



SUMMER STAFF HANDBOOK





What We Do

GOAT exists to equip and elevate youth leaders in the way of Jesus from historically under-resourced communities through outdoor adventures.



Why The Outdoors?

We believe that the outdoors offer a totally unique space for students to experience an adventure that may be a bit out of their comfort zone! Beyond new experiences, the outdoors provides a fresh look at creation and often leads our students to consider the creator behind it all.



How We Do Things

We Build Relationships

Our staff, mentors, and guides meet many of our students through Summer Partner Trips. We provide these trips as a free service to over 40 partner organizations in our community! (We consider ourselves a ministry to ministries) These adventures provide experiences that move our students out of their comfort zone and into “the stretch zone.” This is the perfect environment to deepen relationships and build trust.



We Give Responsibility

As students grow through outdoor adventures and transformative relationships, they receive opportunities to learn about their personal gifts, and take advantage of leadership and job readiness training. Finally students are given the opportunity to earn a job with us, serving their peers as a Junior Guide!

Summer Guide Job Description

Summer Guides are the bread and butter of a goat summer. They are hands on with the students and lead our mountain biking, rock climbing, paddle boarding, hiking, and backpacking trips. In essence, Summer Guides are responsible for creating a safe and fun environment for students in the outdoors.

GOAT At A Glance

GOAT is a non-profit that serves students from historically under resourced communities through outdoor adventure trips such as paddle boarding, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking and backpacking. We work with established organizations and offer outdoor adventures free of charge to bolster their program offerings!

Summer Internships

Working for GOAT means you'll do everything. It means you'll work hard — and play hard. Everybody pitches in here. You'll do things you never even knew were involved with a ministry. You'll spend some days on the lake talking to students about the God whose reflection shimmers off the water. Other days you might prep lunches and gear for an upcoming backpacking trip. Non-profit work involves wearing lots of hats, and doing a wide variety of tasks. In all of it, you can be sure we're doing it together. You'll be part of the family. And we mean that quite literally.

Qualifications:

- A relationship with Jesus Christ
- At least 18 years of age
- Adult/Child CPR & First Aid (we will provide)
- Climbing guide training (we will provide)
- Physical conditioning to guide adventures.
- A desire to love kids
- Willingness to fundraise a portion of your Summer Stipend. (up to \$2,000)

Questions + Answers

How many guides are hired for the summer?

Good question! We've found that the Summer Flows best when we have a crew of 5-6 Summer Guides!

Do I need to be an expert in the outdoors to apply?

No! We just ask that you enjoy doing hard things outside with students and have a desire to see students be transformed into the likeness of Jesus!

What students will we be taking out?

We partner with local like-minded organizations in Greenville, SC that work with middle school and high school students from historically under-resourced communities.

What outdoor activities do we do at GOAT?

We guide rock climbing, mountain biking, paddle boarding, hiking, and backpacking trips.

What is the time frame of the summer?

Our training begins in May and our last trip is typically the first week of August.



Am I required to attend Summer Guide Training?

Yes, our 2 ½ week training covers everything you need to guide successful and safe adventure trips. (It's also a critical relationship building period for our guides!)

Do I get paid for this position?

Yes! We provide a \$750 stipend to our guides. We also encourage and assist you in fundraising an additional \$2500 for the summer!

What hours do summer guides work?

Summer guides work 8 am - 5 pm Monday through Friday. You will get every weekend off.

Will I need to find my own housing for the summer?

Nope, we will provide housing in Greenville, SC for the Summer, free of charge!

Do I get any time off during the summer?

Yes, you can take up to 5 days off.

What will my day-to-day look like?

Each weekday every Summer Guide meets up at the office at 8 am to hangout, make sammies, and prepare for the day. We pick up students around 9:30 and head out on the day's adventure! Once the adventure is done we drop students off, unload, and linger to our heart's content!



APPLY HERE!

Thank you for slowing down and thoroughly reading our Summer Guide packet. If you have any remaining questions, please reachout to our Program Director Abbey Hudson. You can reach her at abbey@goattrips.org.

We can't wait to see you on the trails!

To apply, head to

www.goatgvl.org/summerguide

