

# UrbanPromise Ministries

## Summer Intern FAQs Summer 2010

### **What are the dates of the Summer 2010 Internship?**

The Summer Internship includes a one-week of orientation/training, six weeks of summer camp and a week of wrap-up and debriefing. For 2010, the dates of the internship are:

- June 27<sup>th</sup> – August 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Which UrbanPromise program will I be interning at?**

While you will participate in many areas of our ministry, your main area of involvement will be with our Summer Day Camps.

#### Summer Day Camps

- Program Runs: 6 Weeks – June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Age groups: 5-12 years old / Grades 1-7
- Program Description: Our Summer Day Camps are fast paced and filled with a variety of recreational activities, as well as classes in Bible, Cooking, Art, Reading and Discovery. Our programs support the children's social, intellectual, spiritual and physical development.

### **What does the Summer Intern Program cost?**

The Summer Intern Programs cost for UP are \$700/Intern. We encourage the Interns to raise this money. BUT do not let finances stop you from applying. We will help you with fundraising when you are in Vancouver.

### **Why do I need to complete a Criminal Record Check?**

As a children's and youth ministry, the welfare of our kids is priority. As a result, we need everyone who works with UP to have this done. To obtain a CRC, you simply need to go to your local police headquarters and request it. We ask that either you or the police department send it directly to us.

### **What should I bring?**

- Casual, modest clothing for both sunshine and rain
- nice clothes for wearing to church
- money to do some sight-seeing
- personal devotional material and a Bible (For use with children, we recommend the NIV, RSV or Good News editions. We prefer that you do not bring a King James version for use with the children/youth)
- a swimsuit and beach towel
- personal items such as towels, soap (and container), washcloth, toothpaste, deodorant, comb, razor, etc. (international interns will need bring an adaptor for any electrical appliances)
- any Youth/Children ministry resources you may have, want, need, or share – music books, game ideas, arts and craft books, skit books, etc.

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- alarm clock
- an extension cord (small)
- reading, paper & pens
- camera

*The UrbanPromise House has mattresses and bedding for all who need to use them. But you are welcome to bring your own sheets, blankets & pillows for a single mattress.*

### **Will I be able to go away for the weekend?**

Since the time here is short for the summer staff, we discourage from taking a whole weekend as a vacation. We ask that people observe the work week of Sunday through Friday. Besides, once you get to know some of the kids in your camp, you *will not want* to be away from them! Plus, the Intern Director will plan activities for interns on some of the weekends.

If a short time away is unavoidable, please clear it with your Site Director first. If possible, please contact our office, before you arrive, with the information. Please note that you will be on retreats on the first and last weekends of your internship.

### **Will I have access to a telephone and the Internet? What about laundry?**

The UrbanPromise Vancouver house has one phone, and four computers that are connected to the Internet with a cable modem (lite-speed). You will share them with the other people who live here, so be prepared to honour a time limit for phone calls and email access.

Long distance calls cannot be charged to the house phone. In most cases, collect calls cannot be made, either. Please bring money to buy a long-distance phone card. They can be bought at any local convenience store once you arrive. (For international\* interns: if you have an international cell phone, you may want to bring it with you, so that you will be able to send and receive text messages to your family)

The house has a washer and a dryer for you to use. To facilitate the use of one washer and dryer by a number of people, a laundry schedule will be set up when you arrive.

### **How will I get my meals?**

You will cook them! The house manager buys groceries every week and the Interns cook for themselves. Community meals are open to all staff and are held once a week. The Interns will be responsible to help make this, too.

### **How much additional money will I need?**

We suggest about \$15-\$25 a week. Everybody's lifestyle is different, so some people will require more and others less than this amount. Please remember that any money you raise will be used for your room and board. You need to bring your own spending money.

You will need money for personal hygiene items, bus fare, movies, ice cream, optional trips, and Friday nights out. You also will spend some time with children and you may want to treat them to a Slurpee or ice cream, although spending money like this is not mandatory (and not recommended during the first three weeks of getting to know the children).

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### **How should I bring my spending money?**

We suggest that you use an automatic teller machine (ATM) that services your bank account. Call the bank that you use and find out if you can access your account during your stay in Vancouver. If using an ATM is not an option, we suggest that you bring traveler's cheques and/or small amount of cash. We do have a safe where extra cash and travel documents can be stored.

- *(International interns: VISA, Mastercard, Visa electron all work here too, your banking card may not).*

### **What will be my mailing address?**

Your mailing address will be:

c/o UrbanPromise

PO Box 66047

Vancouver, BC V5N 5L4

This will be the best place to have your mail sent throughout your time here.

Your telephone number will be (604) 432-1454.

For emergency purposes, please leave the following number: (604) 709-9177.

*\*International refers to locations outside of Canada and the United States.*