

# Winter Hawks Host Family Opportunities



Your Portland Winter Hawks players are 16-20 year old young men living thousands of miles away from home while they further their hockey careers here in Portland.

They rely on local families like you to provide a loving and nurturing "home away from home."

***"I have been a billet (host family) for 25 years... Truly, I have gotten more out of the experience than I have ever given."  
- Carol Bechtold, Winter Hawks Host Mother***

- Build relationships that last a lifetime!
- Exclusive Host Family Functions during the hockey season!
- Season Ticket Packages, Parking and more!



Tristan with his new brothers Chris and Brett

**Change lives for the better, including your own!**

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## THE BASICS OF BEING A WINTER HAWK BILLET

Below is the basic information families interested in billeting a player from the Portland Winter Hawks need to know before deciding to commit to the experience:

1. Your player would need to have his own room. Down time and privacy are paramount to his mental and physical well-being.
2. A monthly stipend will be given to you monthly to help cover your player's grocery expenses. Your monthly food bill will increase quite a bit as it will be your responsibility to make sure the player's nourishment is provided for. (The player receives a stipend each month to cover his own personal needs.)
3. If you are asked to billet a high school age player, we enroll him into the school nearest you. High school players attend school in the mornings. College players either attend classes at a local university or community college or take classes on-line.
4. Your player may want to bring his own car to town to drive. If he does not have a car, your player will carpool with another player/other players in the vicinity. (This would include transportation to and from school, practice, games, etc.)
5. Although you are not the player's parent, you will need to set rules and expectations for him to follow while he's living in your home. The player must respect your house rules and be accountable if he doesn't follow them. Likewise, he needs to follow the code of conduct set forth by the coaches for the team. (That information will be provided to you at a later date.)
6. You will receive season tickets, back stage passes to games, a parking pass, a discount on team merchandise, the aforementioned stipend and other benefits as "payment" for billeting a player or players. **The greatest rewards of course are the intangible ones! We have families who have been hosting players for as long as 25 years. All of our host families will tell you that their lives and the lives of their family members have been enriched because of the relationships they've established with players from Canada, Europe, or the States and their families.**

Please consider the above information and if you are still interested in hosting a player, we can schedule an interview. Be aware that your entire family would need to be present for the interview and following the interview the Winter Hawks would do an official background check on all adults living in the home.

Give me a call when you can if you have any questions or would like to move forward with being a billet (host family). Thank you again for your interest!

Kyle Gustafson  
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**PORTLAND WINTER HAWKS**  
**Billet Family Application**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Husband)

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Wife)

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Oregon: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

If less than three, please list previous employer's name and address:

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Wife's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Employed: \_\_\_\_\_

If less than three, please list previous employer's name and address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief explanation of why you would like to billet a Winter Hawk:

**Family Members**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>*Age</u></b>	<b><u>Male/Female</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Living in the home?</u></b>

- If a child is 16 years old or older, please provide D.O.B and SSN

**Pets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Hobbies/Activities:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Winter Hawks season ticket holder? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

**Home**

Is there a separate room for the player? \_\_\_\_\_ A separate bathroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the player's room? \_\_\_\_\_

Bathroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from Coliseum/Rose Garden: \_\_\_\_\_ From Sherwood Ice Arena \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from SHS/BHS/MHS: \_\_\_\_\_ From nearest teammate: \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

Please list three references (non-family members who have known you for at least three years) whom we may contact:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Relationship</u></b>