



### **Host Families Wanted for New York Aviators Players**

Each year we offer the opportunity for players from out-of-the-area and even out of the country to play Ice Hockey at Aviator at the Junior level as they strive for the opportunity to advance their hockey and educational careers. In order to offer this opportunity we need families willing to host these "billet" players from the end of August through mid- February.

Hosted players in the past still remain in contact with their billet families. These young men become an "adopted son" and develop bonds with their host families that can last a lifetime. Not only do most players enjoy their experience but, it prepares young hockey players as they venture off to junior hockey and became a "billet player" themselves.

Here are some questions you may have before deciding if billeting is for you:

*What are the host family's responsibilities?*

Provide the player with a "room" for them to sleep and do homework. Player can share a room with another player. Host family is to provide meals for the player. The player can and should make their own breakfast and lunches. If the player is unable to sit down to dinner with the family due to practices, family should keep left-overs for the player to heat up when he gets home.

*What are the player's responsibilities?*

The players will have their own personal care items, cell phone, laptops and provide for their own transportation. They must follow all the team and house rules and show respect for other family members. They must keep their room/space clean and do their own laundry.

*How long does the billet season last?*

Typically the season last from mid-August to March. Depending on how far the team goes in the playoffs.

*Is there compensation to the host family?*

Yes, there is a monthly billeting check that will help offset the cost of meals and other expenses.

*Can a family host more than one player?*

Yes!

Please forward this to anyone you think may be interested or contact Chris Werstine ([Chris@aviatorsports.com](mailto:Chris@aviatorsports.com)), John Dreher ([jdreher48@yahoo.com](mailto:jdreher48@yahoo.com)) or Mike Stanaway ([mikestanaway11@gmail.com](mailto:mikestanaway11@gmail.com))