

Urban Tour Group is a Portland; Oregon based nonprofit providing free city tours of downtown to Portland metropolitan area students since 1970. Students learn about Portland's history, architecture, art and culture and that "Good citizens are the riches of a city," in one of three, two-hour tours, geared mostly for third through sixth grade students.

Application Process: If you are interested in becoming a member of this dynamic group of over 75 people who love Portland, your first step is to contact us at UTGinformation@gmail.com

- When you contact UTG to express interest in joining, you will be asked to fill out a paper application.
- You will be invited to the annual New Member Symposium In October. At this meeting you will sign up for an interview appointment.
- Finally, you will receive a letter welcoming you to UTG.

Training

- Guides are trained in January and February each year.
- The trainings are on Thursday mornings each week and at various places around the city.
- Guides are trained in all three tours, but will select the one they wish to join.
- New guides are given a mentor who will help them prepare for their new tour.

Commitment

- **Tour Leaders:** Urban Tour Group members provide one or two tours each month during the fall (October, November, December) and spring (March, April, May, June) touring seasons. Guides take groups of six to eight students on walking tours that are two hours long.
- **Monthly meetings:** Each month on the morning of the first Thursday, there is a business meeting and a speaker. Meetings are held throughout the metro area, often in locations

of historical significance. The speakers are usually civic leaders, historians, authors or business leaders. They share fascinating stories of Portland from a variety of perspectives. After each meeting we share a catered lunch (optional).

- ***Unit Meetings:*** Twice a year, in lieu of the business meeting, there are unit meetings. At these meetings, members are trained in safety procedures and our tour notebooks are updated.
- ***Social Events:*** In order to build community and to educate ourselves, we hold several optional social events including a fall and spring trip, a Holiday Luncheon and Auction, and a spring party.
- ***Dues:*** Dues are \$50 per year and are collected each September.
- ***Committee work:*** Each member serves on a committee or on the Board.