
MENLO PARK LEGENDS

HOST FAMILY GUIDEBOOK





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.

Looking forward to a legendary year!

David

David Klein
Founder and CEO
Legends Baseball

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The goal of the Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization is 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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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

Players generally report during the last week of May. A schedule of all dates will be sent to all families closer to the start of the season. If we make the playoffs this year, your player may need to stay with you for the first few days of August.



HOST FAMILY PERKS

COMPLIMENTARY LEGENDS CAMPS

As a thank you to our generous host families, we will be offering two (2) free Legends Summer Camp sessions (\$1400 value) for the host family to use for their children ages 5-12. Attending Legends camp with their host player 'big brother' for the week is a highlight for many of our host family kids. For host family children who have aged out of Legends camps, we also offer opportunities for these former Legends campers to come back as Junior Coaches, coaching alongside their host player. Work experience and baseball training all in one!

BAT BOYS AND BAT GIRLS

Get ready to see some beaming faces when your kids have a chance to be the Legends Bat Boy or Bat Girl for games. If this is something your child would like to do and they can commit to the needs of the team, please let us know and we will incorporate your son or daughter into home games as the Legends designated Bat Boy or Bat Girl.

FREE PRIVATE LESSONS

With a live-in collegiate athlete, a big perk is having free private lessons from your host player. Pitching, catching, hitting, fielding - our collegiate players are ready to fine tune your young athlete's skills.

OTHER PERKS

Throughout the years, our host players have also done an excellent job house sitting, driving kids to camp when they are working the camps and being a positive role model around the house. They also provide an excellent example of the dedication and hard work it requires to become and succeed at being a collegiate athlete.

HOST FAMILY ENVIRONMENT MEALS

We ask that you maintain a reasonable amount and variety of food for your host player. It is helpful to open up the lines of communication to know what types of food they eat for breakfast or what they might like to pack for lunch during a long day working at camp. Proteins, including eggs and chicken, have been popular menu items. These boys can be hungry! We do not require that you cook for your player, but sharing meals when schedules allow is a great way to integrate your host player into your family and get to know them better. 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 a general eating schedule before the season is in full swing so you can settle into a rhythm on when to expect your athlete for meals. Surprisingly, due to busy Legends schedule, you might even go for many days without eating a meal with your Legend or maybe even seeing much of them at all!



UNIFORM/LAUNDRY

All Legends players are given two sets of jerseys for the summer. These include greens, 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.

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. At your discretion you may allow your player to use a family vehicle. Please note that if a host family allows a player to use their vehicle, they will not be reimbursed for gas. Additionally, Legends is not responsible for insuring the player or vehicle.

GYM MEMBERSHIPS

The Legends are currently in the process of securing a gym membership which will offer summer memberships free of charge. If your player is interested in either membership options, please have him contact the host family coordinator. Some gyms will allow you to add a temporary house guest to your membership at a reduced fee.

Note: gym memberships may be self-sponsored by the players.



HOST PLAYER DAYS - SAMPLE DAY

Game day with camp:

- 7:30 - 8:00am - Depart for camp with a to-go breakfast and lunch
- 8:15 - 3:30 pm - Player works as Legends Camp Coach
- 3:30 pm - Player departs camp for pre-game warm-ups
- 3:30-5:00pm - Pre-game Warm-ups
- 5:00 -7:30 pm - Game time!
- 7:30-9:30pm - Post-game and dinner with teammates
- 10:00pm - Player returns home

Game day with no camp:

- AM - Morning gym work-out or time spent with host family kids playing catch, etc.
- 1:30 pm - Early departure for game for extra hitting practice, stretching, prep
- 5:00 - 7:30 pm - Game time
- 7:30-9:30pm - Post game and dinner with teammates

Day off:

- Hang with host family kiddos
- Golf with Legends teammates
- Hit up the batting cages and attend a Giants game with local friends

HOST PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

PLAYER FEE

It is required for all Legends players to cover a \$600 commitment fee to participate in the California Collegiate League summer baseball season. Players have the option to coach the Legends Summer Camp instead of paying the fee. This flat fee is paid directly to the Menlo Park Legends Baseball Organization, which is then applied towards team expenses. 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.

JOBS

As mentioned above, it is required that all Legends players pay a \$600 fee to play in the California Collegiate League for the summer season. 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, our players will work 2-5 weeks of the Legends 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 boundaries with the player regarding visiting teammates and guests. 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 do so. We can provide a list of local motels or hotels for their convenience.



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 also pre-select for players that have the highest references and recommendations from their coaches to ensure these players are focused on a summer of development. 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 (usually related to a travel game) 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 we 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 if you are under the age of 21. Allowing the consumption of alcohol by any underage player in your home is prohibited.

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:

Family Representative

Date

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

