

If you are interested or have any questions in becoming a Mustangs Billet/Host Family, please contact:

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## Peoria Mustangs Junior Hockey Club

## Billet/Host Family Information

*“Housing a junior hockey player is a rewarding experience that’s impossible to put into words, but I’ll try. These boys, they quickly become a part of your family. Big brothers to your children. I’ve housed nine Mustangs, and have billeted players from other organizations over the summers. Each one of these amazing young men has taught my children crucial life-long lessons, taken part in their sports practices, went to their plays, and have just been there for my kids serving as positive role models. They come back and visit when they age out, some spend summers with us, and continue to be a treasured part of our family.”*

*Billet Family*



The Peoria Mustangs are a Junior Hockey team that plays in the NA3HL, the premier Tier III Junior Hockey League in the US. Mustang players are selected for their top hockey skills and abilities as well as their strong character and maturity levels. Players come to the Mustangs to develop and progress to higher levels of Junior hockey and to College.

**Mustangs billet families are an extremely important and integral part of this developmental process.**

Each season, as many as 15 players come from across the country to play for the Peoria Mustangs. **MUSTANG BILLET FAMILIES** provide housing, nutritional and general support for these players. As well, these families play an important role in the overall development and growth of the players off the ice. In return, the rewards of hosting a player have been significant to the BILLET FAMILIES... PLAYERS have brought significant joy to the BILLET FAMILIES which has resulted in life-long friendships.



Players range in age from 17 to 20 years of age. Most have finished high school and are either continuing their education or have part-time employment.

- **MUSTANGS BILLET FAMILIES** provide a bedroom for the player(s), meals and laundry facilities.
- **PLAYERS** are required to provide their own transportation as well as all other basic living needs (clothes, cell phone, computer equipment...). **PLAYERS** are also expected to be an active, supportive and participative part of their **BILLET FAMILY** in terms of general chores and responsibilities... as well as adhering to all **BILLET FAMILY** rules and guidelines. The Mustangs coaching staff and management closely monitor **PLAYER'S** behavior at **BILLET FAMILIES**.



- **PLAYERS** pay a stipend of \$325 per month to the **BILLET FAMILY** to help cover the food and incidental costs incurred by the **BILLET FAMILY**. Players arrive as early as mid-August (depending on school and other commitments) and depart at the end of the season in March (occasionally, players may choose to finish their school terms here which might extend their departure).
- Stipends are paid via post dated checks directly to the billet families.
- If **BILLET FAMILIES** are away for vacation or holiday, the Mustangs will make alternative arrangements for the **PLAYERS** for this time.

