



Welcome to
GTI 2025
STAFF

An Intro for the Parents!



WELCOME TO GTI!

Georgia Teen Institute, an initiative of GUIDE, Inc., is a youth leadership program for Youth Action Teams throughout Georgia. It is fully staffed and peer-led by high school, college age and adult volunteers.



REINHARDT UNIVERSITY
7300 REINHARDT CIR
WALESKA, GA 30183

STAFF ARRIVAL

YS 2 and YAS: 2:30-3:30 on
Thursday, 6/5
YS 1: 10-11 am on Saturday, 6/7

STAFF DEPARTURE

All Staff: 3 pm on Friday, June 13

DAY IN THE LIFE

Our staff stay busy while at GTI! During the weekend, they participate in full days of staff training. Once the program begins, they are engaging with our participants, leading groups and staffing various program sessions. They also engage in staff-only sessions, such as Staff Meetings and Connection Groups. All staff will have a break at some point in the day.

Tuesday, June 10

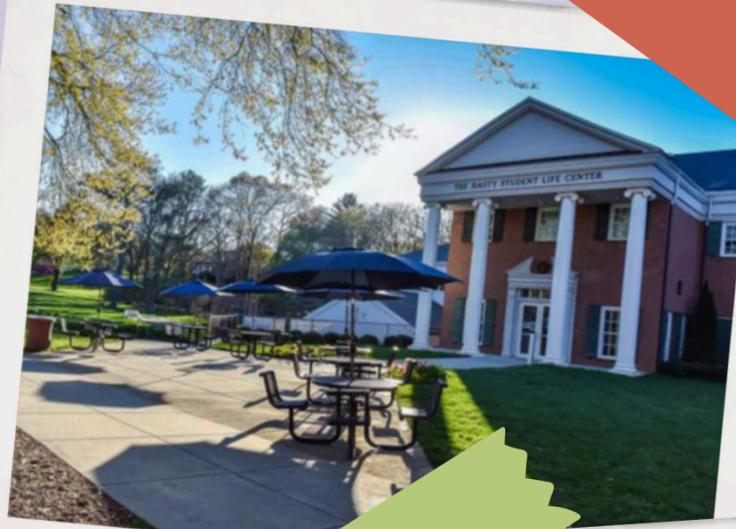
7:30 - 8:00 am	Staff Meeting
8:00 - 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 am	General Session
9:45 - 10:45 am	Family Group
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Team Meetings
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 3:15 pm	Learning Labs
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Free Time
4:15 - 5:30 pm	Staff Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:45 - 7:30 pm	Family Group
7:45 - 9:00 pm	Evening Activities
9:30 - 10:00	Staff Meeting
10:00 - 11:00 pm	Quiet Time on Hall
11:00 pm	Lights Out



REINHARDT UNIVERSITY

GTI Staff get to experience many facets of campus living while at GTI - including sleeping in a dorm, eating meals in the Dining Hall and staffing sessions that occur in various campus buildings like athletic and recreation facilities, classrooms and more.

Our staff will be housed together on two floors in one of our dorms. Staff will have 1 roommate of the same gender and staff level. The roommate pair will have access to a private bathroom. Adult Staff are available on every hall for adequate supervision and support.



WHAT TO PACK

Essentials:

- Bedding (Sheets, blankets, pillow, etc.)
- Towels & wash cloths
- Toiletries
- Watch
- Alarm clock
- Water bottle
- GTI-appropriate casual clothes
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Flip flops & carryall
- Nametag lanyard & GTI polo

Optional:

- Umbrella
- Coffee mug
- Dorm items (night light, etc.)
- Extra blanket
- Secret Pal supplies (notecards, etc.)
- Backpack

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- All snacks and meals
- T-shirt and a polo for Monday-Friday of program week
- All materials for staff training and duties assigned

DO NOT BRING

- Knives, firearms or weapons of any kind
- Alcohol, tobacco/vaping products, unprescribed or illegal drugs
- Fireworks
- TVs, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.
- Valuables



SAFETY MEASURES

DORMS

All dorms require keys to access

Your child stays on a staff-only hall with supervision

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We are responsive to all allergies, dietary restrictions and necessary accommodations our staff have shared with us

RULE OF 3

It is our policy that no 2 people (adult/youth or staff/participant) should ever be alone together in a space that's not open and observable—there should always be at least 3 people present. This rule protects both participants and staff by creating accountability, preventing misunderstandings and promoting a safe, transparent environment.

STAFF LIAISONS

YOUTH STAFF: CRYSTAL (470-864-1256)

YOUNG ADULT STAFF: PAULA (770-837-4191)

GROUPME

Your child will be a part of a staff-level and all-staff GroupMe for immediate communication in the event of something concerning (i.e. inclement weather)

BACKGROUND CHECKS

All staff 18 and older have completed background checks



OUR EXPECTATIONS

As GTI staff, your child is expected to be a professional and responsible youth leader at all times—setting a positive example through their words, actions and attitude. By joining our team, they’ve already agreed to follow the policies outlined in our Staff Handbook, which are designed to ensure a safe, respectful and supportive environment for everyone. This includes strictly avoiding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD), refraining from bullying or inappropriate relationships and consistently following our dress code and behavioral expectations. Participants look up to them as role models—their leadership matters!



WE'VE GOT THEIR BACKS!

We prioritize the well-being of our staff and make sure they feel supported throughout their time with us. Regular check-ins help us stay connected and responsive to their needs. They're never on their own; our Staff Development Committee and broader team provide a strong network of guidance, encouragement and practical help whenever needed.



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

You can also email us at gtistaff@guideinc.org if
you think of something later!

