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Seeking Happy Campers

Rising seniors: join fellow students from around the state to explore the pursuit of happiness!



What is happiness? How do ideas about happiness shape our culture? Join fellow teens from around the state to tackle these and other fundamental questions about human happiness.

What is Happy Camp?

Happy Camp is Oregon Humanities' Summer Honors Symposium, a three-day residential camp for bright, curious teens. Led by outstanding teachers from around the state, one hundred teens explore diverse philosophical, economic, historical, and scientific approaches to the pursuit of happiness.

When and where is it held?

In 2011, Happy Camp will take place August 5–7 on the beautiful campus of the University of Portland. Campers will stay in chaperoned dorms and attend daily workshops, lectures, films, and discussions led by high school teachers and university faculty.

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What's expected of students?

Before Happy Camp, students receive a reading packet on happiness and several activities to complete.

At camp, students consider what thinkers from Plato to Benjamin Franklin to Ursula K. Le Guin to contemporary filmmakers have to say about happiness as it relates to philosophy, biology, ecology, spirituality, economics, politics, the arts, and personal relationships.

Students learn from other Happy Campers, teachers, and college faculty, ask questions, discuss what everyone is learning, and have a great time!



What does it cost?

Happy Camp is free for all students.

Am I eligible? How do I register?

Rising seniors at public or private Oregon high schools are eligible to participate if recommended by his or her principal. Once recommended, students will receive information about how to register for Happy Camp online.

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