



## **Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech** **Alcohol and Drugs<sup>1</sup> Policy**

### **Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

1. There will be no alcohol or illegal drugs used by participants or Staff during outdoor programs. This is a level above that of the standard GT drug and alcohol policy
2. Staff should be aware that legal drugs, if used inappropriately, present a variety of health and safety issues, and should maintain appropriate vigilance regarding their use.
3. In addition to the obvious risks associated with the use of alcohol and illegal drugs in the out of doors, ORGT is ALSO subject to Georgia Institute of Technology drug and alcohol policy, <http://www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/osi/plugins/content/index.php?id=42>
4. The best defense is prevention. A behavioral contract should be developed and agreed to by participants and Staff prior to the program. Sometimes it is appropriate to develop a behavioral contract with a group, and other times it is appropriate to state the rules. In any case, the Trip Leader is responsible for ensuring that policy is clear and that participants are willing to comply with this policy.
5. In the event that alcohol or illegal drugs are taken or used on an outdoor program the following steps should form the basis for action:
  - a. report the situation to the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation to discuss options;
  - b. attempt to dismiss the offender from further participation in the program as quickly as possible and to escort him/her to a safe place;
  - c. determine program options and discuss them with the group;
  - d. complete an ORGT Incident Report Form.
6. In the event that illegal drugs are found on a participant. Ask for immediate disposal in your presence.
7. Infractions are subject to GT disciplinary procedures, including dismissal from ORGT programs. You can file grievance procedures are detailed in GT Student and Faculty Handbooks.

### **Prescription Drugs**

Prescription drugs must be appropriately labeled and used only by the person in whose name the prescription was issued. Current use of a prescription drug should be indicated in the ORGT Medical Information Gathering process. The confidential sharing of information among ORGT Staff may be necessary. Trip Leaders/Staff will carry prescription drugs for minors, except those necessary for immediate care (such as asthma inhalers and Epi-pens) which may be carried by a participant, if appropriate. Staff may carry an extra set of prescription drugs for backup purposes.

### **Non-Prescription Drugs**

Trip Leaders will be responsible for carrying all non-prescription drugs for minors. Staff should be aware of non-prescription drugs carried by adults and when they are taken.

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<sup>1</sup> Some of this information was adapted from Georgia College Outdoor Education Programs policy