Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in participating in this summer’s Tacoma Urban Program (TUP). We appreciate your commitment to learn more about God’s love for the poor, community, racial righteousness/justice, and prayer. We know that your pursuit of these issues will help you grow spiritually and become a more developed and holistic disciple of Jesus. Below you will find a copy of the TUP application.

* Application and guidelines
* 2 references (peer and staff)
* Potential ministry partner worksheet

Please return **by February 11th at Midnight.**

There are 5 major components of the summer internship program.

1. **Training:** Learning together about the Gospel –specifically about God’s love for the poor, injustice, and pursuing racial righteousness/justice – through Scripture, discussions, testimonies, teaching, and experiences in the community.
2. **Service:** Partnering with and learning from ministries in the community.
3. **Community**: Students and staff growing together through communal spiritual disciplines, living and working in community, and learning to manage conflict.
4. **Spiritual Disciplines**: Relating with God and God’s people through worship, prayer, reflection, group process, retreats of silence, and spaces to debrief together.
5. **Neighborhood/Church**: Community involvement by building relationships, expanding our comfort zones through community outreach, and attending neighborhood churches.

**Program Dates:**

Sunday, June 24th, 2018 - Tuesday, July 31st, 2018

**Expenses**

The cost of housing, food and program is $1850.

It is expected that you will find people and churches to financially support your summer mission experience. Money that is given beyond your needs will be used to help the funding needs of other TUP students and for TUP expenses not covered by the base price. We also expect that you will ask people to pray for you. You can also seek additional support (up to $3,000 before taxes) for a stipend. If you are interested in raising additional funds for the stipend, you must let us know when you are accepted. For more on raising a stipend, please email the TUP Director Brandi Miller at brandimiller12@gmail.com.

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**Application Deadline**

Your application (p2-10) is due **February 11th**. Please make sure your two references are emailed directly to TUP Director Brandi Miller. We pray that you will have a clear sense of God’s direction in your life as you make decisions about your summer. If you need any further information, feel free to let us know.

Grace and Peace,

The TUP Team

Please email applications, references, and questions to TUP Director Brandi Miller

brandimiller12@gmail.com | (541) 218-8855 | 1390 Lawrence St. Apt. 2, Eugene, OR 974011

**Tacoma Urban Program - Summer 2017 Application**

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Northwest Region**

***Please fill in info and email to TUP Director Brandi Miller (***[***brandimiller12@gmail.com***](mailto:brandimiller12@gmail.com)***) by February 11th***

**Date:**

**Personal info**

Name:                                                                     Date of Birth: (mo/dd/year)

Ethnicity:                                                                Sex:

School:                                                                   Major:

Check your level in college in the spring of this school year:

*Note: TUP does not typically take students who are currently freshman*

Sophomore \_\_ Junior \_\_ Senior \_\_

I can work legally in the United States? Yes  \_\_  No \_\_

**Present or School Address**

Street:                                                                      Cell Phone:

City, State and Zip:

E-mail address:

Dates at above address:

**Permanent Address**:

Street:                                                                  Parents’ Phone:

City, State and Zip:

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) names:

**Church:**

At school      or at home \_\_

Name of church:

Present Involvement:

**Special Interests**

Please list your special interests and hobbies:

Extracurricular or campus activities (sports, social, honorary groups, government, etc.):

Would you be interested in helping with the TUP worship team?

**Work Experience**

List your five most recent positions.

Position held                            Place                      Date                               Duties

**Languages**

What languages have you studied other than English?  How well can you converse?

Language               # of years             Conversation Rating (fluent, needs known, poor)

**References**

Who you gave the reference forms to (if you have questions about who to give these to, contact Brandi)

1. IVCF Staff or Campus Minister:

2. Peer/Roommate:

**Health Information**

1.  When did you last have a complete physical exam?  Year:

2.  Appraise your present health:

Great \_\_

Fairly good \_\_

Some difficulties \_\_ (please explain)

3.  Height Weight (Optional)

4.  Any chronic ailments?   Yes \_\_ No \_\_ If yes, please explain.

5.  Any physical conditions that might require attention or modification of your workload?

6.  List any serious physical or mental illness that you have had.

Year Condition

7.  Do you have a doctor?   Yes \_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you currently actively under care? Yes \_\_ No \_\_

Doctor’s name Phone

Address

8.  Are you in need of a special diet?   Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_

If "yes" please describe

Tacoma Urban Program Rule Explanation and Reflection

## Part of the Tacoma Urban Program involves intentionally creating space for learning. In order to facilitate this, we require TUP interns to abide by several unusual but important disciplines that involve technology, money, and relationships. By participating in the TUP, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines at all times while on the program. Please take the time to talk and pray through your concerns with your InterVarsity staff. We would also suggest you talk to your family and friends about these guidelines.

We recognize that some of these guidelines may be challenging. The following is the spirit and purpose behind our rules. Please indicate that you have read and completely understand the explanation behind the guidelines. At the end of this section, feel free to express any concerns or questions you have about our guidelines.

**1. In the Spirit of Missionaries**

Even though Tacoma may be a familiar city for some of you, it is our prayer that God gives us fresh eyes and hearts for how His Spirit is at work. We want to be present with our teammates and summer neighbors as much as possible – both physically and emotionally. Often missionaries enter into a new ministry assignment with a commitment to live, work, socialize, and experience all of life within a very specific area. By limiting daily activities to a local area, these missionaries can bond deeply with their neighbors and community. We are asking you to make that same commitment and to submit yourselves to the same restraints that an overseas missions trip might require.

\_\_ I have read this explanation and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this (explain later)

**2. In Order to Focus**

Six weeks is a relatively short time. However, in God’s hands, the time is precious and full of potential transformation. Talking on cell phones, updating social media, or playing video games can easily whittle away the time bit by bit. We are asking you to abstain from these everyday college student activities in order to focus and be present to God and to others this summer.

\_\_ I have read this explanation and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this (explain later)

## 3. In Order to Foster Community

You will be living with and serving alongside your team. These guidelines are meant to help you bond with your team and to help you rely on your teammates and leader for emotional and spiritual support.

\_\_ I have read this explanation and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this (explain later)

## 4. In Order to Live More Simply

## We submit ourselves to financial restrictions over the summer in order to identify with the financial restrictions of the neighbors, families, and individuals we will be living among and serving with; therefore, you will have a set allowance for food and no other spending money. By submitting yourself joyfully and in faith to these guidelines, you are given an opportunity to experience a more simple and quiet lifestyle.

\_\_ I have read this explanation and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this (explain later)

## 5. For Safety and Security

Carrying around cell phones, excess cash, and credit cards as newcomers to certain neighborhoods and work sites can cause us to be targets of theft. We want to remove unnecessary risk. Your geographical restrictions and buddy system requirements will further ensure your safety at all times.

\_\_ I have read this explanation and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this (explain later)

The following are the TUP rules. Please indicate whether you have read and understood each one, like above.

**1. No personal cell phone/internet usage**

## Each staff will have a cell phone for any communication needs over the summer, such as urgent matters regarding team members. You will be provided your leader’s phone number before the program begins so that you can give it to your family in case of an emergency. Email access will be limited solely to sending official TUP updates via email during the program. If you like, you may send hand-written letters to family and friends. If you need to register for classes within the dates of TUP make sure you do that ahead of time, or arrange for someone to do that for you.

\_\_ I have read this rule and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this rule (explain later)

## 2. No extra spending, through cash or credit cards

## You will be given a weekly stipend to cover all your needs, so no additional funds will be necessary.

\_\_ I have read this rule and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this rule (explain later)

## 3. No travel outside of the general neighborhood of your site/housing

There will be occasional trips that the entire TUP team will take or some site-sponsored activities. However, trips home or to friends’ homes during the program will not be allowed. Please plan visits for before or after the program.

\_\_ I have read this rule and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this rule (explain later)

**4. No outside visitors during the program**

Each team will arrange with their Site Coordinator for one visitors’ day for family in the middle of the program. In the past, these visiting days have been a fun and exciting opportunity for interns to share with loved ones about their involvement in the neighborhood communities and what they’ve been learning.

\_\_ I have read this rule and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this rule (explain later)

**5. No leaving the program**

As an intern, you are required to be a part of the program for its entirety, unless emergencies arise. We require that participants plan to be available and active for the entire time, without planning any trips away from TUP during the duration of the program, and without arriving late or leaving early.

\_\_ I have read this rule and understand it

\_\_ I have concerns about this rule (explain later)

Reflection Questions

1. Which of the guidelines will be most challenging for you?

2. Which of the guidelines sound most exciting to you?

3. What questions/concerns do you have regarding the TUP guidelines?

## Tacoma Urban Program Short Answer Questions

## Use additional space as needed.

**A. SPIRITUAL/PERSONAL LIFE**

TUP is a Christian program, and we are committed to helping students develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.

1. How is your relationship with Jesus? Describe briefly your background and/or significant factors that have contributed to your spiritual growth in the past few months/year.
2. List one strength and one weakness and how each has affected community.

**B. CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS AND EXPERIENCE**

1. What experiences have you had in cross-cultural relationships?
2. In what ways does your culture reflect the image of God? In what places do you see/experience brokenness in it?
3. How do you identify with or experience privilege and power in your own life and in our culture (based on race, class, gender,sexuality, ability, education, etc.)?

**C. COMMUNITY**

During TUP, you will be working 30+ hours/week and likely under some stress. You will also be living and working with your team for 6 weeks and doing both work and life together. Students who have thrived in urban programs in the past have had a high value for Christian community—conflict resolution, forgiveness, servanthood, etc.

1. Give an example of when you’ve handled stress well, and when you’ve handled stress poorly.
2. Give a recent example of a conflict with a person in authority and with a peer. How did you deal with each?
3. How would you describe your conflict management style?
4. Describe your involvement with InterVarsity (or another campus ministry). What leadership positions have you held within your campus ministry? Do you have any experience discipling others? If so, please describe.

**D. EXPECTATIONS AND GOALS**

1. Why do you want to participate in the Tacoma Urban Program? What do you hope to gain from this experience?

**E. DEVELOPING A SUPPORT TEAM**

This section is to help you start thinking and praying whom God may call to pray for and support you. We believe that if the Lord has called you to participate in TUP this summer that God will supply the necessary support needed. An InterVarsity staff worker or missionary is a great resource for this section as they do this for a living – feel free to get their help. You will receive further materials to help in this process.

Pray and ask Jesus to show you who would be interested to hear about your summer plans, regardless of what you think of their ability to give. Think through your church, school friends, relatives, people back home, IV alumni, etc. Feel free to list more than 20, since this will be where you will start your support raising.

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Write the introductory paragraph of your support letter. The support-raising process is often done through a letter or email to people, asking them for their help. Write the introductory paragraph of your support letter. This paragraph is usually the update on your life and you might mention events that lead you to considering TUP. (E.g. I went to this IV conference and wondered what I might do this summer to explore God’s heart for the world… OR I am involved with InterVarsity on campus and was recently challenged to...)

*Insert letter here*

Applicant’s signature (if sent via email, name and zip): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please email application, health info, and consent form to TUP Director Brandi Miller at Brandimiller12@gmail.com

Have your references email their forms directly to Brandi.

Tacoma Urban Program Consent Form

Last (Family) Name:

First Name:

Date:

INDIVIDUAL RELEASE AND CONSENT

1.  In consideration for being accepted and allowed to participate in this conference/project and activities associated with its program and location, I personally assume responsibility for my actions, and release InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA**®** (hereafter InterVarsity), its Trustees, employees and agents from loss, injury or damage to myself or my property; provided that nothing contained herein shall excuse InterVarsity, its Trustees, employees or agents from responsibility to act with reasonable care for the safety of myself or my property.

2.  I give permission to InterVarsity to be photographed, recorded, and/or videotaped and to allow this material to be used for publicity.

3.  I give permission to InterVarsity to obtain medical assistance in the event of an emergency.  This permission will include the administration of medicines, surgical treatment, X-ray examination or hospitalization as might be ordered by a licensed medical doctor.  I release and discharge InterVarsity, its Trustees, employees, and agents from any liability for any first aid rendered or treatment performed pursuant to this consent.

4.  I understand that InterVarsity has a hostage policy that states that InterVarsity should not yield to demands, including the payment of ransom or other extortion, issued through the use of hostage taking or extortion.

5.  If I am under age 18 (if you are, please check here \_\_\_\_ ), I state that I am a mature minor (of college age and living away from parent/guardian) and have the capacity to consent to the terms of this Release.

For persons under the age of 18 (19 in Alabama) and NOT living away from parent/guardian: I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above person, consent to that the above named person’s participation in this activity and agree to the terms of this release.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6.  Any claim or dispute arising from or related to this release shall be settled by mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the rules of a mutually agreed upon alternative dispute resolution service, subject to provisions of federal, state, and local law governing arbitration, including, but not limited to jurisdiction and allocation and payment of costs. Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. These methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and the parties expressly waive any right to file a lawsuit in any civil court for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

7.  I agree to furnish the following background information: (please circle your answer)

Note: If you live in a state whose law exempts you from answering any of questions 1 through 6 below, you need not answer such question(s). For example, in certain states, such as Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma or Rhode Island, if you are the subject of a conviction or an arrest contained in a sealed or expunged record, you may respond “no” to question 1 as to such a conviction or arrest. Also, as a further example, if you lived in a state which exempts you from providing arrest information, such as Michigan, Illinois, New York, Rhode Island, Washington or Wisconsin, do not answer question 2.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense (felony or misdemeanor, except for minor traffic violations)? You will need to answer “yes” if you have entered into a plea agreement, including a deferred sentence or deferred judgment arrangement, in connection with a criminal charge. If you have been convicted of such an offense, please attach a statement or explanation including the nature of the offense, date, and court where conviction was entered and any other relevant information.

**Yes    No**

2. Have you ever been charged with a sexual offense, crime of violence or offense relating to children?

If you have been charged with such an offense, please attach a statement or explanation, including name of the offense charged, date, law enforcement agency making the charge and any other relevant information.

**Yes    No**

3. Have you ever been reported to a social services agency, law enforcement authority, child abuse registry or similar organization regarding abuse or misconduct involving children?

If so, please provide a description of the circumstances and the name and address of the entity receiving the report.

**Yes    No**

4. Have you ever been subjected to expulsion, reprimand or other discipline by a church, denomination or other religious organization, including InterVarsity?

If so, please describe the circumstances and provide the name and address of the church, denomination or religious organization involved.

**Yes    No**

5. Have you ever been dismissed from employment by any employer, including InterVarsity and/or other charitable and religious organizations, following an allegation of sexual misconduct or other immoral or inappropriate behavior or conduct?

If so, please describe the circumstances and provide the name and address of the employer.

**Yes    No**

6. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation or allegation of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment or other immoral behavior or conduct involving adults or children?

If so, please describe the circumstances and provide the name and address of the employer, educational institution, church or other organization where the investigation, review or complaint occurred.

**Yes     No**

If you checked “yes” to any question above, please provide a complete explanation of the circumstances. If you feel there are any extenuating circumstances, such as your age at the time, please state them. In order to provide a full explanation of an affirmative response, you may attach additional pages to this questionnaire. InterVarsity will evaluate what you have written and may ask you to provide additional information. In addition, InterVarsity may determine that it needs to conduct an investigation and may require your assistance with this. This investigation may include a background screening including, but not limited to, the following: National Criminal Database, Social Security Search, National Sex Offenders Registry, and Motor Vehicle Records. While checking “yes” to any of the questions above will not result in automatic disqualification or termination from InterVarsity, InterVarsity may determine that an affirmative response would make an individual unfit for service or association with InterVarsity’s ministry. In all cases, InterVarsity reserves the right to determine, at its discretion, what action should be taken.

If any of your responses or information provided on this form are untruthful or inaccurate, InterVarsity may determine that you are no longer qualified to be associated with the ministry in any capacity.

By signing below, you agree that, if you become an employee or volunteer of InterVarsity and become involved in criminal proceedings or other circumstances that would cause your answers to any of the questions above to change, you will immediately notify, and provide a complete description of the circumstances, to the Director of Human Resources of InterVarsity.

Signature for consent form (name and zip): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College or Health Insurance Company name, policyholder, and policy number of policy covering participant:

Or I do not have health coverage \_\_\_

If any of your responses or information provided on this form are untruthful or inaccurate, InterVarsity may determine that you are no longer qualified to be associated with the ministry in any capacity.

**Peer or Roommate Reference Form**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Northwest Region - Tacoma Urban Program

Reference for  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is being considered as a participant in InterVarsity’s Tacoma Urban Program. It would be most helpful to both the applicant and InterVarsity if you would be completely frank. Many of the questions have to do with placement rather than acceptance or rejection. Thank you for your help!

1.  How long have you known this person, and in what capacity?

2. In what ways have you seen his/her Christian beliefs influence his/her lifestyle and attitudes?

3. Please describe the applicant’s character in the area of:

1. Teachability
2. Servanthood
3. Response to authority
4. Team player
5. Flexibility
6. Dealing with conflict / disagreement
7. What are the applicant’s major strengths and weaknesses?
8. Participation in the Tacoma Urban Program requires spiritual, emotional, and relational maturity due to the intensive nature of this program. Please comment on this person’s maturity level.
9. How does this person respond to unfamiliar people in an unfamiliar and/or cross-cultural environment?  What actions and/or reactions have you observed?
10. Looking over the following categories, in which areas does the applicant need to grow most? Please comment on all that apply so that we can better support this person over the summer.
11. Lacks some social skills (consider things like shyness, tact, initiative, patience, etc).
12. Sometimes lacks common sense.
13. Sometimes is overly sensitive.
14. Sometimes has difficulty with authority.
15. Sometimes is unteachable or inflexible.
16. Additional comments:

Thank you for your time and thought in completing this reference. It is appreciated!

Name and zip code (as an electronic signature): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please email by **February 11th** to TUP Director Brandi Miller: brandimiller12[@gmail.com](mailto:benitaki@gmail.com)

**IVCF Staff and/or Campus Minister Reference Form**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Northwest Region - Tacoma Urban Program

Reference for  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is being considered as a participant in InterVarsity’s Tacoma Urban Program. Please be completely frank. Many of the questions have to do with placement rather than acceptance or rejection. Thanks!

1. How long have you known this person, and in what capacity?
2. How involved are they in your campus ministry? In what roles and capacities?
3. Participation in the Tacoma Urban Program requires spiritual, emotional, and relational maturity due to the intense nature of this program. Please comment on this person’s maturity level.
4. Please provide an example of the applicant in each of these:
5. Seeking reconciliation in conflict with their peers
6. Actively applying Scripture
7. Demonstrating submission to authority
8. Developing a heart for God’s love for the city/poor
9. Students will likely be serving in a variety of urban ministry settings that work with homeless people, urban youth, men and women with drug/prostitution backgrounds, etc. Have you counseled the applicant for any personal problems that may affect them in an intense and cross-cultural setting? If yes, please explain.
10. TUP is quite challenging – students are working 30-40 hours a week and studying Scripture, receiving teaching about God’s heart for the poor and systemic injustice. Would you enthusiastically accept this student on your team if you were directing a summer program for six weeks? Why or why not?
11. Students often find the support raising process difficult. Please list 10 alumni from their chapter or other donors you know who would welcome being asked to support a student for TUP, ideally at the $50-100 level. Thanks.

Will your chapter be taking an offering for students going on summer global/urban programs? Yes \_\_\_  No

Name Email Phone Helpful info on them?

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Additional comments:

Thank you for your time and thought in completing this reference. It is appreciated!

Name and zip code as electronic signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please email by **February 11th** to TUP Director Brandi | brandimiller12[@gmail.com](mailto:benitaki@gmail.com) | (541) 218-8855

**Parent/Guardian FAQ for Parents (2 pages)**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Northwest Region - Tacoma Urban Program

What about safety?

TUP students and staff will be housed in apartments rented near their service sites and churches in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma. They will be housed with other Tacoma students. Due to the extreme challenge of finding short terms rentals for the summer it is very likely that these apartment team will be co-ed with separate men’s and women’s bedrooms. There will be an on-site InterVarsity staff or volunteer living with each of the teams as a leader and supervisor.

During the past thirty years, Urban Projects have never had any major problems with participants being unsafe during the summer programs. We encourage students to use caution and to avoid situations that could be unsafe. They are expected to travel in pairs and groups and to notify members of their house where they are going and when they plan to return. We will place limits and curfews on when they can be out and where they can go. This form of accountability has worked well for us in the past and we expect another safe summer.

We do not recommend bringing a car. If a student does bring a car, it needs to be insured. It needs to be locked when not in use, with anything valuable out of sight. IVCF cannot be held responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property.

What will TUP students be doing?

During the weekdays, we will be partnering with local organizations. As we partner with these organizations, we will be serving alongside and learning from them as they serve and love the community we are working among and with.

Evenings will include team suppers prepared by TUP students and staff.  After supper, different nights will be set aside for training, debriefing the day, fun with the team, special activities with the church, group Scripture study, personal time, etc. Weekends will include some of these activities: church, spending time with people in the neighborhood, group teaching, general house meeting, worship, relaxation, reading, extra rest, fun, exploring the city, laundry, etc. Sunday worship will be with our partnership church in the neighborhood followed by reflection time in the afternoon.

How do I contact my daughter/son?

For mail or care packages we will give you the address as soon as it is secured. We welcome you to send letters and packages to your son/daughter during the program.

Cell phones are often a distraction so we will be asking students to mainly not use their cell phones during their time at TUP. You can expect to hear from them via phone maybe one or two times. They will also have limited email access, so expect to hear from them once a week via email at the most.

If you would like to visit, please do not just show up. Instead, have your son/daughter talk to Brandi, the director, before the program starts about your concerns. Thanks.

In case of an emergency

Please call the TUP Director, and we will contact the student so they can call you back.

Director: Brandi Miller

Brandimiller12@gmail.com

(541) 218-8855 (cell)

What about arrival and departure?

Arrival: Sunday, June 24th by 3 PM (Pacific time). Students can arrive via plane, train, or bus and we will pick them up. They can also be dropped off (details to follow on exact location for arrival)

Departure: Tuesday, July 31st after 2 PM (Pacific time). We will transport them to the airport, bus, or train station as needed.

What if I have more questions?

Feel free to contact Tacoma Urban Program Director Brandi Miller or the other TUP staff for your student’s team by phone or email if you have more questions.

We are anticipating that this summer will be a great experience for your son/daughter. Thanks for your support of them as they seek to learn and grow in their understanding of God’s Kingdom and issues of poverty, racial reconciliation, and justice.

The TUP staff team

(Contact info above under In Case of Emergency)