

Tarboro River Bandits

Host Family Information



As a Host Family, your immediate household receives two season tickets to home games with the team at no cost. This does not include tickets to the league tournament as it is out of our control for pricing.

Expectations

1. Provide player(s) with their own room and bed.
2. At minimum provide a place for players to do laundry.
3. Have a space available in your refrigerator for players to keep their food
4. Provide your player(s) with clear expectations and house rules from the beginning. If problems arise, communicate with team staff.
5. Have fun! Interact with your player! Get to know them. We want our families and players to create a lifelong bond.

Player Arrivals

Many times players will drive their own vehicles to town each summer. Other times, players will fly into town. However, they will be providing their own transportation throughout the summer.

Alcohol

Many of our players are under the age of 21. Because of this and in an effort to be clear and direct, our organization does not allow Host Families to provide alcohol to players regardless of age. Players above the age of 21 are legally able to drink alcohol and purchase on their own.

Issues

99% of the time our families have an extremely positive experience with their players. If an issue does arise, we ask that you communicate this to your player immediately to give them a chance to correct any issue. If issues continue to arise or an issue requires immediate attention, please contact Tonia Grimsley at toniagrimsley@gmail.com or 252-908-5984 and she will work to take care of any issues that may arise.

Out of Town

If you plan to be out of town and have concerns with leaving your player alone with your household, please contact Tonia Grimsley and we will work on trying to come up with a solution, however it is the expectation that your home is open to them throughout the summer.

Host Family Appreciation Night

Each year we will come together to recognize our host families at a designated game night. Details for this night each year will come as it approaches.

Other "Stuff"

- Host Families are our top fans. Because of this, we value your opinions. We encourage you to inform us on issues, ways to improve as well as what fans like.
- Our phones and emails are always open to discuss anything that you have on your mind, so please feel free to call or email us if you have any issues.
- As you know, households change, people move, rosters increase, etc. So we always seem to be looking for 1-2 host families each year. We encourage you to invite friends and family members to jump on board and join us in the tremendous program.

Contacts

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HOST FAMILY/PLAYER GUIDELINES/ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Host Families will be expected to provide:

- A clean, safe, smoke-free and pleasant environment, including a bedroom for the player staying with them.
- Reasonable use of bathroom and laundry facilities
- Players will be expected to:
 - Keep their room in a clean and orderly fashion. Players will be held responsible for any household damages they cause
 - Provide their own health and personal care items
 - Be appreciative, courteous, helpful and pleasant to their hosts
 - Minimize the noise level of activities, including comings and goings, so as not to unduly disturb their host family
 - Pay for their own expenses out of their own money (charge long distance calls to a pre-purchased calling card or use a cell phone)
 - Provide their own transportation

All host family/player relationships substantially differ from player to player. Each player should sit down upon meeting their host family as the designated meeting set by the organization to discuss the following issues:

1. How to handle late night arrivals from games (IE use of back doors, late night showers, etc.)
2. Guidelines relating to having friends or family members over to host family's home, including friends spending the night (also guidelines on female guests) and meals for guests. Some host families do not mind this, while others do
3. Laundry usage
4. Rules for times when the host family is out of town
5. For players legally of age to drink (21 and over), guidelines regarding alcohol in the host family home
6. Any other issue of importance to either the player or the host family

*** If the host or player is not happy with the living arrangements, or if there is any dispute, please contact Tonia Grimsley so that she can handle any issues.***

Host families take a player into their homes over the course of ten weeks during the season. Players arrive during the last week of May and generally stay through the second week of August, at the latest. The ideal numbers of players per host family is two, although one is great as well. All our players provide their own transportation. We are looking for host families willing to commit to the entire season. Be

aware that players will often return very late from games (as late as midnight). Keep in mind these will be college students between the ages of 18-21. These players are rising stars who all have ambitions to play Major League Baseball. You, as a host family, will play a big part in their success in Tarboro and in their careers as baseball players. The better the 'home' environment, the better the player's experience and performance. Players are recruited through their college baseball coaches, and of them have agreed to maintain impeccable moral standards, abide by NCAA guidelines, and be a role model for our fans. If any player's actions, on or off the field, are not congruent with the CVL standards, we will ask them to pack their bags and return home. We believe that living in a family's home is a privilege that the players should respect and appreciate.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are we expected to provide the player as a host family?

A: Their needs are relatively simple: a private room, access to a bathroom and a laundry room (they'll need to use showers and laundry facilities), a place to park a car, and a family to cheer them on.

Q: Will the player have a car? If not, will we be expected to drive him places?

A: About two-thirds of the players have their own car. Players who do not have cars are strategically housed close to players who do have cars, so their teammates can give them rides. We do not expect host families to drive our players around.

Q: We would like to host a player, but we are leaving town for vacation for two weeks, and don't feel comfortable leaving the player alone in our home. Is it possible to still participate?

A: We would prefer not to have players move once they have settled in with a family. However, there are times when host families are going on vacation at separate times, and they share a player that way. If we can match you with another family in this way, it might be possible for you to host this summer. Or if two families have vacations planned they can cover for each other by taking in their player during the vacation and then the other family can reciprocate.

Q: My son is a catcher. We would love to have a catcher stay with us. Is it possible to request a certain position player?

A: Because of the sometimes complicated logistics of placing players with allergies into pet-free families, locating players with and without cars close to each other, and placing returning players with their old families, it is not always possible to honor these types of requests, but we will do our best to make it

happen if at all possible.

Q. We have three cats. Do you make sure that players don't have pet allergies?

A: We ask about allergies and whether host families have pets, and try to make sure that allergic players aren't housed with animals they can't be around.

Q: What happens if there's a problem with the placement?

A: We do not anticipate any problems, however if there are any problems, we ask that you contact Tonia Grimsley who will work to try to resolve it with the player. If the problem is major, we will remove him immediately.

Q: Will players be using our phones? We don't want to get late-night phone calls!

A: Players bring their cell phones and use them exclusively for their phone calls.

Q: I'm really hoping that we can host a player who will help our son with his baseball skills. Is this possible?

A: All host family situations are unique, and your player and your son could certainly have that kind of relationship. However, you should keep in mind that Team players are extremely busy. They play 5 or more games a week. Some players do not interact as much with their host family as others do.

Q: What rules are there about drinking and using drugs?

A: Drugs are strictly forbidden, as is underage drinking, although some players are over 21 and can legally drink. However, even if your player is over 21, feel free to establish your home as a no-drinking zone, and please do not give underage players alcohol.