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10 Cool Jobs and What They Pay

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What's the coolest job ever? One that allows you to express your personality while doing something you love and getting paid for it (otherwise, it's a hobby). That's the conclusion reached by David Rosen author of [What's That Job and How the Hell Do I Get It?: The Inside Scoop on More Than 50 Cool Jobs from People Who Actually Have Them](#). Rosen believes "coolness" is subjective. Everyone interviewed in his book thought they had a cool job, but that doesn't mean they wanted any of the other 49 jobs he wrote about. "The mediators were fascinated by solving disputes and helping people get along. Designing jewelry would seem trite to them," Rosen says. "Physical therapists love that their jobs end and there's no homework, but some of the coolest jobs are jobs you're never really not doing."

Still, some jobs just seem inherently cool -- the kind of jobs you dream about on days when you want to knock down your cubicle walls and run screaming from the office. With that in mind, here's a list of 10 really cool jobs, links for finding them on Monster and, just to keep the reality meter running, a glimpse at what they pay.

1. Cowboy

If you dream of living the rural life as a cowboy, consider a position as a [ranch or farm manager](#). You can expect to earn between \$25,000 and \$35,000, says Brady Lynch, an agricultural search consultant for MRINetwork Management Recruiters of Sioux Falls LLP. "A lot of times [benefits] will include other things like housing, a vehicle and even beef or chickens," he adds.

2. Actor or Singer

Most [actors](#) have second jobs, and they often end up as waitresses, teachers and administrative assistants. About 50,000 Americans work as actors, earning a median income of \$11.61 an hour, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). [Singers and musicians](#) do better, earning an average of \$19.73, but in both fields, the work is so erratic that the BLS can't calculate reliable annual earnings data.

3. Brewmaster

It's every college guy's dream and a reality for about 4,000 members of the [Institute of Brewing & Distilling](#). Study to become a brewer at [The Siebel Institute](#) or the [University of California at Davis](#). The typical brewmaster salary ranges from \$25,000 at a local brew pub to more than \$100,000 at a larger national brewery, says a source at a national brewers trade association.

4. Professional Golfer

You need nerves of steel and a love of travel to survive as a professional golfer. Average yearly winnings in the Ladies Professional Golf Association were \$237,598 in 2007. With 190 ladies on the money list, top-ranked Lorena Ochoa earned more than \$4 million, while 190th ranked Cindy Patechnik earned just \$2,156. If you want to stay in one place, work as a golf pro and earn a median salary of [\\$57,141](#), according to the Salary Wizard.

5. Cruise Director

Cruise directors are the multitaskers of the seas. At [American Cruise Lines](#) (ACL), the cruise director organizes and goes on shore excursions, manages guest speakers, schedules entertainment, does concierge duty and then circulates in the dining room to pitch the next day's events, says Joe Pascarella, ACL assistant manager for operations. Hospitality recruiter Renard International in Toronto says the average salary for a cruise director is \$45,000 to \$50,000. If you have bank teller or retail experience, consider signing on as a casino cashier or for a job in an on-board retail shop.

6. Personal Trainer

The vast majority of the 235,000 personal trainers and exercise instructors aren't selling their DVDs at Wal-Mart; they're working in health clubs, where they earn an average of [\\$31,170](#), according to the BLS.

7. Academy Awards Ballot Counter

For the past 72 years, [PricewaterhouseCoopers'](#) Entertainment and Media practice has been counting the ballots cast for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' annual Academy Awards. The two partners who run the 10-day ballot-counting team get to sit backstage and pass out the envelopes with the winners' names inside. Inside Public Accounting says the average compensation for an accounting partner was \$461,272 in 2007. Since your odds of becoming one of the two partners handling the task are as remote as your odds of winning an Academy Award, consider an alternative: working as an [accountant in the entertainment industry](#).

8. Broadcast Sports Reporter

What's not to like about a job where you watch sports, talk sports and interview athletes? The paycheck may not be as large as you'd imagine. The [median salary](#) for the approximately 9,300 US broadcast [journalists](#) is \$50,730 while the 40,000 or so people working as print reporters earn a median salary of \$38,620.

9. Firefighter

There's a lot of work out there in [firefighting](#) but the competition is fierce, so you'll need mechanical aptitude, physical fitness, and a bit of firefighting or emergency responder education to win a paid position. The good news is that if you can land this job, opportunity will abound. The BLS projects the industry will grow 12 percent between 2006 and 2016, to 404,000 jobs. The median salary for firefighters is \$41,190. Make chief, and you could more than double that salary.

10. Flight Attendant

Free flights are the best perk offered to [flight attendants](#). Attendants' salaries start at around \$16,000 a year, according to the [Association of Flight Attendants](#). But salary goes up as you stay on the job, and the median salary for the 97,000 US flight attendants is \$53,780, according to the BLS. Some airlines have minimum and maximum height requirements, and you can't be too large to walk down the aisle facing forward. Speaking a second language will make you more appealing to international airlines.

Get on-line to www.coin3.com and keep your research going! Show your parents! Remember that our site ID is NJ13236. Any questions see your counselor today!

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Absegami Guidance Goodies...



Students, ages 14 through 17, who need working papers may obtain these important forms from the AHS Guidance Office. Forms may be picked up during the school day or over the summer, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 12Noon. The paperwork requires an Employer's signature, Parent's signature, Physician's Certification, and proof of age (birth certificate-- **bring a copy from home!**) for processing. Mrs. Cipaldo, Mrs. Erney, or Mrs Berret in the Guidance Area can process these forms for anyone in need.

What do you think... *In every aspect of our lives, we are always asking ourselves, How am I of value? What is my worth? Yet I believe that worthiness is our birthright.*

Oprah Winfrey

May/ June '08 Guidance Calendar

May 5- AP Exams start

May 14- 4th Marking Period Interim reports mailed out!

May 19- Scholar Awards Night 6:30pm

May 23 & 27- Senior Exams periods 1 & 2

May 28 & 29- Senior Exams periods 3 & 4/5/6

May 30 & June 2- Senior Exams periods 6/7/8 & 8/9/10

June 3 & 4- Senior Exams periods 11 & 12

June 5- Last Full Day of School!

June 6- Underclassmen Exams start- 12noon dismissal- **also Senior Picnic plus Cap & Gown distribution.**

June 9- **Senior Awards Night 7pm in the PAC-** Remember Seniors- you must apply for scholarships for a chance for an award!

June 11- **Graduation 5pm- Project Graduation 11pm to 5am**

NOW- FAFSA should be done!!! It still may not be too late depending on the state where you will be attending college, however this needs to be done ASAP! Goto www.hesaa.org or www.fafsa.ed.gov for more info!

NOW- Seniors should be submitting college responses- admits or denials plus any financial award or scholarship award letters!

- **NOW-** Seniors should be scouring www.absegami.net for local scholarship info! Go to the Guidance Link then click on scholarships! Hard copy listing and all applications are available in the guidance office! You should be registered at www.fastweb.com for national scholarship opportunities!
- **Juniors-** Remember that you need to plan to take the SAT's two times this year- you may also want to plan for the October Test next year! Go to www.collegeboard.com Check deadlines and sign up for a free SAT Q of the Day to be e-mailed to you daily!
- Are you a junior with college aspirations? Are you concerned about your family financial situation? www.questbridge.org might have the answer- college prep conferences and admissions counseling is free for those who qualify!

PROGRAMS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteer with The 21st Century Community Learning Center in Egg Harbor City- Use this summer to build your college resume! Volunteer for The Egg Harbor City Public Schools Middle School Summer Camp! Send a letter of interest to Mr Marc Roesch- 21st Century Community Learning Center- 601 Buffalo Avenue- Egg Harbor City NJ 08215. Deadline May 30th
- **The University of Delaware has summer college. Goto www.udel.edu/summercollege for further information.**
- **NYU has a summer PreCollege Program. Visit www.nyu.edu/summer today!**
- The United States Military Academy has a Summer Leaders Seminar apply at www.admissions.usma.edu today!
- **It's NOT too late to apply to RSC!** Did you know that Stockton has a Full Tuition Dean's Scholarship if you are in the Top 20% of your class with an 1150 or better SAT!
- Want a career @ Disney? Google Disney careerstart now
- Our local Rotary International Club is looking for young people ages

15.5 through 18.5 who are interested in studying in a foreign country for a full year. Call Jack Kammer at 898-9134 for more details.

- LeadAmerica wants you! See your counselor today for Congressional Student Leadership Conference information today!
- "MANNA at the Shore" needs volunteers, call Susan Simon @641-3253 for more information.
- Medical Explorer's are back at the AtlanticCounty Regional Medical Center in Pomona and Atlantic City! Call Ed Kyle @441-8086 for the details.
- Are you into animals? Join the Philadelphia Zoo's Junior Zoo Apprenticeship Program! See your counselor for details or goto www.philadelphiazoo.org today.
- A career in travel? Go to www.thetravelacademy.com
- Girls Only- Summer Programs in Science! Go to www.smith.edu/summerprograms/ssep for more info



AHS Graduation
Wednesday June 11
Start Time 5pm



Personal Care...

- Are you or a friend struggling with substance use? It's not too late to get out... Identifying a weakness and dealing with it in a positive way is a sign of strength! You can do this, you need to do this, and deep down you know that you want to be better- you can get out of the ugly cycle that is addiction! Here is one place for confidential and free help... Atlantic County's **TRYIT- Treating Recovering Youth In Transition.** Call Jake Straughn or Greg Mayer at 645-7700 ext 4331 or ext 4334. Start feeling like yourself again Call TODAY!
- **Do you want to FIGHT someone?** Don't do it! Use Mediation- it's quick, CONFIDENTIAL, and it works! See any teacher, counselor, or mediator for a request form.
- Issues with eating or body image? Learn more at www.renfrewcenter.com and start helping yourself or a friend.

ACADEMIC Help is AVAILABLE...

- **TUTORS Available in the Guidance Office...** Submit a National Honor Society Tutor Request Form TODAY!
- **WEEKLY Progress Reports are available in the Guidance Office and offer great teacher feedback.**
- **Late Study Tuesday and Wednesday for Math 4:30 to 6:30pm & Thursday for Math and Science 4:30 to 7:30pm in the 'Gami Library.** Also Egg Harbor City students can go to FD Rittenberg Mon through Fri from 5 to 8pm for Eng, Math, & Science!
- Make sure your parents are on ParentConnect! Go to www.absegami.net for registration details!