



2022 Summer Host Family Information

First of all, THANK YOU for your interest volunteering your home and your time. This is very rewarding and a lot of fun to have these young men in your home. I know it is not easy for most people to open their home at times but please also enjoy this season and being a part of the Dubsea Fish Sticks Family - We could not do this without you!

The Fish Sticks host college players from all over the country for the months of June and July. Players use this opportunity to play with us to hone and develop their skills so they can move on to a higher division level college or become a starter on their current team. The goal of most of our players is to one day play professional baseball. Summer collegiate baseball gives them an opportunity to try to make that a reality one day.

Host families play a vital role to a summer collegiate team as it allows them to widen the area of where they can recruit their players from. Doing this helps create more relationships with college baseball programs and ultimately makes the team more competitive. But more importantly it allows them to increase their positive impact they have in baseball and create a closer connection to their community.

In this informational packet there are some guidelines along with how the process of hosting a player works. If you have any questions at all before filling out the host family application please do not hesitate to contact me at Justin@GoFishSticks.com or 253-310-6602.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Moser". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "M".

Justin Moser
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2022 Host Family Dates to Remember

May 27th – Players start arriving

June 4th – Opening Night

July 30th – Host Family Appreciation BBQ & On Field Recognition

HOST FAMILY DETAILS

- Players begin to arrive the last week in May. The arrival date of the players will depend on both their college academic schedule and their team's playoff success. Players who are on the quarter system typically end classes in mid June while players on semesters are done in mid May. Some times players on the quarter system will travel in for weekend games in early June before fully moving up in mid to late June once they have completed finals. We will coordinate this with the host families and the player.
- In our past experiences with host families we have found that over communication is key to a successful experience. In most cases the players become an extended part of the family and still have relationships with them once they have moved on from the team and even baseball. We've had former host families attend weddings of players, and even take vacations to meet their families long after they played for us. Our goal is to make this a fun and memorable experience for everyone.
- After potential host families have filled out the host family application, the players will also fill out an application. We will then work on pairing a player that looks like it will be a good fit for both parties.
- After you have been paired with a player there will be a house inspection and introduction meeting. This is a great time to ask additional questions and go over any concerns you might have.
- In return for hosting a player the Fish Sticks will provide a season ticket for each member of the household. They will also be provided with a \$150 stipend to help cover some of the food and gas expenses they may incur. The family will also receive a 20% discount in the merchandise store
- One of the big needs for players being hosted is transportation to games. The Dubsea Fish Sticks play the majority of their games at Mel Olson Stadium in White Center. However, there are a handful of games in Seattle, Everett, Tacoma, Redmond and Bellevue. If for any reason you are unable to provide transportation to these games we will help arrange carpools with other local players.
- On any overnight trips (Wenatchee and Port Angeles) the team will travel via bus, vans or team carpools.
- While the game schedule is public, players have a bit of a different schedule which includes practices, community events, baseball camps and volunteer events. We will share this schedule with you as well as the players.



- Host families will be invited to the appreciation BBQ on a weekend date in July (tentative) well as the on-field thank you slated for Saturday, July 30th.
- While we haven't had a problem arise yet, we understand that one might. We avoid problems by overcommunicating expectations, house rules and if anything is occurring that may turn into a problem communicating it before hand. If at any point a problem isn't being fixed after being communicated the team will have a sit down with both the host family and player. If for any reason the problem continues we will remove the player from the home. The team checks in with host families regularly as the season progresses.

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to reach out to our General Manager Justin Moser. Justin@GoFishSticks.com | 253-310-6602