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# MENLO PARK LEGENDS

## PLAYER AND HOUSING GUIDEBOOK

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2014



# WELCOME LEGENDS HOST FAMILIES



Each summer, one of the most important duties of the Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization is to find housing for college athletes who may be traveling nationally or internationally to join our competitive summer baseball team. Hosting a Legend involves providing room and board for two months over the summer to one of these ball players. Being a Host Family for a player at this level can be a very unique and rewarding experience, especially with the relationship you and your family will build over the course of two short months.

Playing summer baseball is key for a college athlete to develop the necessary skills he may not be able to execute during the regular season. As a summer collegiate team, we try to attract the top talent from all over the world and offer them the opportunity to develop those skills with our coaches. Before we have players contractually agree to join the Legends, we ensure that these recruits are mature, respectable and dedicated to their performance on the field. We always inform the player of the Host Family Program expectations prior to his arrival, so that he knows what to expect and can assimilate easily with his Host Family. We encourage all host players to act as part of the family and we strictly enforce the importance of abiding by all household rules (set forth by the Host Family).

Our summer schedule runs from late May until early August with approximately 50 games. The majority of our games will be on the road against teams who are scattered up and down the California coast. Aside from team travel, your host player will be very busy during his stay on the Peninsula either assisting with Menlo Park Legends Youth Camps, summer coursework or an additional form of summer employment.

**It is my goal this year as Host Family Coordinator to strengthen my relations with current host families while also providing outreach opportunities for new families to get involved. I will do my best to create matches that will be extremely synergetic for all parties—the player, the family and the Legends.**

We highly encourage parents from our youth camps to get involved in the Host Family Program because it proves time and time again that college athletes are fantastic role models for aspiring young athletes. We will be holding a **Legends Host Family Information Night** sometime before the summer begins. I will lead this meeting with the help of Angie Simon, a host mom who has been with the program for 4 consecutive years. Keep a look out for more details to come in March.

Looking forward to a legendary year!

*McKenzie*

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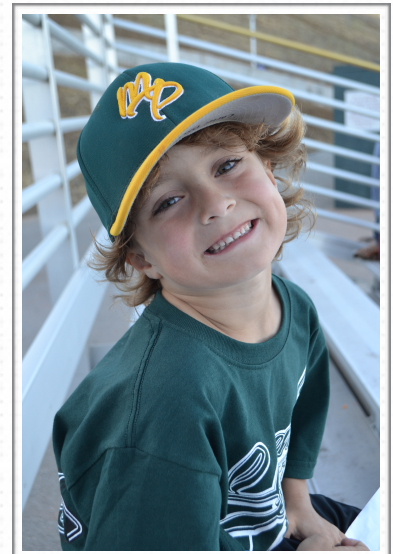
It is the goal of the Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization to win the California Collegiate League Championship by playing baseball with passion, effort and an attitude that enhances the pride, integrity and tradition of the Legends. We encourage and expect hard work, motivation, and perseverance in both winning and losing situations; loyalty and team work; a feeling of pride in accomplishment through fair and honest means; an appreciation for cultural diversity, community service, a sense of good sportsmanship, humility, personal integrity and ethical conduct.

*\*A Directory listing of all host families will be emailed closer to the start of the season. Once the season has started a player directory will be emailed to all host families.*



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# 2014 GAME SCHEDULE

	Date	Opponent/Event	Location
1	30-May	Palm Springs Power	Palm Springs
2	31-May	Palm Springs Power	Palm Springs
3	2-Jun	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Saint Mary's
4	3-Jun	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Saint Mary's
5	5-Jun	Marysville Gold Sox	Appeal Democrat Ballpark
6	6-Jun	Marysville Gold Sox	Appeal Democrat Ballpark
7	7-Jun	Auburn Wildcats	Auburn
8	8-Jun	Auburn Wildcats	Auburn
9	10-Jun	Neptune Beach Pearl	Alameda
10	11-Jun	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Saint Mary's
11	13-Jun	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Saint Mary's
12	14-Jun	PUF Capitalists	Cupertino
13	15-Jun	PUF Capitalists	Palo Alto High School
14	17-Jun	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Palo Alto High School
15	18-Jun	Neptune Beach Pearl	Palo Alto High School
16	20-Jun	San Luis Obispo Blues	Sinsheimer Stadium
17	21-Jun	San Luis Obispo Blues	Sinsheimer Stadium
18	22-Jun	San Luis Obispo Blues	Sinsheimer Stadium
19	24-Jun	PUF Capitalists	Palo Alto High School
20	25-Jun	Humboldt Crabs	Menlo
21	27-Jun	Santa Barbara Foresters	Cesar Uyesaka Stadium
22	28-Jun	Santa Barbara Foresters	Cesar Uyesaka Stadium
23	29-Jun	Santa Barbara Foresters	Cesar Uyesaka Stadium
24	30-Jun	Conejo Oaks	Thousand Oaks
25	1-Jul	Conejo Oaks	Thousand Oaks
26	3-Jul	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Palo Alto High School
27	4-Jul	PUF Capitalists	Palo Alto High School
28	5-Jul	PUF Capitalists	Cupertino
29	6-Jul	PUF Capitalists	Cupertino
30	8-Jul	PUF Capitalists	Cupertino
31	9-Jul	PUF Capitalists	Palo Alto High School
32	12-Jul	Humboldt Crabs	Arcata Stadium
33	13-Jul	Humboldt Crabs	Arcata Stadium
34	14-Jul	Humboldt Crabs	Arcata Stadium
35	15-Jul	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Palo Alto High School
36	16-Jul	CCL All Star Game	
37	17-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Palo Alto High School
38	18-Jul	Berchovich Collegiate	Palo Alto High School
39	19-Jul	Berchovich Collegiate	Palo Alto High School



40	20-Jul	Berchovich Collegiate	Palo Alto High School
41	22-Jul	Walnut Creek Crawdads	Palo Alto High School
42	23-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Palo Alto High School
43	25-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Palo Alto High School
44	26-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Alameda
45	26-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Alameda
46	27-Jul	Neptune Beach Pearl	Alameda
47	31-July / Aug-3	PLAYOFFS	Sinsheimer Stadium

## EVENT SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES

	Date	Event	Location/Details
1	April, TBD	<b>Host Family Information Night</b>	@ Angie & Michael Simon's house
2	28-May, Wed	Report Date	
3	29-May, Thurs	Practice	
5	4-June, Wed	Day off	
6	9-June, Mon	Day off	
7	12-June, Thurs	Day off	
8	14-June, Sat	Opening Day	@ Home
9	14-June, Sat	<b>Welcome Mixer</b>	@ Home before the game
10	16-June, Mon	Baseball Clinics begin (run 5 weeks)	@ Nealon Park
11	16-June, Mon	Day off	
12	19-June, Thurs	Day off	
13	23-June, Mon	Day off	
14	26-June, Thurs	Day off	
15	2-July, Wed	Day off	
16	4-July, Fri	<b>Fourth of July Parade</b>	@ Downtown Menlo Park (11:45am-2:30pm)
17	7-July, Mon	Day off	
18	10-11-July	Days off	Team Dinner (Friday)
19	16-July, Thurs	Day off (All-Star Game)	
20	19-July, Sat	<b>Legends Fundraiser</b>	@ Nealon Park
21	21-July, Mon	Day off	
22	24-July, Thurs	Day off	
23	25-July, Fri	Last Scheduled Home Game	Team Dinner (after game)
24	28-30-July	Days off	Team Dinner (Tuesday)
25	31-July, Thurs	Playoffs Begin	

# GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR HOST FAMILIES

## Player Placement

The host family coordinator and general manager do their best to match you with the baseball player most suitable to your family's lifestyle. This includes coordinating the player's transportation, employment, gym memberships and allergies among many other things. We welcome you to share any suggestions or requests that you may have so that we can offer you the best host player match.

Here is some important information to keep in mind when you decide to take a player for the summer:

- Try to be available for the arrival of your player either the last week of May/first week of June. If possible, we recommend family introductions before the players leave on their first road trip.
- Listed below are the **five key attributes** the Host Family Coordinator and General Manager will take into account when matching your family with a Legend. If you have any other factors you would like us to consider, please let us know.
  1. Host Family dynamic (young children, older children, no children, etc.)
  2. Host Family summer schedule.
  3. Host Family house location & transportation means.
  4. Host Family involvement in Legends Youth Camps.
  5. Host Family request for international or university-specific athlete.

## Report Date and Playoffs

Wednesday May 28th is report date this year. The Legends will be in and out of town on road trips before their **first home game on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Welcome Host Family Mixer will take place immediately before the first home game. A schedule of all dates will be sent to all families closer to the start of the season. 8 out of 12 teams will make the playoffs this year. It is more than likely the season will continue beyond July 27th. Playoffs begin Thursday July 31st.

## Other Information

Children ages 5-13 whose families are involved with the organization as a Host Family can be Bat Boy or Bat Girl. If this is something your child would like to do and they can commit to the schedule and needs of the team, please let us know and we will incorporate your son or daughter into the home games schedule at the Legends designated Bat Boy or Bat Girl.

## Uniform/Laundry

All Legends players are given **four sets** of jerseys for the summer. These include greens, greys, whites and blacks. Over the years, we have found that it is necessary for the players to have access to a washer and dryer in order to stay on top of their laundry. Because they play baseball 6 days a week they usually need to do their laundry every day or every other day. We ask that you do your best to accommodate your host players laundry needs so that he is not doing laundry late at night or washing only 2 items at a time!

## Chores/Cleanliness

Continuing on the topic of cleanliness responsibilities, we ask that you treat your Host Player the same you would any family member with regard to weekly chores. It is the responsibility of the player to maintain the cleanliness of their personal space (i.e. bedroom/bathroom) as well as shared spaces they frequently use in your home (i.e. kitchen/family room).

Once your host player arrives, or even prior to their arrival, we encourage you to establish your household rules and expectations during their stay in your home. This will give your host player full disclosure about your expectations for the summer and will also help you establish an open communication with your host player throughout the summer.



## Player Fee

It is required for all Legends players to pay a fee of \$600 to participate in the California Collegiate League 2014 summer baseball season. This flat fee is paid directly to the Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization, which is then applied towards team expenses and player room/board. If they do not pay this flat fee or any other expenses incurred during their stay they would be jeopardizing their NCAA eligibility. All non-payments of bills and expenses will be reported to the College Coach, Parents, the California Collegiate League and the NCAA.

As explained further under the “Meals” section, we ask that all families provide their host player with food to prepare meals on their own. We do not require that you cook for your player, but it is a great way to integrate them into your family and get to know them better. Half of the player fee (\$300) is paid to the Host Family at the onset of the season as a supplement to any meal expenses incurred on behalf of the player. This can be adjusted at the request of the host family.

## Meals

Like previously mentioned, we ask you to keep the house stocked with food for your host player to have access to food options. However, please note that many of the players will not be around the house for every meal. Often times your host player will be eating out when the team is traveling or picking up food after home games with other team members. We ask that you discuss your host player's eating habits and expected eating schedule before the season is in full swing, that way you are aware of his availability for family meals.

We are interested in hosting a couple team dinners throughout the season and would greatly appreciate the help of our Host Family parents. The Host Family Coordinator will have a sign-up sheet available at the Welcome Mixer if your family is available to volunteer some time preparing the meal or hosting the event at your home. More details to come!



## Transportation

Some of the players coming this summer will not have a car. It is not the responsibility of the host family to drive the players to the field or their jobs. Players are strategically placed so that they may pick up other players and take them to their job or field. Only the players that come with a car will be given a \$25 stipend to help cover the cost of driving other players to camps, jobs, etc. starting the week of 6/14. At your discretion, if a family member has an extra car you may allow your player to use the vehicle. But please note that players whose host family allows them to borrow a car are not reimbursed for gas.

## Jobs

Like mentioned above, we require that all Legends players pay a \$600 fee to play in the California Collegiate League for the summer months. Similar to other CCL teams, we offer Legends players the option of paying off their dues by working the Menlo Park Legends Youth Camps. Typically, all of our players will work 2-5 weeks of the youth camps as a Camp Instructor. If they are preoccupied with summer coursework or alternate employment, we do not require that they work the camps. As a host parent, you should expect your host player to be out of the house most days either busy with youth camps, Legends home games or away game travel.

## Guests and Other Players at Your Home

Your player is **not allowed** to have another player on the team sleep over under any circumstances without prior permission from the Host Family Coordinator, the GM and the host family. Set up your boundaries with the players bringing home friends and guests. They should not bring home one of their teammates or friends without prior permission from you. Be sensitive to other families trying to bond with off days or weekends. We request that you only house your player but the decision is yours. If your player plans to have his girlfriend and/or family visit, please do not feel obligated to host unless you wish to. We can provide a list of local motels or hotels for their convenience.

## Gym Memberships

Snap Fitness in Redwood City offers a \$35 (per month) membership to the Legends. For players more centrally located to Palo Alto, we encourage them to use the Family YMCA which offers a membership for \$55 per month. If your player is interested in either membership options, please have him contact the host family coordinator. Note: gym memberships may be self-sponsored by the players.



## Curfew

The players have a team curfew of midnight on week nights and 1:00am on weekends (keeping in mind flexibility with late games). It is not your responsibility to monitor curfew – the Host Player is a responsible adult and will be held accountable. We have set this curfew as a means for the Host Player to stay focused on baseball and less on late night activities.

We expect the players to be respectful of your homes and families. Please establish a means of communication that is comfortable for you if they are going to be out late so your family will not be disturbed upon their late arrival home.

If you notice that your host player is not coming in at or around curfew (and you have not previously discussed the reason why), please notify the Host Family Coordinator. We encourage you to establish communication with your host player about your curfew expectations.

*The following information on this page may be viewed by some as unnecessary, but need to state the obvious for liability purposes.*

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse

The Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization wants to provide a positive experience and a safe family environment for all players this summer. **We do not want the players consuming alcohol.** Most of the players coming this summer are under age 21. It is illegal in the State of California to purchase or consume alcohol under the age of 21. If you allow the consumption of alcohol by any player in your home you are setting yourself up as well as the Organization for liability charges in the event of an accident.

The use of drugs without a prescription is illegal and forbidden. The use of prescription drugs must be reported to the coach. All players are now subject to random drug testing by the NCAA during their stay here this summer.

The players sign a letter of commitment with the NCAA that they will not use any form of tobacco at practice or during any games. The Menlo Park Legends Organization prohibits the use of any tobacco products within game fields, parks, clinics, or in homes of host families. If a player or coach is seen chewing tobacco by an umpire the league fines the team and the player or coach is suspended.

## Adult Behavior

The Menlo Park Legends Organization wants to provide a safe family environment for the player during his stay here this summer. It is against policy to allow any member of your family or guests to participate in the viewing or sharing of pornographic material or participate in any sexual activity with a baseball player living in your home or playing on the team.

## Host Family and Player Responsibility Agreement

The California Collegiate League provides a great opportunity as well as a challenge for the baseball players who arrive each spring. The CCL management and coaches are committed to assisting each player achieve their professional and personal goals. These goals would not be attainable without the dedication and support of our host families.

The Legends player and housing handbook outlines your responsibilities, important information, the expectations of each party within the community, at home and on the field. It is imperative to the success of our organization that both parties understand their roles and responsibilities completely. As stated in the handbook, it is illegal in the State of California to purchase or consume alcohol under the age of 21. Most of the players participating in the CCL are between the ages of 18 and 23. Any underage player found to be using alcohol will be immediately suspended from the team and sent home at his own expense. It is also illegal in the State of California for any person to furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21.

**Therefore on behalf of my family we agree to follow the rules established in the handbook set forth by the Menlo Park Legends Organization, the rules of the NCAA and the laws of the State of California. If my family fails to follow these rules, I understand the player will be removed from my home and I will no longer be allowed to house for the Menlo Park Legends and the California Collegiate League.**

**Signed and dated by the family representative:**

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**An agreement by the family representative to the regulations via email is also considered a valid electronic signature.**



