



## **Billet Information for Potential Host Families**

### **The Billet Experience – “You can make a difference”**

KL Gold Miners Billet (Host) Families play a vital role in our organization’s success both on and off the ice. These special people open their homes and hearts to our players, providing a place to live and an environment they can thrive in while they pursue their dream of reaching a higher level of hockey.

All that is really required is a willingness to help a player by providing a “home away from home”. The values and principles for success that are essential to become a member of the KL Gold Miners will be demanded at the rink, in the home, in school and in the community.

The Billet experience will truly be rewarding, with a unique connection that lasts a lifetime. Players often keep in contact with their Billets long after they are done playing, keeping them updated of their family and life’s accomplishments. If you ask any young player that has played away from home, their fondest memories likely include their Billet families!

We consider billets part of our team and representatives of a rewarding junior hockey program in the town of Kirkland Lake. In order to make certain we remain successful in this endeavour we must ensure a billet program is established that is structured and organized. In order to assist us in this mission we have provided the following guidelines.

- The duration of stay for the player will be the current hockey season (approx. August 30th) until the end of hockey season (approx. April) with the potential of staying until the end of the school year.
- Provide players with a safe, fun, family environment at all times
- Provide each player with a private bedroom.
- Provide the ability for each player to have 3 meals a day which would include items for breakfast and lunch that the players have access to, and a cooked meal for supper, player will notify billet well in advance if they will not be present for a meal.
- Players are expected to fend for themselves when required including the occasional supper.
- Provide laundry facilities, players responsible for their own supplies.
- Toiletries, munchies, car plug hydro, long distance charges, internet and any other incidentals are the responsibility of the player.
- Guests are only permitted with prior approval of the billet home.
- Players are expected to keep their room tidy and respectable.
- No sleepovers.

- School attendance is mandatory (if applicable) and will be monitored by Hockey Operations.
- There are team/league guidelines and policies that players must abide by and we expect our billet families to uphold and enforce these rules- an example being, weeknight and pre-game curfews will be enforced , weekend curfew is expected to be respectable and will be discussed between the Team, the Player and the Billet.
- All billet house rules will need to be communicated to the player.
- The billet must contact the team if they plan to be away for an extended period of time
- **Abuse of any substance will not be tolerated.**

### **Billet Fee Information**

- A payment of **\$500.00/player** is to be made directly to the host family, from the player, by the 1st of every month
- Partial months will be prorated (500 / total days in the month X number of days resided in the home)
- If a player leaves the home after 2 weeks into the month, a full month is owed to the billet home. Refunds will only be given if the player stays less than 14 days in the month.

Please note that any non-payment or *NSF Charges* on cheques will be charged to the player and the player could be held from play until fees are paid as per the player agreement/schedule B.

Billet families will also receive a season pass for each family member in the billet home, including pre-season and playoff games.

The above guidelines were developed for the benefit of the player, the billet, and the KL Gold Miners Hockey Organization.

Although we understand the above list is not inclusive of every situation that may arise, we do expect that if a question or situation does come up, that it will be communicated to the billet coordinator for discussion. Our goal is not only to develop good hockey players, but good individuals/citizens and your efforts in this area are significant.

The KL Gold Miners are looking forward to making your Host family experience one you will reflect on for years to come. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a Host family, please fill out the Billet Host Family Questionnaire and contact our billet coordinator, Megan Connolly at [megconkob@gmail.com](mailto:megconkob@gmail.com) or (705)-570-0498