

# Setter Summit: Lifelines For Indoor Climbing Gyms

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The Setter Summit is more than just an event—it's a lifeline for climbing gyms around the country, especially those in areas where outdoor climbing is scarce. For me, it all started with a simple observation during my conversations with gym owners: finding experienced routesetters is a major challenge in regions without outdoor climbing or large city centers.

## Setter Summit 2024 Event Details

- **When/Where:** September 11-14, 2024 at the Front Climbing Club and Petzl Technical Institute, Salt Lake City, UT.
- **Who's It For:** All levels of routesetters can find value in attending the Setter Summit.
- **What Certifications Are Available:**
  - CWA WAH Clinic Level 1
  - CWA WAH Clinic Level 2
  - Form vs Function with Jonathan Brandt
  - PARA Setting with Nohl Haeckel
  - CWA PRS Level 1-2 Direct Entry Certificate (Available Soon)

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Like climbers, setters prefer to live near climbing areas, making it hard for gyms in regions without outdoor climbing to attract talent. Additionally, the industry has a gap in the necessary education to develop skilled routesetters.

As indoor climbing gyms increase in urban centers and flatlands, the demand for skilled routesetters has skyrocketed. Gym owners often share the same story—while the enthusiasm for climbing is there, the expertise to create engaging and challenging routes is lacking. This is where the Setter Summit comes in.

Born from a passion for climbing and a desire to foster community, **the Setter Summit was created to address the need for enhanced expertise in routesetting.** The routesetters at The Front Climbing Club in Salt Lake City, shared this vision, engaging in conversations about improving skills nationwide.

Together, we launched an event specifically for climbing professionals, aiming to bridge the gap between established climbing hubs and emerging climbing communities.

Each year, the Setter Summit brings together top routesetters from around the country for a few days of workshops, discussions, networking, hands-on training, and climbing.

Attendees learn the latest techniques, explore new shapes, and most importantly, build a network of support and collaboration.

It's not just about setting routes—it's about building a community where climbers can thrive. As we gear up for another exciting Setter Summit, we look forward to welcoming seasoned setters who can help train the next generation.

Together, we're making climbing accessible and exciting for everyone, one route at a time. Join us and let's reach new heights together!

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