



Frequently Asked Questions

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1.0 What is STUMP?

STUMP is Edify's *Short Term Urban Mission Project*. It is a week of intense ministry, where you will be serving and doing life with some of Australia's poor and marginalised in our very own backyard – STUMP is currently running in both the inner city of Brisbane and Sydney.

STUMP is NOT a holiday, church camp or retreat!

We expect all participants to treat **STUMP** as a serious mission trip, regardless of the location. **STUMP** exists to give your youth, church, team, class and/or corps groups the chance to encounter Biblical justice and mission first-hand.

Participants will be working amongst some of the City's most vulnerable and hurting people, as well as serving the local community.

Additionally you will receive relevant teaching and training in areas such as homelessness, mental health issues, alcohol and other drug abuse, boundaries and suicide intervention and prevention.

*"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;
I want to run a rescue shop within a yard to hell."*

C.T. Studd



1.1 Where will I be staying and what will I be doing?

Participants of **Sydney STUMP** will be accommodated on-site at Streetlevel Mission in Surry Hills. Streetlevel is a place that seeks to serve suffering humanity in radical and relevant ways. It hosts the Streetlevel Food Market, provides lunch, shower/laundry and locker facilities, Internet access, and welfare assistance to hundreds everyday. Streetlevel's mission is to be a place of hope of healing and of restoration for residents in the inner city of Sydney.

Participants of **Brisbane STUMP** will be accommodated on-site at Pindari Men's & Women's Service in Fortitude Valley. Pindari provides safe and secure crisis accommodation for homeless men and women in the inner city of Brisbane. Pindari's motto is 'short term support, long term and they fulfil this by providing a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment for their residents to make positive life choices and create hope for the future.

"Who will be the future leaders of our 'rescue shops' that sit within a yard of Hell? The need has never been greater, the darkness never deeper. Never have reinforcements been so urgently required ... but nor have the opportunities been more promising.

Please seize this opportunity. Get trained and equipped. Contact Edify today and find out how you can make a difference.

Join us on the front line!"

Captain Paul Moulds AM

STUMP participants will journey as a group through the 'dark places' in their city as they engage with the local communities through serving and learning. Below is a snapshot of some of the activities you may undertake:

- Helping out in the community centre. There you'll assist in offering welfare provision and material aid assistance, through our Food Market, Café, Family Store and Community Centre.
- Assisting in outreach activities. That means you could be heading out onto the streets to serve coffees in one of our outreach vans, the internet equipped "Streetnet" bus, or the Chaplain Watch vehicle.
- Partnering with community members to clean, paint and bless their homes, as well as having a cup of tea and a chat!
- Spending quality time listening and sharing with members of the community. These amazing opportunities to connect and build relationships with people and to gather an understanding of the difficult circumstances many of them face are priceless.
- Joining with at-risk young people in having a blast! Through exercise, sport, recreational activities and positive lifestyle programs.
- Taking part in Streetlevel's Thursday/Friday night chapel/church service through serving dinner, contributing to run sheet, cleaning up and if you're musical playing in the band!

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE WILL BE TAILORED TO INDIVIDUAL STUMP GROUPS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

"STUMP would have to be the most effective way I have seen to train and equip youth to engage with frontline mission."

Athol Harmer

"Edify is ensuring the Salvation Army doesn't take its eyes off our call to the lost, last and least and salvation for a second – the bench mark for practitioner based discipleship."

Craig Stephens

1.2 How safe is STUMP?

At STUMP safety is one of our top priorities! We will do everything possible to make sure that participants stay safe during their time here.

Before arriving, you'll receive a **STUMP Survival Guide**, outlining several safety rules and guidelines. Additionally, you will receive training and orientation to prepare you for your time in community and to familiarise you with the environments in which you'll be working.

1.3 Will there be supervision?

Definitely! All **STUMP** participants will be supervised at all times by competent and experienced staff/personnel.

1.4 How much will STUMP cost?

Individuals are asked to make a \$250 contribution. This fee covers all of your accommodation, food, training, transport and administration costs for the week.

If finance is an issue for you then please don't let that stop you from applying. Contact the Edify team on (02) 9360 1710 to discuss alternative payment options.

1.5 Who can apply – is there an age bracket?

Anyone can apply for **STUMP**, as long as you are over the age of 16 (for legal reasons), and open to dedicating a week of your life to come alongside the vulnerable and disenfranchised.

1.6 Are meals provided – what will I eat?

The **STUMP** team will provide all of your breakfasts, lunches and dinners. If you have specific allergies or dietary requirements please ensure to let us know in your application form so we can be prepared for this.

A number of meals will be spent either serving or eating with members of our community.

Groups will also be able to do additional shopping at the local supermarkets if needed. During orientation you will be given information on the local area and where you can access necessary items.

1.7 What should I bring?

- Bedding (sheets, pillows, doona)
- Clothing that you won't mind getting dirty
- Personal toiletries
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Any clothing you have with Salvation Army paraphernalia on it
- Bathroom and Beach towel
- Swimmers and Bathers
- Exercise Gear and Scarf
- Thongs
- Hat and Beanie
- Mobile Phone & Charger
- Bible
- Backpack
- Medicare Card
- Health Insurance Details (if you have private health insurance)
- iPod/mp3 Player (if you have one)
- Laptop (if you have one and want to bring it)

1.8 What shouldn't I bring?

- Clothing that is too tight or revealing (eg. Short shorts, low-cut tops)
- Anything expensive or valuable (jewelry, electronic items, etc.)

1.9 Do I need to be part of The Salvation Army or a Christian to participate in STUMP?

No, we encourage people from all walks of life to experience **STUMP**. But at the same time for the duration of your stay we expect all participants to adhere to and respect the principles and beliefs of The Salvation Army. Check out <http://www.salvos.org.au/our-faith/beliefs/> or [contact us](#) for more information on these.

"Sick of the predictable, the safe and the mundane? Join the 'Salvation War' on the front lines for a messy, risky and shock filled week called STUMP."

Major Bryce Davies