



BRANCH OUT

WHEN SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Check in for GTI Week 1 is
9:30 am – 11:30 am
on Monday, June 8th.

NO ONE may register earlier than 9:30 am, and
you must be registered by 11:30 am.

Registration will end promptly at 11:30 am.
Please make sure that you arrive before this time!

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I ARRIVE?

Registration will be held in the lobby of the East Village Complex, located on the corner of Hamill Street and Haygood Avenue. You will see signs and people directing traffic to parking areas. Look for the blue and white Teen Institute yard signs.

Everyone will register by TEAM name, not individual name. If you are from Southside High School, your whole team will register under "S."

Once you register, you'll get your room assignment, key, t-shirt and participant's manual. Then you will find your dorm and move into your room!

We are so excited that you are registered for Week 1 (June 8-11) of Georgia Teen Institute 2015 at Oxford College! We can't wait to "Branch Out" with you and change lives across the state. This year's program is going to be life-changing!

HOW DO I GET THERE?

From Atlanta: Take I-20 East to exit 90 (Covington/Oxford exit). Turn right toward Covington onto Highway 278 East. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto SR 81 North (Emory Street). Go approximately 1 mile, then turn at the "Oxford College" sign onto Pierce Street. Look for the GTI signs!

From East of Covington: Take I-20 West to exit 92 (Alcovy Road exit). Turn left onto Alcovy Road. Continue on Alcovy until you get to Highway 278. Turn right onto 278. At the third light, turn right onto SR 81 (Emory Street). Go approximately 1 mile, then turn at the "Oxford College" sign onto Pierce Street. Look for the GTI signs!

From I-75 South of Atlanta: Take I-75 North to Exit 201. Take Highway 36 through Jackson to Covington. In Covington, take SR 81 North. SR 81 will become Emory Street. It will cross Highway 278. Continue on Emory Street approximately 1 mile after crossing Hwy 278, then turn left at the "Oxford College" sign onto Pierce Street. Look for the GTI signs!

WHAT DO I PACK?

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- Bed linens - Sheets and blankets for a single bed or a sleeping bag and pillow
- Towels and washcloths
- Casual clothes that are appropriate - Shorts, t-shirts, sneakers, jeans, a light jacket, etc.
- Toiletries - Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
- Alarm clock
- Appropriate swimwear and cover up
- Note pads, cards or stickers for your Secret Pal
- Rain poncho or an umbrella
- Flip flops and a carryall for taking your bathroom items to the showers and protecting your feet
- Spending money - ONLY needed for items you would like to purchase at the TI Store (The most expensive item at the store will be \$25, but most are 50 cents to \$15.)
- Something red, like a shirt or scarf, to wear on Tuesday, June 9th

DO NOT BRING IT!

No knives, firearms or weapons of any kind, including water weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, unprescribed or illegal drugs, fireworks, valuables, TVs, microwaves, refrigerators, phones, iPads, iPods, laptop computers or two-way radios.

If you bring valuables, you will have the sole responsibility for their safe-keeping; GTI and Oxford College will not assume responsibility for any items that are lost, stolen or damaged. This includes cell phones, iPods, jewelry, expensive sneakers, etc. We suggest that you DO NOT bring valuables!

If you bring any kind of music device with headphones, they can only be worn during free time. Music played in the dorms must be kept low enough not to disturb neighbors.

DRESS CODE

Short shorts or skirts may not be worn. Pants must be worn at the waist.

Shoes must be worn at all times. Athletic shoes must be worn in the gym during Free Time.

Clothing promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, illegal substance, or gang affiliations will not be tolerated. This includes hemp jewelry and other hemp items.

Offensive, negative, hurtful or explicit slogans on clothing are also not permitted.

Midriff, halter and backless tops may not be worn at GTI. Additionally, tank tops with "spaghetti" type straps will not be allowed (i.e., Straps less than 1/2 inch thick or where underwear would show).

"Spandex type" clothing (tights, tops, etc.) and bathing suits must be covered.

Swimsuits must provide adequate coverage of all body parts. NO string bikinis allowed. Cover ups must be worn to and from the pool. Swimsuits must be worn to enter the pool.

GTI TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Youth participants who bring cell phones, tablets or other devices to GTI must turn them in to their respective Adult Advisor during registration. The device(s) will be available for youth to check out and use at designated times. Adult Advisors may specify a time either in the morning or evening during time in the dorm that youth participants may use their devices. GTI supports the decision made by the Adult Advisor as long as the devices are collected and youth are under the supervision of the Adult Advisor at all times while the devices are in use.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

VISITORS

Your schedule will be packed! There should be no visitors during the week unless prearranged with the GTI Director. Parents, friends and others from your school or organization are welcome to attend the Closing Session, which will be held at 11:15 am on Thursday, June 11th in Allen Memorial Church.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

If someone needs to reach you during Georgia Teen Institute, they should call the GTI Cell Phone at 678-495-8172. A message may be left at this number if no one is able to answer. Messages will be checked regularly. Callers should leave their first and last name and the first and last name and team name of the person they are trying to reach.

At appropriate times, you will be able to call home if needed.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the GUIDE office:
Phone: 678-377-4131
Email: info@georgiati.org

We want your GTI experience to be a great one!

See you soon!

MEDICATIONS

If you have any medications that you take regularly or need in an emergency, such as an inhaler or epi pen, please bring it with you. Also make sure your Adult Advisor knows that you have it!

WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE'LL BE DOING AT GTI?

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