

Lutz Center Summer 2026

Internships

Programs

The Micheal and Karyn Lutz Center
**3435 N Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL
60641**

Teens **16** years old &
up can join
internships that pay
\$17.05/hr. (*Teens
must complete I-9
Document Collection
before starting*).



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Advanced Game Design

Schedule: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Description: Teens in the Game Design program will learn the fundamental concepts of game design and development through play, analysis, and game making. We will play and analyze existing games (digital and analog) and then through using open source, easy access software we will create our own games.

Cooking & Baking

Schedule: 8:15AM - 12:15PM

Description: In this program the teens will learn the basics of sanitation/cleaning, ingredient function, proper kitchen tool uses, and measurements. They will be working on baking/cooking techniques, packaging, and presentation. This program not only focuses on baking and savory cooking, but will also focus on the entrepreneurship aspect of the culinary field.



Costume Design

Schedule: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Description: We'll delve into fashion history for inspiration, meet with costume professionals, develop our ideas through sketching, and learn how to select materials to create a costume that truly conveys character. You will showcase what you've learned by producing a costume of your own design, accompanied by a presentation board featuring swatches, sketches of additional ideas, and a portfolio-ready artist statement that you will have developed over the course of the class. Some sewing knowledge is helpful, but not required!

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Latin Dance

Schedule: 8:15AM - 12:15PM

Description: Advance your Latin dance skills with expert instructors. Choreograph and perform routines using dances such as Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cha Cha.

Lutz Buddies

Schedule: 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Description: Teens in Lutz Buddies will gain a basic understanding of common intellectual disabilities and strategies for interacting with other teens with disabilities. Teens from Lutz Buddies will be paired with a diverse learner and spend the session supporting that teen in their program. Take part in this incredible opportunity to build friendships, participate in social mentoring, support integration of teens with intellectual disabilities, and help to foster an atmosphere of inclusion at After School Matters!

Lutz Leadership Council

Schedule: 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Description: As a teen in this program you will be using your voice and experience to support After School Matters in learning more about how to improve your program experience. With different artistic approaches, like sewing, drawing, and designing, your voice and identity will be brought to life through art and various projects. Interested in advocating for your community, being a leader, and using your voice to improve systems and programs? Then, this is a program for you emerging leaders!



Mosaic Arts

Schedule: 8:15AM - 12:30PM

Description: Come and join other teens to learn a new artistic skill! We will create beautiful three-dimensional wall art through the mosaic technique, which uses colorful glass and metallic tiles to create original artwork designed by you.

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Painting & Drawing Studio

Schedule: 8:45AM - 12:45PM

Description: Teens further develop their fine art skills in this program. Fundamentals of painting and drawing are further refined to develop more advanced and creative final products. Continue to build your college portfolio with expert instructors.



Soil Engineering

Schedule: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Description: In the Gardening Program, you will have the opportunity to sustainably grow vegetables & herbs, discover horticultural careers, and learn about our local ecosystems. Additionally, you will make friends and visit urban farms in our city! Apply now to the Gardening Program at After School Matters!

STEM in Healthcare Sciences

Schedule: 8:45AM - 12:45PM

Description: Teens get a hands-on journey into the science and technology shaping today's medical world. Activities include suturing, blood science labs, forensic investigations & medical equipment exploration. STEM principles are applied in exciting ways such as chemistry experiments, anatomy labs, and DNA extraction. Professional guest speakers offer valuable career insights. This program is designed to inspire blending cutting-edge science with practical skills, empowering teens to envision themselves in roles where they can advance medical innovation and improve patient lives.



Upbeat Music & arts

Schedule: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Description: Teens develop self-confidence and skills that last a lifetime through music, through group and individual piano, guitar, and voice instruction. Teens gain a strong foundation of music theory, technique, and performance, while feeling connected to the larger arts community, learning songs and playing music with new friends!

Welding A

Schedule: 8:30AM - 12:30PM

Description: An introduction to all things welding, this program will focus on the hands-on art of joining metal. Design and create your own metal projects, meet industry experts and learn about careers in welding, and practice techniques behind multiple different types of welding. No experience is needed - this is a very hands on program that includes bright lights, loud noises and strong safety procedures.

Diverse Learners

Programs 14 & Up

This Programs Offers Teens a Stipend of \$420

Lutz Buddies Exploration

Schedule: 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Description: This program is designed specifically for diverse learners! Teens with intellectual disabilities will be paired with a non-disabled peer from the Lutz Buddies program. During the session, teens will use art as a gateway to explore the many programs that the Lutz Center has to offer. Take part in this incredible opportunity to build friendships and help foster an atmosphere of inclusion at After School Matters!

Special Initiatives *Advanced

Apprenticeships* Programs 14 & Up

Advanced apprenticeships offer a stipend of \$850



Comed Youth Ambassadors

Schedule: 1:15PM - 5:00PM

Description: ComEd Youth Ambassadors take part in hands-on projects, career opportunities, and field trips to learn about the future of renewable energy in Chicago. In addition, ambassadors will learn presentation and public speaking skills that they will utilize while spreading the word about renewable energy. If you are interested in learning about real-world science applications of solar energy and the positive environmental impact from renewable energy, then this program is for you!



People's Gas

Schedule: 1:15PM - 5:00PM

Description: Peoples Gas exposes teens to various disciplines of engineering through our project-based learning, hands-on curriculum. Teens learn how to utilize the engineering design process of Ask, Imagine, Create, Test and Improve to develop and create solutions to different engineering challenges. Engineering challenges include projects such as Smart Grid Lamp Design, Bridge Design, Robotics, and Wearable Electronics that require teens to apply their knowledge of the design process as well as basic mathematics and physics concepts.