

**WELCOME BACK THE NEW MEXICO RENEGADES**  
"UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT"

Support your New Mexico Renegades for the 2011-2012 season by becoming a billet family.



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## New Mexico Renegades WSHL Junior A Billet Family Introduction

The New Mexico Renegades Hockey Club welcomes players from around North America to our town. These players range in age from 16 to 20 years old. Their stay in our town will last the entire 2011/2012 Hockey/School season. When these young men become a member of the New Mexico Renegades Program, they do not live on their own and require accommodations. This is where the billet family becomes very important as each player is placed in a home within the local community.

### What is Billeting?

Billeting is when a local family welcomes into their home, a visiting player. The family that offers to help in providing a safe place for the visiting player is called a host family.

### Why Billet?

Billeting can be a very exciting and rewarding experience for all those willing to open up their homes to dedicated Hockey players. Many families who have billeted in the past usually look back at their experience with fond memories. In fact, many families still stay in touch with players they had billeted in the past as those same players move through the university and professional ranks. Key benefits to you and the Hockey Club when you volunteer to billet are:

- Build lifelong friendships with players and their families;
- Assist young players to enjoy safe and comfortable environment while enjoying hockey;
- Provide a great social and cultural experience;
- Assist visiting players to lessen expensive living costs, making participation in Elite hockey possible;
- Show support for your town's hockey team and help them to be successful;
- Assist in providing a special service that will lead to a successful hockey season for a young player.

### Are You Interested in Becoming a Billet?

Our players want to experience life as part of the hockey family and to live in a caring environment, to have a home away from home. Our billets are excited to welcome someone new into their lives. Having a hockey player in your home takes time, patience, and a willingness to share. There are lots of differences to overcome, both cultural and personal, but learning about these differences and celebrating them is part of the joy of welcoming someone new into your home and, in many cases, making a new friend for life.

### What Makes a Great Billet?

A caring, sensitive and patient family! It can be overwhelming for a player to be so far away from home. A thoughtful billet family appreciates that each player is unique, and that communication and mutual understanding take effort. Our billets are interested in sharing their lifestyle in a positive and mutually rewarding way. We do not accept billets who are interested in money alone. These motives are obvious to players, and interfere with the intended billeting experience: a safe, secure, welcoming environment to learn and grow in.

### Things to Consider

Do you have time for a player? Even the most self-assured players appreciate good quality time with their billet family. 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? Other key issues to be aware of are:

- The Elite hockey player's schedule is irregular as they try to balance school and sometimes a job with their hockey schedule which includes games, practices, road trips, some of which are overnight, and other team related activities. The New Mexico Renegades Program will provide each billet family with a schedule of events and activities prior to the start of the regular season.
- Some players may choose to return home during the League's Christmas break and would return prior to the New Year to resume playing.
- The New Mexico Renegades Program will be responsible to find employment for those players who are not attending school. Once details of the player's plans become available, the billet family will be provided these Schedules.
- Some players will return home once the season is over, but most will stay to finish school year.
- All meals and accommodations while on road trips will be player's responsibilities not the billet families;

## Responsibilities of the Host Family

Billet families should be prepared to provide the following in order to make the player's stay a comfortable one:

- Treat billeted players as you would want your child treated if he/she were away from home;
- Inform billeted players of your expectations and house rules;
- Provide a room for the billeted players to sleep. This should be a dedicated room with a double bed or larger, a dresser, closet, and a desk with chair, preferably with a television in the room;
- Provide a student desk for homework preferably in a quiet area of the home if not located in the bedroom;
- Provide transportation to and from the rink, if needed. Some player's will bring their vehicle;
- Provide family type meals including breakfast, lunch and Dinner as well as snacks for the visiting player;
- Provide use of laundry facilities and detergent;
- Confirm with the players their allergies, medical conditions, and special dietary needs and support them with these requirements;
- Support the player, communicate with him, and be understanding;
- Communicate all concerns regarding the player to the Billet Coordinator;
- Make the player feel at home and part of the family; and
- Provide information about their homes to the Billet Coordinator (e.g. presence of pets, smokers, etc) and necessary contact information (including work telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses). All information must be current.

## Responsibility of the Billeted Athlete

While guests in your home, the New Mexico Renegades Program fully expects each to be well behaved at all times. Some key expectations of the billeted players are:

- Show gratitude to the host family for opening their home;
- Provide information on allergies, medical conditions, special dietary needs;
- Respect the host family as they would their own parents;
- Respect the 'house rules' as determined between the billeting family and the player; and
- When unsure of anything, always ask!

## The Billet Coordinator's Role

The Billet Coordinator is the key contact for any billeting family. The Billet Coordinator is the person responsible for arranging accommodations for the visiting athletes with local host families and recommending families for this important role.

Any questions regarding billeting or concerns with visiting athletes should be forwarded to the Billet Coordinator immediately.

## Billet Family Benefits provided by the New Mexico Renegades

The Renegades appreciate the support that our billet families provide our players and demonstrate our appreciation in the following manner:

- Social team functions for players and billet families;
- Monetary compensation is \$300.00 per month, prorated if player is less than full month.
- A wonderful experience with many great memories to those who will extend their families to include a dedicated Young man while playing Elite hockey.

## Services provided by the New Mexico Renegades

- Educational advice and support will be provided by our Education Advisors.
- Players support services provided by the Player Support Committee.

## Additional information

The following information will be provided to all billeting families upon selection:

- Team Contact List
- Team Code of Conduct
- Billet Contact List
- Other pertinent information

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Billet Father's Full Legal Name:			Nickname:		
Billet Mother's Full Legal Name:			Nickname:		
Address:		City:		Zip:	
Home Phone:			Email:		
Billet Father's Occupation/Employer Hours:			Work Phone: Cell Phone:		
Billet Mother's Occupation/Employer Hours:			Work Phone: Cell Phone:		
Children Names	Age	Living at Home	Children Names	Age	Living at Home
Others living in the House (Please list with Relationship)					
Pets: (List Breed/Weight/Name)					
Family Hobbies:					
Family Sports:					
Family Allergies:					
Private Bedroom for Player:		YES/NO	Private Bath for Player:		YES/NO
Does anyone in house smoke:		YES/NO	Approx. miles to arena:		
Computer available internet/email:		YES/NO	DSL/Wireless Internet available:		YES/NO
Desk available to Player:		YES/NO	Television available to hook up game system:		YES/NO
Have you Billeted with other programs? If so, who?					
Would you be interested in more than one player if requested?    YES/NO    # of players: _____					
Do you have family meals most nights: YES/NO			IS cooking a problem:    YES/NO		

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Reason for wanting to be a billet family:
Do you have house rules: YES/NO (If Yes please list them)
Please write any other notes of interest:
Please give simple directions to your home from the arena:
Do you give the New Mexico Renegades permission for your Name, address, phone #'s and email to be listed in the Billet Family Directory to be given to all Host Families: YES/NO

All the information given on both pages of this application is true and to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all household members over the age of 18 will need to be screened through the Western States Hockey League and approved.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email complete form to [mgreshon02@gmail.com](mailto:mgreshon02@gmail.com) or contact Head Coach / General Manager Michael Gershon for information and/or interview at 973-222-6306.

Approved by New Mexico Renegades:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player assigned to Billet Family: \_\_\_\_\_