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## **HARBOURCATS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED...**

Host families are an integral part of any summer-collegiate baseball team, and are the lifeblood the team's success. The HarbourCats roster is comprised of college athletes from across North America, who will all call Victoria home for two and a half months in the summer. As a host family, you are providing a 'home away from home' for your player(s) during the HarbourCats season. In return, you will gain a memorable summer experience and most likely, a long lasting friendship. Host families often refer to their players as an adopted member of their family, as you form a bond that will last far beyond the end of the season.

HarbourCats receive great media coverage and the team presents an opportunity for these young adults to learn how to be professional baseball players. The HarbourCats season is relatively short, but is very demanding. The West Coast League (WCL) season sees the HarbourCats play a minimum of 63 games, plus Play Offs. During this busy season your HarbourCat player(s) will have 27 of these games on the road.

Should the team qualify for the WCL playoffs, the season could be extended from August 10-17. Accordingly, host families are required for our players from the beginning of June, until mid August.

### **Expectations of a Host Family**

Your primary role as a host family is to provide a safe and pleasant home environment for your player(s) for the duration of the season.

Players will require comfortable sleeping quarters and access to bathroom (with bedding & towels) as well as laundry equipment. Families should be prepared to provide food for 2 meals per day (breakfast & lunch) however players may not be home for 2 meals per day. The team will provide dinner and snacks at the stadium on game days.

Let your player know your house rules, as they apply to him. Feel free to include your player in family gatherings, dinner, outings, etc.

Expect your player to arrive home late after night games, which start at 6:35 pm, and will most likely need use of the showers when they arrive.

Transportation to and from the field is not required, but is gratefully appreciated if and when you are able.

### **Compensation**

There is standard compensation to host families, in addition to HarbourCats season tickets.

*Testimony: We first became a host family because we heard "the Harbourcats needed a couple more beds..." little did we know it would change our family dynamics for the better, provide increased quality family time and make our family richer! We stay in touch with our players and their families and even 'pop in' when we travel". This will be our fourth year!*

**If you are interested, please contact Host Family Coordinator, Katrinka Green via email: [katrinka@harbourcats.com](mailto:katrinka@harbourcats.com), or by phone: 250-893-6681. You can call our office at 778-265-0327.**