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Home Address Street: 5626 Sandpiper Drive  
 City: Stevens Point State: Wisconsin Zip: 54482

## Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen Rust Family Friend 7154980737

## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR EACH WORKING RESIDENT OF THE HOME

Parent 1 Employer: <u>homemaker</u>	Parent 2 Employer: <u>ENT Associates of Wausau</u>
Street: <u>5626 Sandpiper Drive</u>	Street: <u>2801 Westhill Drive</u>
City: <u>Stevens Point</u>	City: <u>Wausau</u>
State: <u>Wisconsin</u> Zip: <u>54482</u>	State: <u>Wisconsin</u> Zip: <u>54401</u>
Job Title: <u>Stay at home mom</u>	Job Title: <u>ENT Doctor</u>
Person of Contact: <u>Mike Thielman</u>	Person of Contact: <u>Jen Hincker</u>
Phone: <u>7158690038</u>	Phone: <u>7158472021</u>
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Dates of Employment: <u>2003-present</u>	Dates of Employment: <u>August 2016-present</u>

Add'l Person 1 Employer: _____	Add'l Person 2 Employer: <u>Ministry Healthcare, now Ascension</u>
Street: _____	Street: _____
City: _____	City: <u>Stevens Point</u>
State: _____ Zip: _____	State: <u>Wisconsin</u> Zip: <u>54481</u>
Job Title: _____	Job Title: <u>ENT Physician/Administration</u>
Person of Contact: _____	Person of Contact: <u>Joe Vanevenhoven</u>
Phone: _____	Phone: <u>9202901307</u>
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____
Dates of Employment: _____	Dates of Employment: <u>February 2014-August 2016</u>

## CHILDREN INFORMATION

Any college student, 18 years of age or older must submit a background check.

Name	M/F	Age	Date of Birth	Lives at Home	Main Interest/Hobby	Grade Level/ Profession
Colton Thielman	M	14	Oct / 07 / 2003	Yes	sports/science/travel	8
Tatum Thielman	F	13	Mar / 27 / 2005	Yes	theater/music/writing/travel	7
Wyatt Thielman	M	10	Aug / 23 / 2007	Yes	swimming/video games/travel	4
Mitchell Thielman	M	9	Jul / 23 / 2008	Yes	theater/music/sports/travel	3
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## ADDITIONAL PERSONS LIVING IN THE HOME

Name	M/F	Age	Date of Birth	Relationship to you
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## Family Interests &amp; Hobbies:

Our family is very active. We have 4 kids and 3 dogs. We travel, are involved in soccer, running, biking, basketball, tennis, theater, music, reading, writing, bowling, scrapbooking, skiing and church. We have a lake house and spend a lot of time on the boat in the summer. We go to the theater and have season tickets to the Broadway series in a town an hour from here. We like to have days doing nothing every once in a while too.

## Describe each family member's community involvement:

We volunteer for many things including all of our kids activities. Karen schedules all the soccer fields for Portage County Youth Soccer as well as their tournaments and awards, runs a Girl Scout Troop, helps with Cub Scouts, volunteers at church (Trinity Lutheran ELCA) and at each of the kids schools. Mike volunteers for all of those things with exception of scheduling for PCYS but he does volunteer there. Mike used to do Meals on Wheels as part of his last job as well. Colton and Tatum volunteer through church and Tatum volunteers through Girl Scouts. Wyatt and Mitchell have Scouts.

Family Religious Affiliation: Lutheran-ELCA Frequency: ☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☒ Regularly

Would you accept a student who practices a different religion? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Would you be willing voluntarily to inform the exchange visitor in advance of any religious affiliations of household members? ☒ Yes ☐ No

[Note: A host family may want the exchange visitor to attend one or more religious services or programs with the family. The exchange visitor cannot be required to do so, but may decide to experience this facet of your culture at his or her discretion.]

Does anyone in the family smoke? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have pets? ☒ Yes ☐ No How many & what type? 3 dogs-Spencer is 16 beagle/basset, Molly and Hershey are little teddy bears and are 12 and 4

Kept Where? main level of the house, sleep in parents room

Would you be willing to host a student who has allergies to animals? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does your family follow a special diet? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: Our daughter is a vegetarian, the rest of us eat a regular diet

Do you expect the student to follow any dietary restrictions? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you able to provide three quality meals a day? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to accept a student who is vegetarian or has other dietary restrictions? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: We will work with an exchange student's dietary needs

What foreign languages do you speak, if any? a little Spanish

What language is spoken in the home? English

## Please describe a typical weekday for your family:

We have busy schedules. The two older kids are up and at school by 730/745am. The two younger kids are at school by about 9am. Mom volunteers and takes care of house and dogs during the day. In the afternoon, mom starts picking kids up and running them to their activities (sports, art club, computer club, church, bowling etc). We fit dinner in at different times depending on when everyone is around. We read, watch tv, play games, go to activities/movies/theater and get homework done before bed.

## Please describe a typical weekend for your family:

On weekends, we get homework done, do housework and laundry that needs attention. We often times have bowling/skiing/soccer/gymnastics events to go to. Sometimes we travel or go to the theater. We try to go to church Sunday mornings but don't make it every week. We try to get together with friends and go on adventures. Sometimes we go camping. We do community events like runs or bike rides as well.

Is your residence the site of a functioning business? (e.g. daycare, farm) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain:

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Will the student share a room? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, with whom? Please note that if the student is sharing a room they must be provided with their own bed.

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Is your home a: ☐ Single Family ☐ Apartment ☒ Other Please Specify:

We have a duplex(family with kids on other half). Lake house is single family home 15 mins away

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Do you rent or own? ☐ Rent ☒ Own How long have you lived at this address? 14 years

Please describe your home. In particular describe the primary rooms and bedrooms, the number of bathrooms, the student's bedroom and the amenities to which the student will have access.

Our home is a duplex. There is a family with 3 boys that lives on the other half. We have 3 bedrooms on the main floor that house the parents, two younger brothers and sister. There are 2.5 baths on the first floor. The lower level has two bedrooms, one for Colton and one for the exchange student. There is a bathroom that the exchange student will share with Colton. The lower level also has a living room and video games as well as foosball and pingpong if the table is set up.

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In what type of community do you live? (e.g. Urban, Suburban, Rural, Farm): suburbs of a small city/plus we have lake house we go to sometimes on weekends or holidays

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Briefly describe your neighborhood and community:

Our neighborhood has a one mile loop with houses, duplexes and a Senior citizen assisted living apartment house. There are soccer fields at the end of our street as well as a forested walking path and a park. You can walk to restaurants and a grocery store. There is a bus stop across the street. Stevens Point is a small city of about 30,000 people. It has a university that has a theater department so has great theater and arts(dance/music). There is world headquarters of Suzuki Music here. There are other big businesses that invest in the community. There are community events like walks/runs/bike rides/music. There is a trail to run and bike on and a river to boat on. The schools are very good. The high school is big. Many restaurants and fun things to do.

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What is the population of your community? 30,000

Nearest major city (distance and population): We are in the middle of many. 1 hour to Appleton (75000), 1.5 to Green Bay (105000).

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What are the types of activities and points of interest for teenagers in your community?

Sports like soccer/basketball/running/baseball etc. Theater shows through school and Playhouse theater group. Movie theaters. Bowling alleys. Parks. Trails. Swimming. Music concerts and dance. Technology lounge. Restaurants. Wisconsin River. YMCA teen nights. Special activity nights at school.

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City or town website: stevenspoint.com; stevenspointarea.com

Areas in or around neighborhood to be avoided: there is a small pond but safe neighborhood

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Nearest Airport: Central Wisconsin Airport City & State: Mosinee, WI Airport Code: CWA

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Specify your preferred date or range of dates for student arrival.

Camp 10 Aug 19-22: 4th of September start date is the day after Labor day. School is not in session the Friday before that which is the 29th. Student needs sports physical the week before to do Cross Country. Lake home vacation the week before.

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Specify any dates that you are not able to receive your student.

We are tentatively going to be out of town August 4-11, 2018. Dates are negotiable

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PLEASE ADD WHAT INFORMATION YOU CAN.

Official School Name: Stevens Point Area High School/SPASH ☒ Public ☐ Private

Physical School Address: 1201 Northpoint Drive

City: Stevens Point State: Wisconsin Zip: 54481

Principal's Name: Jon Vollendorf School Website: pointschools.net

Name, Phone and Email of the student's counselor or primary school official for the school year:

Name: Jenessa Reid Title: Mrs.

Phone: 715-345-5403/715-345-5400 Email: jreid@pointschools.net

Approximate start date of school year: Sep / 04 / 2018 Approximate end date of school year: Jun / 06 / 2019

Approximate student population: 2,000 Distance from home: 5.9 miles

Method of transportation for student to school: bus, could possibly drive in private car

Will transportation be available for extracurricular activities? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: We will pick our student up or arrange a carpool for after school activities

Which, if any, of your family's children, presently attend the school in which the exchange student is enrolled? What grade level will they be during the time of the student exchange? 0

If applicable, please list sports/clubs/activities, if any, your child(ren) participates(s) in at the local school:

Colton-Pj Jacobs 9th grade but activities held at SPASH-Cross Country Running fall/basketball winter/Tennis spring; private club PCYS Soccer in fall and spring; The other 3 kids are in activities but they do not meet at SPASH

Does any member of your household work for the high school in a coaching/teaching/or administrative capacity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any member of your household had contact with a coach regarding the hosting of an exchange student with particular athletic ability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe the contact and the sport:

Don Behnke is Cross Country coach fall sport that starts practicing in August but I haven't talked to him as I wasn't sure if the exchange student wants to join

Your student will be very excited to receive photographs of your family! You must attach at least nine photos (listed below). Please feel free to attach additional photos if you like. If you are unable to attach your photos, you can also email these photos to your STSF Local Coordinator. Please include photo descriptions and your family name in the email to your Local Coordinator.

Please include photos of the following:

- A photo of the student's bedroom.
- A photo of the kitchen.
- A photo of the student's bathroom.
- A photo of the students' study area.
- A photo of the living/family room.
- Home Exterior.
- Family Photo.

Please include descriptions to each photo and feel free to add 2 additional photos of your choice.



Describe this photo

This is Colton's bedroom. It is big enough to put another bed in and the boys could share. We also plan to convert our toy room (with basketball hoop in the picture) as a separate room he can choose.

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Describe this photo

This is the toy room that we are converting to a private bedroom



Describe this photo

Outside of our duplex in Stevens Point. We usually live here during the school year and at the lake house on weekends (sometimes) and holidays and during the summer.

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Describe this photo

This is the living room and the room behind is the den where homework can be done. There is a desk with a computer and a table in the den.

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Describe this photo

Kitchen and Dad Mike

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Describe this photo

This is the lower level bathroom that Colton will share with you.



Describe this photo

This is a "selfie" of our family dogs and all!

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Describe this photo

This is the back of our lake house that is 15 minutes from our house in town.



Describe this photo

This is Colton, Tatum, Wyatt, Mitchell and Dogs, Spencer, Molly Mae and Hershey

Please write in the space below a letter to your student that describes your family, including your interests and activities. Don't forget to mention all the members of your household as the student and his/her natural parents will want to be informed about everyone in the home.

Hi! We are the Thielman Family.

There are 6 of us. We are a busy, fun loving family. Mike is the Dad. He is an Ear, nose and throat Doctor who loves to ski and boat as well as bowl and play golf. He helps all the kids with their homework and coaches their activities when he can. I, Karen, am the mom. I love to watch all my kids in their activities, scrapbook, read, and I volunteer for the soccer fields, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, church and all the kids schools. I also like to plan parties, activities and travel for the family. I love to watch tv shows as well. Colton is 14. He will be 15 in October. He runs cross country in the fall, plays basketball in winter and tennis in spring for his school. He will be in 9th grade at Pj Jacobs middle school but in 9th grade all the sports take place at SPASH High School. He is a goalkeeper/striker for his soccer team and plays club soccer in the fall and spring. Colton is also on a bowling team. Tatum is our daughter who just turned 13 and is currently in 7th grade, 8th grade next year. She likes to read and write. She loves to act in plays and has been in a lot of plays. She loves music and plays her flute. She is learning to play guitar as well. She used to play violin and string bass. She has played soccer, and is active in gymnastics and art club. Wyatt is 10, 11 in August. He will be in 5th grade in the fall. He loves swimming. He is on the swim team and bowling league. He does play soccer too. Wyatt is on the autism spectrum. He is high functioning and goes to a typical school with typical kids. He does have therapy a few hours per week to help him with things he struggles with. Sometimes he needs things worded carefully or to be reminded what he is doing. He is really funny and likes to be in plays too. Mitchell is the youngest and will be 10 in July. He will be in 4th grade in the fall. He loves music so much and can be heard singing around the house. He loves acting and was just a lead in Peter Pan(with Tatum). He played Michael. Mitchell also loves gymnastics, reading and soccer. He loves to help and will be there to play air hockey, pingpong, foosball and pool if you ever want to. We are all very friendly and like to hear all about you and what is going on with you as well as where you are from. We all love to travel, go to the theater, sporting events and museums and go out to eat at restaurants as well as go to church. We like to get together with friends. We love to try new things and have fun experiences. We also like to have pajama days where we just stay home and watch movies or read, play games etc. We have 3 dogs. Spencer is 16 and sleeps a lot. He is Beagle/Basset. Molly and Hershey are both little teddy bears. Molly is 12 and Hershey is 4. They are friendly dogs. We have had 4 Japanese, 1 Chinese and 1 Austrian foreign exchange students. We loved them all and have stayed in contact with them. Two of them have even come back to visit us. We would love to meet you and have you spend your year with us in Wisconsin. Blessings from the Thielman Family!

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Dear STS Student,

My name is Carrie and I am thrilled to be your Local Coordinator with STSF. I live in Friendship, Wisconsin, with my husband Bradley. We have two loveable dogs and two cats. Our dogs are named Calisi and Bridgette. Calisi is a very friendly and playful boxer mix. Bridgette is a Corgi and is the boss of our home. We also have two cats, Milly and Jewel. My husband's son has two wonderful children, a boy and a girl, which makes us Grandparents. They also have a baby on the way, we are so excited.

I am a professional grant writer and consultant for non-profit organizations. I am also an artist. My husband is a salesman and a musician. We enjoy spending time with family and friends and in our spare time we love to be outside and enjoy beauty of the four seasons that Wisconsin has to offer! I also love to travel and take road trips.

I would like to welcome you to Wisconsin! Wisconsin is a midwestern state with coastlines on two Great Lakes, Michigan and Superior, and an interior of forests and farms. We also have breathtaking waterfalls. I live very close to the famous Wisconsin Dells. It is the waterpark capital of the world! Milwaukee, the largest city, is known for the Milwaukee Public Museum and has a wonderful zoo! Our State Capitol is Madison and is our second largest city. It is also home to the University of Madison. Our third largest city is Green Bay. If you're not a football fan now, you will be when you come to Wisconsin! Green Bay is home to the world-famous football team, the Green Bay Packers! You will find that living in Wisconsin we love sports and the outdoors! Check out Wisconsin here: [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)

I am really looking forward to meeting you! Feel free to contact me at any time! Get ready for a GREAT year!

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