

# Branches



Are you a high school student in Baltimore City looking for something enriching to do after-school or in the summer? At Branches, you'll meet new friends, get outside, and learn important skills to set you on the path to success!

Branches is an after-school internship and summer jobs program that helps teens prepare for life beyond the classroom, develop as individuals, and provides opportunities for outdoor recreation with peers. Participants work and play in green spaces around the city, conduct urban environmental research, and learn to improve public health through environmental stewardship. Apply today if this sounds like an opportunity for you!

## **BRANCHES AT-A-GLANCE**



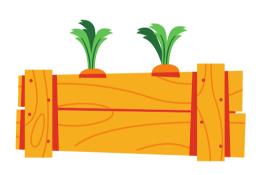
# COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Participate in weekly college and career readiness sessions highlighting pathways to successful employment, hear from career professionals, and explore your potential as you begin preparing for your ideal career.



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Financial literacy, critical thinking, problem solving, and team cohesion are only a few of the things you'll practice. At Branches, you'll be encouraged to push yourself and learn necessary life skills to become a well-rounded individual.



## EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

Explore Baltimore's parks and outdoor spaces while using science and recreation to practice environmental stewardship. Learn about urban ecology and understand how all living things have a role to play in Earth's ecosystems.

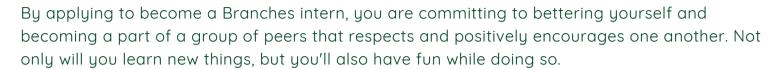
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"I really enjoyed Branches this school year. The people there were amazing as well as the activities that we did. I really liked the sense of community and family that we had."

- Patience, 3rd Year Branches Intern

**APPLY IF YOU ARE READY TO...** 

- Make a positive impact on the environment and Baltimore City
- Engage in online sessions with peers and mentors
- Work and volunteer outside in a safe environment
- · Learn to advocate for green space in your community
- Practice important job and life skills



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### SPRING AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION SCHEDULE

March 17th - June 4th
Wednesday & Friday
4:00pm - 5:30pm
Virtual
Optional Saturday in-person (see below)

#### **SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

June 28th - August 6th Monday - Friday Virtual & In-person (detailed schedule provided at a later date)

#### WHERE DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

Wednesday and Friday Spring sessions are virtual, while Saturday sessions will include optional in-person activities such as garden work, tree care, and recreational events. All Saturday event details will be available on our website.

\*All in-person activities will follow all CDC COVID-19 guidelines and will require participants to be socially distant and wear a mask.

#### WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Branches offers opportunities to try new things, a chance to enjoy time with friends, and adds valuable experience to your resume that employers want to see. Additionally, you can earn service-learning hours during in-person sessions. Participants will receive priority placement in Branches YouthWorks Summer Job Program.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

All Branches participants must be a Baltimore City high school student, have access to a device with audio/video/microphone capability, have a stable internet connection, and participate in weekly virtual sessions.

\*Parks & People is able to lend a limited number of laptops on a first come first serve basis

