

## SPACEMEN BILLET FAMILIES

### Thank you for your interest in becoming a Host Family.

Billet parents serve as authority figures, role models, and extended family to their assigned players, and players rely on their billet parents for help while transitioning to a new city and community. The efforts of billet families make a significant difference in the lives of the young men who have left home for the opportunity to play at a higher level.

Please read the information that follows as it outlines expectations from Host Families and Spacemen Players. These guidelines were developed to ensure consistency across the Spacemen program.

## HOST FAMILY & PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Players have been invited to join the Fort Wayne Spacemen because they wish to have an opportunity to join college hockey programs. Players should be reminded often that these opportunities hinge not only on their hockey skills, but also on their academic records, their citizenship, and their disciplinary record. Their continued involvement in the program, during this or future seasons, is also dependent on these three dimensions. Your positive influence is welcome and we ask that you have/provide:

#### **Space & Accommodations:**

- Separate room and closet for a player, or shared room and bath if hosting more than one player
- Nutritious meals. (players are responsible for meal expenses when traveling)
- A patient, caring and friendly home atmosphere
- The same guidance and attention you would want for your children

#### **Sensitivity & Patience:**

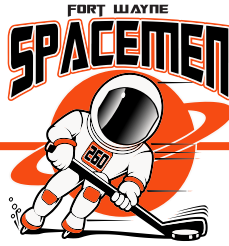
It can be overwhelming for a player to be so far away from home. A thoughtful billet family appreciates that each player is unique and that communication and mutual understanding take effort.

#### **What you can expect to receive in return for opening your home to a Spacemen player:**

- Most importantly, the opportunity to make a difference to a young player and help him toward realizing his dreams.
- A first hand understanding of being a hockey fan.
- A new perspective on hockey as seen through the eyes of your player
- Orientation and support from the Spacemen Hockey Club and other experienced billets.
- A monthly stipend of \$500
- 1 Ticket per household member

#### **What do I do if it doesn't work out as planned, or my family situation changes?**

We ask that if you are ever unable to fulfill all the obligations and full commitment to the player, please let us know immediately so we can make other housing arrangements.



# SPACEMEN BILLET FAMILIES

## BILLET FAMILY APPLICATION

NAME: ..... ADDRESS: .....

CITY: ..... STATE: ..... ZIP: .....

HOME PHONE: ..... CELL PHONE: .....

PHONE #2: ..... EMAIL: .....

**Please list all family members who live at your home on a regular basis:**

NAME: ..... AGE: .....

NAME: ..... AGE: .....

NAME: ..... AGE: .....

NAME: ..... AGE: .....

NAME: ..... AGE: .....

**If needed, will you provide transportation to school and to and from the rink for practices, games and road trip departures?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**How many players would you be willing to accommodate?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is there a private bathroom for each player?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Do you have any pets in your home?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**If yes, please specify type of pet:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**How far is your residence from the SportOne Parkview Ice House?** \_\_\_\_\_ miles

**Background screening:** All billet parents and anyone living in the host family older than 17 are required to complete a background check. We will email you information for completing the screening. The cost of background checks is covered by the Spacemen and completing the application takes just a few minutes.

**Home Visits:** A team staff member will observe home to ensure it's a suitable environment and safe for potential players