

Danville Inferno 2008-2009 Host Family Information

Welcome to Inaugural season of the Danville Inferno. Becoming a host family for an Inferno player is a great way to get involved in the community, as well as develop some very special bonds with the players and their families. For many of the players, this will be their first time away from home and they will need a stable living environment for their move to Danville. Players on the Danville Inferno are between the ages of 16 and 20.

Part of our commitment to our players is to help provide them with a good home. The players often become just like one of the family. These boys come into your lives at an early, impressionable age and leave as young men. Their time with the billet family is a very important time of their lives. They are away from their friends and family, so their billets become their surrogate family. The players arrive from all over the in August for training camp and will be here until the end of the hockey season in March or until the end of the school year in May, depending on the player's school situation. At Christmas, they usually have a break when they can go home and spend time with their families.

When a family volunteers to house a member of the team, they are required to provide room and board for the player. This includes, providing nutritious food that is available for him to prepare or for the billets to prepare for the player. In addition, billets must be able to provide the player with his own room or to share with another player. Billets are expected to treat the players as "one of the family" and not just a "renter". The same goes for the player, as far as cleaning up after themselves and keeping their room tidy and such.

What is expected of a Host Family? Players need a room with a bed, dresser and closet. The players should have access to three meals a day. When the players are on the road, they are required to take care of their own meal expenses and the team will provide some meals for them as well.

What is expected of the Players? Players are responsible for their own transportation as well as the use of cell phones. If the player does not have transportation he will be roomed with one who does or will be picked up by the closest teammate for practices and games. They must remain in compliance with team and house rules. Which are on attached sheet.

How long is the Host Family commitment? This varies for all players, but in most cases, the players are with the family from the start of training camp (usually towards the end of August) until playoffs in March. There have been some special situations in which a player may have to finish their college courses after playoffs are over, extending their stay a few weeks longer. Most all players go home for holiday breaks.

Additional information. Families receive a monthly billeting payment of \$225 for each player. Some family's can/will house more than one player as they travel together and are company for each other. Host families can be two parent families, single parent families, as well as empty nesters. Our past experience with billet families has been a great success. Billet families will provide the stability and support for our Inferno players enabling them to concentrate on education and hockey.