

Host Family Program

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JUNIOR HOCKEY PLAYER?

Founded in 1974, the P.A.L. organization has been providing quality opportunities to the Long Island hockey community. In 2013 the P.A.L. organization partnered with the New York Islanders of the NHL to bring an elite level developmental experience to Long Island.

The United States Premier Hockey League (USPHL) is proud to announce the launch of the National Collegiate Development Conference, (NCDC) which is a unique, tuition-free Junior hockey division geared toward Division I collegiate development/ placement and beyond.

Playing in the United States Premier Hockey League the P.A.L. Junior Islanders provides the best development to local and travel talent.

Players outside the local area need housing within proximity to our home rinks at The Rinx, Northwell and Icework's. In order to take advantage of the P.A.L. Junior Islanders experience players need families who are willing to open their homes and create a "home away from home environment". These host families are known as Billets and are an important part of our Junior Hockey Program. Here's how the Host Family Program works:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Host families receive a \$400 monthly stipend for each player hosted. In the past some families have housed more than one player as players have traveled together and are able to keep each other company. Host families come in every shape and size including 2 parent families, single parent families, empty nesters OR even a family of a local youth or Junior Players.

Our past experience with host families has been a great success. We take players with great character that are focused on academics and development and are not to be a burden on families. Our program has already placed many players in upper level collegiate and professional hockey programs in the United States and Canada.

P.A.L. JUNIOR ISLANDERS

Our players are here to fulfill their quests to continue their education and hockey careers. Host families provide that opportunity for such players to remain focused and compelled to achieve. Hosting a P.A.L. Junior Islanders player is a great experience, whether you have a house full of your own kids-or you live alone. They bring energy and excitement under your roof as you will get to know a great bunch of parents and players associated with the rest of the team. Your children will develop relationships with these players that may last a lifetime as these players pursue their collegiate and pro ranks.

HOST FAMILY CALANDER:

Players arrive on Long Island in mid to late August to go begin their training camp. They will stay through to the end of our Junior season which will hopefully be April 1st. Some players have special situations in which a player may have to finish their academic course after playoffs are over extended their stay a little bit longer. Some players choose to head home on weekends or during various holiday breaks in our schedule. We do travel on many weekends throughout the season and the team will take care of all meals and lodging.

CONSIDER THE BENEFITS

- A \$400.00 Stipend each month to offset costs such as food/snacks and toiletries
- Free admission to all Jr Home Games
- Possibly house an upcoming professional hockey player!

WHAT WE ASK OF A HOST FAMILY

- Provide a room and nutritious meals for your player or have food on hand so they can prepare on their own.
- Enforce your own house rules and guidelines in addition to the ones set by the team.
- Be screened under the screening policy (Everyone included Staff, Coaches, Team Managers must be screened)

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE PLAYERS

Players are required to provide their own personal care items, Cell phones, and computers and may have their own transportation. Every situation is different, so details for both the player and the host will be discussed prior to arrangement. Players will take care of their own belongings, laundry, ironing, dishes and clean up after themselves.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOST FAMILY AND HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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