

Gap Year Program

We are looking for passionate, talented, hardworking young Christians (recent high school graduates or current college students) who desire to serve the campers and guests while living and growing in a Christ-centered community.

At Ridge Haven, our mission is to share the gospel with people year-round while also providing spaces for ministry. We need dedicated people willing to work in event coordinating, marketing, recruiting, housekeeping, food services, and more. The Gap Year Program will typically run for 15 months from May through the next August, allowing you to play a critical role in 2 summer camp seasons – our most action-packed and fun-filled time of year!

What to Expect

We believe that discipleship is central to a healthy Christian community. You will meet weekly as a group with our Gap Year Mentors for a time of prayer, discipleship, and encouragement, as well as regularly scheduled group hangouts with other members of the Gap Year Program. Our goal is to create an environment for building meaningful, Christ-centered relationships, accountability, and spiritual growth.

Throughout the Gap Year Program, you will be exposed to many aspects of running retreats, conferences, and camps at Ridge Haven during the year. You will assist with many different departments on campus, which could include:

- Outdoor Activity Programs (Games, Hikes, Rock Climbing, etc.)
- Kitchen and Dining Hall Operations
- Housekeeping
- Office/Administration
- Maintenance and Facilities

Why Join our Program?

Goals

Our goal is that every member of this program will grow personally and spiritually during their experience here at Ridge Haven, as well as gain marketable, professional experience in a wide variety of areas. We want for the focus of this program to be centered on providing diverse work and service opportunities along with weekly mentorship. Our hope is that as you move forward to college, the mission field, or the workplace, you will have a deeper understanding of service, discipleship, and what it looks like to live in Christian community with other members of the body of Christ.

Location

At Ridge Haven, we are very passionate about working hard to serve our guests, but we also really want you to have opportunities to rest and enjoy the beautiful setting where God has placed us, here in Western North Carolina. Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, we are close to amazing waterfalls, hiking trails, and fun day trips that we encourage you to go and enjoy all that Brevard and the surrounding areas have to offer!

Normally you will be off two days a week, usually during the week, as most of our groups are here on the weekends. We encourage all staff to be involved in a local church, and work to allow our staff the time and opportunity to attend regularly and get plugged-in.

Compensation

- \$1,250 a month
- On campus lodging with kitchen and laundry access
- Complimentary meals in the dining hall (when open and available)

Next Steps

Once we receive your [online application](#), you may be contacted to schedule an interview. We ask you to join us in praying that God directs our steps in this matter. Since space is limited, we would encourage you to complete the application as soon as possible. Contact our Program Coordinator, Sam Hodge (sam@ridgehaven.org), with any questions you may have during the application process.