



AAA HOCKEY

Billet Program FAQ

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Q. Who plays for Rampage and Monument Hockey?

A. Both are high level elite programs, some of the highest-level hockey in the U.S. While Rampage plays in the Tier 1 Elite League, Monument Hockey plays in the USPHL League. Boys come from across the U.S. to play at our facility. Billet players ages range from 15-18 years old.

Q. What is the timing of the season, how long will the boys need housing?

A. Arrival is generally mid-late August, and the season runs through mid-March. Most of the players will attend school locally and may stay until the end of the school year. However, some may do online classes and go home when the season is over.

Q. What are the benefits of being a billet family?

A. A new perspective on hockey, as seen through the eyes of your elite player. A first hand understanding of being a hockey fan, a hockey family and contributor to the growth and development of a young aspiring hockey player. The opportunity to make a difference in a young man's life. Lifelong relationships and memories of the experience and an opportunity to watch the growth and pursuits of a player wanting to take their hockey abilities to the highest level

Q. Do we have what it takes to be a billet family?

A. It is of great importance to our hockey association that we place our out-of-town players in caring family environments that are committed to providing a supportive home away from home. Opening your home takes time, patience, and a willingness to share. Additionally, one of the most keys to a successful experience is open communication from both parties.

Q. What makes a great billet family?

A. Our best billet families truly wish to share their home and family with an aspiring hockey player. These families open their home and heart to create a safe, secure, welcoming environment for athletes to learn, grow, and develop. The host family should be open, sensitive, and patient and appreciate each player's uniqueness. Living in a new home far from family is a growing and learning experience. A supportive billet home helps their billet mature into a responsible young adult by encouraging good communication skills, teaching them to do laundry, and maybe even cook a few meals, etc.

Q. Do I have time for a player?

A. Even the most self-assured players appreciate good quality time with their billet family. Will you be in town for the duration of your player's stay? (Absences must be approved by the Billet Coordinator in advance.) Is everyone in your household ready to accept someone with a different background? If you have children, are they comfortable with bringing another person into the family? Can you work your schedule to find time to help guide and interact with your billet?

Q. What does the billet family provide?

A. A separate room for the player (or a shared room for 2 players) furnished much as a college dorm would provide for a student: bed, desk & chair, and clothing storage. Nutritious meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as healthy snacks. A patient, caring and friendly home atmosphere. The same attention and guidance you would want for your own children. Reach out to one of the billet coordinators for more info.

Q. Can a family host more than one player?

A. Yes. Two players can share living quarters, transportation expenses and often provide camaraderie for one another.



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Q. What are the player's responsibilities?

A. As a member of the household, players are expected to show respect and consideration for all host family members. They are required to follow all household rules as well as share in the daily chores, maintain their own room and do their own laundry.

Q. Is there compensation to the host family?

A. Yes, families receive a monthly billeting payment for each player. Besides offsetting the expenses, a family incurs when hosting a player, the compensation acknowledges the invaluable service families provide to the individual players and our hockey program.

Q. What about travel and game schedules?

A. Teams travel out of town about once a month. They have games in metro Denver area as well.

Q. What about players that do not drive?

A. Some of the younger players do not drive or their parents are uncomfortable with new drivers living away from home. Billet coordinators make every attempt to match non-drivers up with teammates or near teammates so that carpooling can be set up and the host family does not have to provide transportation on a frequent basis.

**If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a player, please contact the billet coordinator at kmoon@corampage.org
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