pictures of the student on the trip. These materials must be submitted to the counselor within three months after the student returns.

SAGE Academy at UNLV

UNLV will be hosting the Summer Advanced Gifted Education (SAGE) Academy from July 13 – July 31, 2009. Gifted 9th – 12th grade students are eligible to attend. Students may be identified as gifted by achieving certain SAT/ACT scores, being named as a National Merit Semifinalist, having taken Honors/AP classes in their high schools, or by receiving a letter of recommendation from their counselor. Cost to participate is \$875, which includes daily lunches, textbooks, and a parking pass. Students must provide transportation to and from UNLV. Students will take one college course from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to earn 3 UNLV college credits, as well as high school enrichment credit. Limited tuition assistance is available to students who qualify. For more information, please call (702) 895-5469 or visit the SAGE website at <http://edoutreach.unlv.edu/sage/index.html>.