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Prospective Billet

Information Package



Introduction

As we look forward to our new season, the team will welcome players from across the region, province, Canada & the United States to Campbell River. These players range in age from 16 to 20 years old. Their stay with us will last from late August until April, depending on playoffs. When these young men become a member of the Storm, they do not live on their own, they require accommodations. This is where the billet family becomes very important as each player is placed in a home within the local community.

What is Billeting?

Billeting is when a local family welcomes an out of town player into their home to live for the duration of the hockey season. A family that offers to help in providing a safe place for the visiting player is called a host family.

Why Billet?

Billeting can be a very exciting and rewarding experience for all those willing to open up their homes to dedicated players. Many families who have billeted in the past usually look back at their experience with fond memories. In fact, many families still stay in touch with players they had billeted in the past as those same players move through the university and professional ranks.

Key benefits to you and the Hockey Team when you volunteer to billet are:

- Build lifelong friendships with players and their families;
- Assist young players to enjoy safe and comfortable environment while enjoying hockey;
- Provide a great social and cultural experience;
- Assist visiting players to lessen expensive living costs, making participation in junior hockey possible;
- Show support for our hockey team and help them to be successful; and
- Assist in providing a special experience that will lead to a successful hockey season for a young player.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Billet?

Our players want to experience life as part of the hockey family and to live in a to have a home away from home. Our billets are excited to welcome someone new into their lives. Having a hockey player in your home takes time, patience, and a willingness to share. There are lots of differences to overcome, both cultural and personal, but learning about these differences and celebrating them is part of the joy of welcoming someone new into your home and, in many cases, making a new friend for life.

What Makes a Great Billet?

A caring, sensitive and patient family! It can be overwhelming for a player to be so far away from home. A thoughtful billet family appreciates that each player is unique, and that communication and mutual understanding takes effort. Our billets are interested in sharing their lifestyle in a positive and mutually rewarding way. We do not accept billets who are interested in money alone. These motives are obvious to players, and interfere with the intended billeting experience: a safe, secure, welcoming environment to learn and grow in.

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Things to Consider

Do you have time for a player? Even the most self-assured players appreciate good quality time with their billet family. Is everyone in your household ready to accept someone with a different background? If you have children, are they comfortable with bringing another person into the family? Other key issues to be aware of are:

- The Junior hockey player's schedule is irregular as they try to balance school or a job with their hockey schedule which includes games, practices, and other team related activities.
- Some players may choose to return home during the League's Christmas break and would return prior to the New Year to resume playing.
- Many players will return home once the season is over.
- All meals and accommodations while on road trips will be covered by the Team and/or the Player.

Responsibilities of the Host Family

Billet families should be prepared to provide the following in order to make the player's stay a comfortable one:

- Treat billeted players as you would want your child treated if he/she were away from home;
- Inform billeted players of your expectations and house rules;
- Provide a room for the billeted players to sleep. This should be a dedicated room with a twin bed or larger, a dresser, closet.
- Provide a student desk for homework preferably in a quiet area of the home if not located in the bedroom;
- Provide food to make meals including breakfast, lunch and supper as well as snacks for the visiting player;
- Provide use of laundry facilities.
- Confirm with the players their allergies, medical conditions, and special dietary needs and support them with these requirements;
- Support the player, communicate with him, and be understanding;
- Communicate all concerns regarding the player to the Billet Coordinator;
- Make the player feel at home and part of the family; and provide information about their homes to the Billet Coordinator (e.g. presence of pets, smokers, etc.) and necessary contact information (including work telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses). All information must be current.
- **Billet payment must be done before or on the first of each month. It is not the responsibility of the billeting hosts to ask for payment.**

Responsibility of the Billeted Athlete

While guests in your home, the Storm hold our players to highest standards and fully expects each to be well behaved at all times. Some key expectations of the billeted players are:

- Show gratitude to the host family for opening their home;
- Provide information on allergies, medical conditions, special dietary needs;
- Respect the host family as they would their own parents.
- Help out with household chores and duties as asked by the host family
- Excellent communication with their host family and notifying of their whereabouts when outside the home for non-hockey related activities.
- Respect the 'house rules' as determined between the billeting family and the player; and
- When unsure of anything, always ask!

Role of the Billet Coordinator

The Billet Coordinator is the key contact for any billeting family. The Billet Coordinator is the person responsible for arranging accommodations for the visiting athletes with local host families and recommending families for this important role. Any questions regarding billeting or concerns with visiting athletes should be forwarded to the Billet Coordinator immediately.

Billet Family Benefits provided by the Storm

The Storm appreciate the support that our billet families provide our players and demonstrate our appreciation in the following manner:

- Two season tickets for all games including playoffs;
- All billet families will receive discount on all regular priced Storm merchandise;
- Several social team functions;
- Season wrap-up social event;
- Monetary compensation is \$800 per month, paid directly by the player.
*(Sept. - March \$800 per month
Aug. \$30 per day. If your billet arrives in the middle of the month during the season, \$30 per day)*
- A wonderful experience with many great memories to those who will extend their families to include a dedicated young man while playing junior hockey.

Additional information

The following information will be provided to all billeting families upon selection:

- Team Contact List
- Team Code of Conduct
- Billet Contact List
- Other important information

How to Get Started

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact our Billet Coordinator.

If you believe you would be a great fit to join our family, please fill out the attached form and send it to the above email.

We will conduct an interview for all families wishing to join our billet program. Background checks and criminal record checks are required for all adults over 18 years old living in a host family home.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Storm Family!

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Billet Family Application

Date:					
Billet Parent 1 Full Legal Name:					
Billet Parent 2 Full Legal Name:					
Address:		City:		Postal Code:	
Home Phone:			Email: (Required)		
Cell Phones:					
Employment Information					
Billet Parent 1 Occupation/Employer:					
Hours:		Work Ph:		Cell Ph:	
Billet Parent 2 Occupation/Employer:					
Hours:		Work Ph:		Cell Ph:	
Family Information					
Children Names:	Age:	Live at home?	Children Names:	Age:	Live at home?
Any other people living in house: (list names and relationship)					
Kinds of Pets: (please list)					
Hobbies of Family:					
Family involved in any sports? If so, what kind?					
Allergies in the household:					
Private Bedroom for player Yes/No			Private Bath for player Yes/No		
Does anyone in the house smoke? Yes/No			Approx. km. to Arena from your home:		
Cable/TV to hook up to? Yes/No			Internet available for hook up? Yes/No		
Are you familiar with the Program?					
Have you hosted with other Programs? If so, who?					
Would you be interested in more than one player? Yes/No					
Do you have family meals most nights? Yes/No			Is cooking a problem?		
Reason for wanting to be a Billet Family:					
Do you have house rules? Yes/No (If yes, what are they?)					
Please tell us any other notes of interest:					
Signatures					
All the information provided on this application form is true to the best of my knowledge.					
Print Name:			Print Name:		
Signature of Applicant:			Signature of Applicant:		
Date:			Date:		