

# Summer Camps & Play Schemes

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Working in a camp over the summer is a great way to gain paid work experience with children and young people, meet other people and often to experience a different country at the same time.

Summer camps are very popular in the US, but there are also residential language schools and National Citizenship Programmes in the UK, which offer opportunities for students.

Jobs include Activity leader, Camp Counsellor, Camp support staff, and Teaching English opportunities for those who are suitably qualified.

There may also be opportunities to work with children in travel company holiday clubs, and nannying or au pairing abroad.



## Summer Camps Abroad

Summer camps in the US and Europe regularly recruit UK students and graduates. Many work as a Camp Counsellor, where they are responsible for a small group of children, with instructor roles available for those with specific skills or coaching qualifications.

Others might work in camp support such as in the kitchens. The terms and conditions vary between the organisations and it is important to check these out. In general, you will have to pay a programme fee that will include application and visa, and sometimes also flights. You live in the camp free of charge and earn 'pocket money' when you are there. There is often the opportunity to go travelling after your period in camp is over.

Organisations include:

- [Americamp](#)
- [Bunac](#)
- [Camp America](#)
- [Camp Europe](#)
- [CCUSA](#)
- [USA Summer camp](#)
- [Skilled Summers](#)

## Camps in the UK

Camps and playschemes in the UK recruit students and graduates to work as Play and Activity Leaders. Some require specific skills such as sports coaching qualifications or experience. Some may be residential and offer accommodation.

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The National Citizen Scheme offers 2-week confidence building and skills development experiences for children and young people. As a student you may find work as a mentor. To find the NCS in your area go to <https://wearencs.com/>

Other camps in the UK include:

- [Activate camps](#) Sports and childcare camps throughout the UK
- [Barracudas](#) activity day camps, based mainly in London and the South East
- [Bushcraft](#) offers outdoor life skills for children
- [Churchill Day](#) camps. Day camps for children across UK including Cheltenham
- [Fun-fest](#) – holiday camps for children, locations include Solihull and Redditch
- [Kings Active](#) sports and activity camps. Nationwide, including Birmingham
- [Ultimate Activity](#) day camps across the UK

## Language Schools in the UK

A number of language schools run in the UK over the summer, often on 'pop up' sites including on the University of Worcester campus. Children and young people come from a range of different countries to learn English, but also to take part in different activities. To work as a Teacher you will be expected to be TEFL qualified, but there are also opportunities to work as an activity leader, organising social events and working with the children when they are not in class.

These roles are often, although not always, residential.

- [Bedes Summer School](#) – residential opportunities available, based in Sussex
- [MLA](#) (Move Language Ahead). Based at University of Worcester St Johns campus, amongst other centres. Work is available mid June – August with opportunities for activity leaders as well as language teachers.
- [Oxford International Education Group](#) – vacancies for activity leaders at a range of centres, including University of Worcester City Campus
- [Project International](#) activity camps for children with international focus. Various UK locations including Brecon
- [SUL Education](#) opportunities for TEFL teachers and Activities leaders at various locations including University of Worcester campuses
- [Xukcamps](#). Language school with various centres including London.

## Teaching opportunities

Teachers at summer camps and language schools usually must be TEFL qualified (Teaching English as a foreign Language). Find out more at [www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/english-as-a-foreign-language-teacher](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/english-as-a-foreign-language-teacher)

The organisations below offer teaching opportunities abroad aimed at new graduates. You may need to gain a TEFL qualification in advance, but full training may be offered by some organisations.

- [Chatteris](#) One-year placements in schools in Hong Kong
- [Experiorasia](#) Teaching opportunities in China and Hong Kong
- [Meddeas](#) Teaching opportunities in Spain
- [Mefworld](#) Early Years roles in China
- [Pagoda Projects](#) Paid internships in Taiwan
- [Pioneerbeyond](#) Teaching opportunities in China
- [Shanghai Meiji](#) Teaching opportunities in China
- [Tefl Iberia](#) offers TEFL courses in Spain
- [TEFL trainer](#) offers TEFL courses and work experience in Spain

## Other opportunities

Other summer or temporary roles with children and young people include au pair work, nannying, and kids clubs with holiday companies at home and abroad. For more information see [www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/summer-jobs](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-internships/summer-jobs).

Examples of employers are listed below.

- [Butlins](#) recruit summer team members
- [Cultural Care Au Pair](#) Year long Au Pair opportunities in the US
- [Eurocamp](#) Opportunities in camp support, preparing accommodation and customer service
- [Go Overseas](#) Au Pair opportunities in a range of different countries
- [Haven](#) Kids activity leader and childcare jobs in the UK
- [Mark Warner](#) Childcare and other jobs during summer and winter season
- [Tui](#) Childcare opportunities at TUI kids clubs at home and abroad

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