

# GEOFORCE MONTHLY

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Jas Atobajeun in Colorado

## NEW COORDINATOR SPOTLIGHT: JASMINE ATOBAJEUN

We are excited to introduce the newest member of our team, Jasmine “Jas” Atobajeun! Jas is a Texas native, UT graduate, sports fan, and world traveler. Her experience working with afterschool and summer programming will make her an invaluable member of our team.

Jas was raised in the Woodlands area of Houston, Texas. She attended Woodlands College Park High School, which she says was very competitive.

“There was an expectation that we were going to college, so we had a lot of support with preparing for college and figuring out where we would fit best.”

She initially didn’t know what she wanted to study in college, but she knew she wanted to go to a big school. As UT is one of the best schools in the state, it quickly became her top choice.

Jas started at the College of Architecture, but realized it wasn’t the right fit. She made the switch to Kinesiology to pursue physical therapy, which sits inside the College of Education. While working on her degree, Jas decided to also obtain a teaching certificate. This proved a good choice, as her first job upon graduation was as a middle school English teacher at Del Valle ISD.

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Jas Atobajeun at Garden of the Gods, CO

## JASMINE ATOBAJEUN CONT'D

After a year of teaching, Jas transitioned to a site director position with the Greater Austin YMCA leading afterschool programming. She was thrilled by this opportunity as she'd been involved in YMCA programs as a child herself. In this position, she found a passion for supporting students and families in out-of-school-time care.

Jas worked with the YMCA for three years, working her way up to the position of Program Director of afterschool and summer camps of the Greater Austin area. In her role, she led programs put on by the YMCA and ensured the frontline staff were meeting program standards.

"My role was basically making sure the programs ran smoothly. Making sure my staff were getting their

trainings done, watching the kids, implementing curriculum, as well as communicating changes and program details to parents, dealing with questions and concerns, a little bit of everything."

In order to grow her career, Jas decided to pivot to an area of childcare she hasn't yet experienced—high school students.

"I'm looking forward to working with older kids! I've only ever worked with elementary and middle school students.

Working with high school students who are looking toward their futures and figuring out what they want to do with their lives is going to be exciting."

Outside of work, Jas loves to watch movies and sports. She is also an athlete involved in many recreational leagues, including basketball, volleyball, kickball, and dodgeball. One of her favorite hobbies is traveling the world. Jas says she is most excited about traveling with the academies in her new role as GeoFORCE coordinator, and she is looking forward to gaining geologic knowledge of places we go.

The GeoFORCE team is thrilled to welcome our newest member, and we know she will be a fantastic asset to our summer camp and school year programming!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE GEOFORCE TEAM

*The GeoFORCE Monthly newsletter will be going on hiatus for the months of May-July, and is expected to resume again in August.*

*Please contact the GeoFORCE Team with any questions.*

# IMPORTANT DATES

Here are a list of dates to keep in mind for **April** and **May**:

APRIL						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

MAY						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Alumni

Current Students

2025 Summer Staff

**April 12th** - Southwest Orientation

**April 17th** - GeoFORCE Longhorn Social

**April 19th** - Houston Orientation

**April 26th** - Austin Orientation

**May 3rd** - Make-Up Orientation

**May 3rd** - Summer Staff Training

**May 9th** - Jackson School Graduation

**May 10th** - UT Graduation

**May 31st** - Virtual Orientation

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# IMPORTANT DATES

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JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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JULY						
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9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

12th Grade

M&SI

Virtual

**June 1st-7th** Austin 10th Grade Academy  
**June 8th-14th** West 9th Grade Academy  
**June 8th-14th** Southwest 10th Grade Academy  
**June 15th-21st** East 9th Grade Academy  
**June 22nd-28th** Houston 10th Grade Academy  
**June 22nd-28th** Houston 11th Grade Academy

**July 7th-13th** Southwest 11th Grade Academy  
**July 13th-20th** 12th Grade Research Academy  
**July 20th** GeoFORCE Symposium @ 10 AM  
**July 19th-26th** Math & Science Institute  
**July 20th-26th** Austin 11th Grade Academy  
**July 27th-Aug 2nd** Virtual Academy

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