



## THE OMAHA AAA HOCKEY CLUB

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### Housing Families Needed

We are looking for families to join our team!!!!

Being a billet family is a wonderful and rewarding experience. It is a great way to get involved in the community, as well as develop some very special bonds with players of the Omaha AAA Hockey Club players and their families. For many of the players, this will be their first time away from home and they will need a stable living environment for their move to Omaha. Players on the Omaha AAA Hockey Club teams are between the ages of 16 and 18, with the majority of them being 17 and 18 years old. Part of our commitment to our players and their parents is to provide them with a good home. The players often become just like one of the family. It doesn't happen all the time – sometimes things just don't click – but it does happen a majority of the time. These boys come into your lives at an early, impressionable age and leave as young men. Their time with the billet family is a very important time of their lives. They are away from their friends and family, so their billets become their surrogate family. The players arrive from all over the United States in mid to late August and will be here until the end of the hockey season in late March or early April.

When a family volunteers to house a member of the team, they are required to provide room and board for the player. This includes, providing nutritious food that is available for him to prepare or for the billets to prepare for the player. In addition, billets must be able to provide the player with his own room. Billets are expected to treat the players as "one of the family" and not just a "renter". The same goes for the player, as far as cleaning up after themselves and keeping their room tidy and such. We have team guidelines and policies that will be provided to you, and that the players must abide by to be within our organization. We expect our billet families to uphold and enforce these team rules. All billet house rules will need to be communicated to the player when he arrives.

Among some of the benefits of becoming a billet family:

- Each billet family is paid a monthly stipend to house a player in their home.
- Generally, billets, players and the player's family develop very special bonds and remain close long after the player has left the Omaha AAA Hockey Club. We try to make it possible to make sure that this experience is a rewarding one for both the player and the billets.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Omaha AAA Hockey Club Housing Director - Keeli Hutton ([keelihut@aol.com](mailto:keelihut@aol.com)).

Thank you for your interest!