

SATURDAY ACADEMY

Parent organization: Portland State University / OHSU; OSU also runs a Saturday Academy.

Web address: <http://www.saturdayacademy.org>

Grade level or ages served: 4th – 12th grade

Overview (one paragraph): Pre-college students in Portland Metro region have the opportunity to interact with community experts and experience professional environments in ways that assist them in developing intellectually and preparing for rewarding careers. Classes are small, informal and project-oriented. Apprenticeships in science and engineering are also offered.

Subjects covered: Students can explore a multitude of topics from science, engineering and technology to humanities and the arts.

Size of program: Any interested student can enroll. From 3500 - 4000 enrollments occur annually in the Portland metro region; another 1500 take place at OSU. Classes are offered year round, after school, on weekends and during school breaks. Classes and science clubs also can be purchased for delivery at schools, both during the school day and after school. Apprenticeships are offered in science and engineering-based industry and research facilities on a competitive basis to approximately 150 high school students each summer.

Where offered: A variety of locations throughout the Portland Metro Area, including PSU, community colleges, industry locations, public and private schools.

Time spent by students: A typical class lasts for two hours and meets six times, for twelve instructional hours. Summer apprentices work full time for 8 weeks.

Partners/Sponsors: Portland State University & OHSU.

Materials available on web and/or purchase: Classes can be ordered for delivery to schools or community organizations.

Training for teachers, facilitators, volunteers, leaders is: Instructors develop their own curriculum and delivery models.

Cost structure: Tuition runs from \$65 for a one-day workshop to as much as \$350 for a full week overnight camp. Scholarships are available based on federal free and reduced price lunch guidelines. Apprenticeships are free and students receive a \$1000 stipend.

Funding: Tuition, grants, gifts, ETIC & mentoring companies.

Other points of interest: Saturday Academy was founded in 1983. Since then, Saturday Academy has provided instruction to more than 100,000 students throughout Oregon and SW Washington.