GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT, WHEN & WHERE IS SUMMER ORIENTATION?
TAMS Summer Orientation consists of two concurrent conferences—one for students and one for parents / guardians. The orientation check-in will begin in the early evening of Friday, June 10th and go through the early evening of Saturday, June 11th at the University of North Texas (schedule to be posted online in May). Dinner WILL NOT be served, so please dine before arriving. A general schedule and campus map indicating parking options and the various facilities in which sessions will occur will be posted on the TAMS Student Life website in May. Students will have overnight accommodations in Rawlins Hall. Accompanying adults may choose to stay in a separate residence hall on campus (Honors Hall), at a local hotel, or commute from homes in the DFW metroplex. Please check out local hotel and dining options, as your family will need to eat prior to your arrival Friday evening [http://www.discoverdenton.com/]

PACKAGES

Student Package = $ 85.00 each  
Sessions, double occupancy lodging in Rawlins Hall, Saturday breakfast & lunch

Adult Package A = $ 85.00 each  
Sessions, single room w/ suite bath lodging on campus w/ minimal linens, Saturday breakfast & lunch.

Adult Package B = $ 55.00 each  
Sessions, Saturday lunch.

If paying by check, please make payable to “TAMS-UNT.” (Please include separate checks for Summer O’ fees & Ambassador Polo’s)

Return the ORIENTATION FEES, RECORDS, and ALL DOWNLOADED FORMS IN A 9X12 ENVELOPE WITH NO STAPLES to the address below :

TAMS Class 2018, 1155 Union Circle #305309, Denton, TX 76203-5017

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We expect all new TAMS students and at least one parent (or adult guardian) to attend. In the case of parents who are divorced, the participation of both custodial and non-custodial parents and their spouses are encouraged. It is important for all significant adults to understand the TAMS program so they are able to offer consistent support to the student over the next two years. If multiple parent packets are needed for split families, it is the family’s responsibility to make this need clear to TAMS Staff within their Registration information. It is advised that younger children not attend orientation as 24 hours of information loaded sessions is tough on adults, much more so for small children.

WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?
This Orientation will be power packed with lots of information! TAMS students and parents will experience two separate orientations. Students will take a placement test in Math & Chemistry, attend informative sessions in regards to Academy expectations, participate in recreational sessions to begin bonding with their new community of students and potential roommate, and receive summer homework assignments in Math, Chemistry and Biology. Parents will attend sessions with TAMS and UNT staff, as well as small amounts of time to meet one another. Car Pool lists, which are a directory of current Junior & Senior TAMS Families’ contact information, will be available upon request after Summer Orientation. If you do not wish your directory information to be included in our carpool list to other TAMS Families, please indicate that as you register online. By checking “No”, your family’s contact information will not be available to your fellow class families.

WHAT DO THE FEES COVER?

The Summer Orientation registration fee covers the costs TAMS incurs from UNT to provide this 24 hour orientation. We have combined all the facility, Housing, food, and administrative costs. The student fee is $85 and the adult fee per person varies depending on your choice of accommodations: Adult Package A = $85 (campus housing, Saturday breakfast, Saturday Lunch); Adult Package B = $55 (you select off campus accommodations, no Saturday breakfast is offered, Saturday Lunch). *Please remember that dinner is not provided on Friday or Saturday evening.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Families will need to eat dinner before checking in on Friday [Check out http://www.discoverdenton.com]. Breakfast will be provided on campus in Bruce Cafeteria for students and those parents who stay on campus (Adult Package A). A Turkey Sandwich Box Lunch through UNT catering will be provided on Saturday to all registered parents/guardians/other guests. If attending individuals would prefer or require a Vegetarian Sandwich, Vegetarian Meals MUST be selected under those individuals’ online registration. Students will be eating lunch together in the cafeteria where vegetarian options will be available.

WHAT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Students are required to spend Friday night in Rawlins Hall [1819 Maple St, Denton, TX 76201] with their new classmates. Due to the nature of this summer program, we cannot accept requests for student roommate pairings. Parents and adult guardians may choose to stay on campus or make other arrangements. UNT Conference Housing has made space in Honors Hall [1716 Eagle Dr., Denton, TX 76201] to house those families that are traveling from great distances to attend Summer Orientation. Families needing such accommodations should select Adult Package A on the Registration. Amenities include air-conditioned, single rooms with suite-bathrooms to share with another TAMS parent or spouse. Families who prefer to stay in a local hotel should make these arrangements soon. Local events & high school graduations will be occurring on the same weekend as Summer Orientation and area hotels may fill up fast. To find area accommodations, please visit the following website: http://www.discoverdenton.com, and click the STAY link. Due to UNT Housing & Dining reservations, please do not delay in submitting your Summer Registration, student paperwork, and conference fees.

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING?
DFW Airport is about 45 minutes from the UNT campus. To arrange for shuttle service to and from the airport, you may contact North Texas Airport Transportation (http://northtexasairporttransportation.com/). To avoid a parking ticket, visitors must receive a parking tag at check in to park in designated lots in front of Clark Hall or Fouts Field. The parking lot in front of Clark Hall [1717 Maple St, Denton, TX 76201] will be available.

WHERE DO WE GO FIRST WHEN WE ARRIVE?

Summer Orientation check-in will be in the early evening on Friday, June 10th in Rawlins Hall [1819 Maple St, Denton, TX 76201, Denton, TX 76201]. Come to Rawlins Hall where each family will be given a schedule of the Orientation, a parent packet of conference materials, and directions to the first session. Parents staying on campus need to check-in at Honors Hall prior to the first session as well [221 North Texas Blvd., Denton, TX 76201].

WHAT IF WE CANNOT ATTEND?

We strongly recommend that you make every effort to attend so your student begins making connections within the TAMS Community and preparations for next fall. If insurmountable difficulties require your absence, please continue through the registration process and indicate that you will be unable to attend and why. If you are unable to attend, please email Julie.Renner@unt.edu.

NO REFUNDS will be given for cancelations after 5pm on May 27, 2016.
WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING?

- **Students** - Pillow, bed linens or sleeping bag, towel, and alarm clock (On campus Parents – **basic linens will be provided** including bed sheets, blanket, pillow/bath mat/towel/ hand towel)

- Casual summer attire (Students: Think outdoor active wear — it will probably be hot! Flip Flops not recommended)

- Sweater or Indoor cover-up (those who tend to chill easily may want to bring extra coverage for indoor sessions)

- Comfortable walking shoes (Sessions will be in buildings all over campus.)

- Shower shoes (for use in community bath.)

- Camera (optional)

- Umbrella and sunscreen (It’s TX, you never know!)

- Pen and notebook

- Students will need pencils for math and chemistry placement exams. Calculators may NOT be used on math exam.

- Checkbook (to pay for various things such as: letter jacket, TAMS T-shirt or other merchandise from the TAMS Store. Open a Denton area checking account during Check in or Check out.)

- Watch the TAMS Website for future updates specifically for the Class of 2018: [http://tams.unt.edu/studentlife](http://tams.unt.edu/studentlife)

**QUESTIONS? NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE?**

Please call TAMS Administration at 940.565.3606