

HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

The San Luis Obispo Blues need host families for the 2019 season. Host families play a crucial role in summer collegiate baseball, as most players on the Blues are not from the Central Coast. As NCAA student athletes, Blues players are not allowed to accept pay for playing in a summer league. As a result, summer collegiate baseball leagues have traditionally relied on local families to house their players.

Host families are only obligated to provide a spare bedroom and access to kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities. Each player is responsible for their own food and transportation, although host families may include the player in family meals and activities.

Hosting a Blues player can be a rewarding experience for the host family. Blues players are excellent role models for young children and teenagers, and are great company for the entire household. Often players and host families share a friendship that lasts well beyond the end of the season.

The Blues will host a BBQ dinner for the host families and the players at the end of the season and also will be recognized at a home game toward the end of the year. If you are interested in hosting a San Luis Obispo Blues player, please contact Marianne Stowe at (805)528-1585 or stowem@sbcglobal.net.

INCLUDES:

1. Two (2) season tickets valid for ALL 2019 Blues home games (includes fireworks and special events)
2. Twenty (20) food vouchers per family (\$100 value)
3. A \$200 housing fee from each player
4. Adult, full-time household residents will receive a t-shirt
5. One (1) free Blues Baseball Camp registration (for immediate family only)
6. A pre-season 'Meet & Greet' gathering with the Host Families
7. Limited VIP parking at all 2019 home games (first come, first serve)
8. A Host Family appreciation ceremony and barbeque at the end of the season

FAQs

◆ What must I provide for the player(s) I host?

At the very least, families are required to supply players with a private room, a regular bed, access to laundry and access to the kitchen. Providing the players with food and access to the internet is not mandatory but encouraged.

◆ Am I expected to provide my player with transportation?

No. Several of the players will drive their own cars, and for those who don't, the league will arrange it so transportation is always available to them. You can, however, provide a car or rides if you'd like.

◆ How long will the players require housing?

Players are arriving on or around June 1, and the season will span until the first week of August.

◆ Can I host more than one player?

Yes! Those that would like to host multiple players are invited to do so.

◆ Under what guidelines will the players abide?

The athletes are expected to respond to each family's rules, whether it's a curfew, cleanliness standards, or assigned chores. Summer baseball is like a "road test" for what it's like to be in the majors. It is stressed that they are being judged not just on athletic performance, but the positive image they put forth.

◆ What is a player's itinerary like?

Each team will play a 50-game regular season schedule; those that qualify will participate in the playoffs. For the games that begin at 6pm, they'll be expected at the field or early-afternoon warm-ups and batting practice. When they travel, they'll be departing early in the morning.

◆ Am I required to attend the games?

No. Many of the families come to support the team, but it is not required.

◆ Can I choose which player I board?

No, however, we will do our best to accommodate specific requests.

◆ Who can I contact if I'm interested in hosting a player?

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