



## Woodstock River Bandits Host Family Information

One of the most important parts of the Woodstock River Bandits organization are the host families. Each year a River Bandit player is placed with a host family in our community. The River Bandits would not have a team if not for the outpouring generosity from our host families.

### Woodstock River Bandits

The Woodstock River Bandits are NCAA college baseball players from various colleges in the United States. The players range from 18 – 22 years old and are second, third, or fourth-year college students. The players arrive in Woodstock at the end of May and stay until the beginning of August.

The Woodstock River Bandits are a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2004. All home games are played at the Central High School baseball field.

### Why should I host?

Hosting a player makes for a fun summer! It's a time for you to enjoy family time at the ballpark while helping a college player reach his goals and dreams. You and your family will build a relationship with each player. The player will enter your home as a college student and leave as a family member! Many host families continue to have a relationship with their player for years thereafter. Also, you receive a FREE season pass for all people that live in your household!

### What do I need to provide?

The only thing that you need to provide is a place for the player to sleep and access to a bathroom. A television and internet are not a requirement.

### Meals/Laundry

Each player is responsible for their own meals and laundry. We encourage you to give the player access to your kitchen, but you are not required to provide food for them. The River Bandits organization provides a meal after each game for the players. The player is responsible for the laundering of his uniform, bed linens, towels, and personal clothing.

## What if the player doesn't have a car?

Most players will arrive in Woodstock with a car, but we have a few that do not. In this situation, the player is placed with a family that lives near another host family so that a teammate can pick them up on their way to the field. The host family is not responsible for providing transportation.

## What if I go on vacation?

If you go on vacation and don't feel comfortable letting the player stay in your house alone, the organization will plan for the player to stay with another family until you return.

## Expectations of each player

The player is expected to interact with the host family and be respectful to you and your home. They have very few off days and have a game most nights. If you have young children, we do ask them to interact with the child, but they are not there to babysit.

Each player is required to have good moral standards, respect their host family and its members, and abide by the individual host family's rules. The player is expected to keep his living space clean throughout his stay and to regularly clean up after himself.

## When do the players arrive?

The players arrive on Memorial Day and stay until the beginning of August. We welcome the players at a host family meet and greet dinner. After the dinner, they go back to the host family house. This is a time for you to talk with them about the rules of your house.

## Concerns

If you have any concerns or problems, the River Bandits board will take care of it immediately.

We would love to talk to you more about becoming a host family! If you're interested or have questions, please contact Jamie Pence (540-975-0713) or one of the River Bandit board members.