



2020 Leadership Summit

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Event Summary

The GEAR UP Georgia Student and Parent Leadership Summits will take place at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel on March 6-8, 2020. Two students from each GEAR UP Georgia cohort high school and two students from the priority district will be invited to attend. Students will work together with Seeds Training, the national GEAR UP Leadership Summit facilitators to create a stronger college-going culture within their schools and communities becoming GEAR UP Georgia Student Ambassadors upon completion. Students will strengthen leadership skills and increase their college awareness and readiness.

Each student must be accompanied by an adult family member (parent, guardian, temporary custodian, or advocate) to serve as a chaperone while at the Leadership Summit. The family member chaperone will participate in the GEAR UP Georgia Parent Leadership Summit while students are working with Seeds Training. The Texas Valley Communities Foundation facilitates the Parent Leadership Summit and the curriculum is aligned with the Harvard Family Research Project, Dr. Carol Dweck's mindset theory research, and Dr. Conley's Four Keys to College and Career Readiness. The goal of the Parent Leadership Summit is to cultivate a group of parents and family advocates with a greater capacity to promote positive change in their children, school, and community. The family member chaperone and the student representative will share a double-occupancy room at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel.

Students and parents/guardians/advocates who attend the Leadership Summits will be given the opportunity to experience a professional conference while interacting and learning from other students, parents, and educators across Georgia. Students participating in the Student Leadership Summit will focus on encouraging student, parent, and community involvement within the school and promoting the college readiness process among their peers. The students may also be asked to help guide GEAR UP Georgia initiatives by participating in student focus groups or representing the student body at GEAR UP Georgia conferences, meetings and trainings.

Student selection to attend the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summits will be based upon activity and engagement in GEAR UP sponsored activities, potential leadership abilities, college and career focus, and the ability for a family member/advocate to attend the Parent Leadership Summit and assume responsibility for the student for the duration of the Leadership Summits. GEAR UP grant funds will be used to cover the costs of the lodging, meals, and transportation during the Leadership Summit for the students and parent/guardians.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of event is the Leadership Summit?

Well... in our slightly subjective opinion, the GEAR UP Georgia Leadership Summit might be the best residential college access event EVER. You will get to...

- learn more about college access and success
- make new friends from across the state
- discover the University of Georgia while in leadership training on campus, and
- develop leadership skills to influence others for the greater good

What will I do at the Leadership Summit?

Students will attend leadership classes that include martial arts styled board breaking, impromptu dance sessions and a whole lot of character development in between all the excitement. In addition, you will be on a college campus for three days with GEAR UP Georgia students from multiple schools and counties.

Parents/guardians will attend leadership workshops designed specifically for adults to help them better prepare their family for college and learn how to leverage the resources GEAR UP and the state of Georgia provides to ensure the best possible outcomes (graduation!). Students and parents will experience a campus tour and activities.

What are my responsibilities?

As a student, we expect you to help create a college going culture in your school by promoting GEAR UP activities, events and college access initiatives amongst your peers. You will graduate the Leadership Summit as a GEAR UP Georgia Student Ambassador.

As a parent, we expect you to make sure your child understands the Leadership Summit rules and expectations. We also expect you to help your child prepare/pack for the Leadership Summit. If your child breaks the rules, you will be responsible for arranging transportation to leave early. Finally, highlighting a positive attitude while you attend the Parent Leadership Summit will be of utmost importance.

Where will we stay?

GEAR UP Georgia will provide Leadership Summit participants with lodging at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel in Athens, Georgia. Summit classes will also be held at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel.

Who else will be there?

Students from GEAR UP Georgia's other schools will attend. The Leadership Summit will host approximately 80 students and 80 parents.

Will I share a room with someone?

Yes, you will room with your parent/guardian. The Leadership Summit rooms are double-occupancy to accommodate the student and parent/guardian.



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Frequently Asked Questions Continued

How much does the Leadership Summit cost?

The 2020 Leadership Summit is FREE. GEAR UP Georgia will provide meals, lodging and transportation. Each hotel guest room will come equipped with toiletries and each participants will receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack while at the Leadership Summit.

Will I need money?

GEAR UP Georgia will provide lodging, meals and supplies. If you or your parent/guardian go rogue and get McDonald's at 2:00 AM... that's own your own dime. In addition, you may bring money to purchase items while at the Leadership Summit like UGA items at the bookstore but GEAR UP Georgia cannot be held responsible for any lost money.

How will we get there?

Our first priority is to provide a bus for participants in each district. However, if parents or advocate's end up incurring any expenses to transport their students because the group transportation was not permissible at your location, the GEAR UP Georgia grant will reimburse you through the local partners after the conference unless a district transportation policy has been set requiring all participants ride the bus.

Can I bring my cell phone and other gadgets?

Yes, there will be certain periods that you are allowed to use these items. You are responsible for the safety and care of these items GEAR UP Georgia cannot be held responsible for lost or damaged items. Most importantly, be considerate of our leadership trainers that have flown from all over the nation to work with you.

Will boys and girls be allowed to hang out together?

Yes, but only during supervised activities and **NEVER** in the hotel guest rooms. If you are caught mingling with students of the opposite gender in the hotel guest rooms, you will be asked to leave- no excuses, no exceptions.

Who supervises camp, and who will keep my child safe?

Safety and supervision are very important to us. GEAR UP Georgia will have a full staff, which includes the following:

- Parents/Guardians will serve as a chaperone to their child during "off" times
- Professional staff members from GEAR UP Georgia
- GEAR UP Georgia Local Program Coordinators
- Summit mentors (Kennesaw University interns)
- UGA Center & Hotel security

What if a participant has special dietary needs? What arrangements can you make for this?

Prior to attending the Leadership Summit, students and parents will be asked to complete an online enrollment form that will give you the opportunity to outline any dietary needs, as well as any other requested accommodation. We will provide the following meals as part of the Leadership Summit. Some meals will be served buffet- styled so your child can eat as much as they want. In addition, you are more than welcome to bring snacks for your room.

Day 1: Lunch, Dinner and Evening Snack

Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Evening Snack

Day 3: Breakfast & Lunch