



## **LANGLEY RAMS FOOTBALL CLUB**

### *Billet Program*

The Langley Rams Football Club is gearing up for the next season. We look forward to a very successful season as athletes from local communities and across the country vie for an opportunity to play in a very competitive Junior League.

We are looking to the local communities for support. We are currently accepting applications for families to host these young men during the football season. "Billeting" is a football tradition and is especially important at the junior level. This concept involves local host families providing a surrogate home to out of area players. The billet program allows these young men to take university/college level courses and/or obtain part time employment in the local community while taking their football careers to the next level.

We value the importance of host families who open their homes to our players and appreciate the efforts made by the entire family. Having a player in your home takes time, patience and a willingness to share while appreciating the cultural and personal differences that become a part of the rewarding experience for both the host family and billet player.

Host families serve as authority figures, role models and extended family to their assigned player. For many players, this is their first experience away from home, family and friends and the host family becomes a very important part of their lives. While hosts receive a monetary stipend to help off-set some of the basic costs such as food, the true rewards are in the lasting relationships that are formed.

If you are interested in becoming a host family to a Langley Rams football player, please read our Host Family/Player Responsibilities for additional information and contact our billet/housing coordinators: Cheryl Stebbings ([c.stebbing26@gmail.com](mailto:c.stebbing26@gmail.com)) and Shelley Block ([shelleyblock69@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyblock69@gmail.com)). We look forward to welcoming you to the Langley Rams.

Background Screening – all billet parents and anyone living in the host family home older than 18 years of age will be required to complete a background check. We will email you information for completing the screening. An interview and home visit will be scheduled prior to placing a player with you.

## BILLET AND HOUSING RESPONSIBILITIES

### Responsibilities of the Host Family:

The rule of thumb is to provide the same kind of care and attention that you would extend to a member of your own family. The Langley Rams would hope that the family would become a mentor, friend, counselor and a good role model. Listening, encouraging and supporting the player will not only enable him to have more success on the field, but also build self-esteem and confidence for him as an individual.

### Host Families Provide:

1. Safe environment that will allow the player to develop on and off the field
2. Own room or shared room with a second billet player
3. Room should have a bed, desk, bureau, closet space, chair and basic necessities
4. Nutritious food for three meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) or the ability for the player to make his own meals
5. Ability to access the internet and use of amenities in home such as TV, washer and dryer, etc.
6. Have home available to the billet player for length of season, school year or work agreement, as agreed upon by billet player and host family
7. House rules for billet player to follow

### Responsibilities of the Player:

Players are expected to treat their host family as they would their own, with respect and responsibility, keeping in mind that it is a privilege, not a right to live as a billet.

### Billet Players:

1. Must follow all team and host family house rules and show respect for other host family members. If any house rules are broken, billet player may be released from the Langley Rams Football Team
2. Provide their own bed and bath linens, personal care items, cell phones, TV/computer and provide for their own transportation
3. Must take care of their room, including keeping it clean and doing their own laundry.
4. Players must notify host family as to their whereabouts unless traveling with the Langley Rams team
5. When traveling (away games), players will be responsible for their own meals
6. Transportation to and from practices and home games unless other arrangements have been made with billet family
7. Players are responsible for their schooling and must maintain good grades

8. Players are expected to seek part time employment when not attending school/classes
9. Monthly payment to host family on the first of each month as negotiated between the player, host family and Langley Rams representative

Responsibilities of the Langley Rams Football Club:

First and foremost, the Langley Rams are grateful to all the families who have opened their homes to our players. This is a privilege for each player and we appreciate your support, encouragement and hospitality.

Langley Rams Football Club will:

1. Establish billet fees for each host family/player.
2. The Billet Coordinator will maintain regular communication with each host family and billet player to ensure a professional and enjoyable relationship has been established.
3. Provide each host home with two season passes per player for all home games.
4. Provide team transportation to away games for players.
5. Provide a Billet Coordinator to assist billets with any concerns.

Billet Coordinators:

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