



## **COLUMBIA BLOWFISH Host Family Program**

*Are You A Baseball Fan? Do You Support College Athletics?*

*Maybe You Have Room For A Columbia Blowfish Player To Call Home For The Summer? .*

Players come from all over the United States to participate in the Coastal Plain League and to be a part of the Columbia Blowfish Baseball Team.

**ALL of our players requiring a host family are current Collegiate baseball players** furthering their baseball careers. Collegiate players gain valuable experience and playing time by participating on teams such as the **Columbia Blowfish**.

**Our season runs from the last week of until early August.**

**The Blowfish schedule has 58 games and the playoffs.** There are **30 Home Games** and **28 Road Games**

You and your family get **FREE ADMISSION TO ALL COLUMBIA BLOWFISH HOME GAMES!!!**

**You will forever have the knowledge that you:**

**Assisted a young Baseball Player** pursue his dream of the Big Leagues.

**Provided a summer Home** for a Collegiate Athlete.

**Helped the Columbia Blowfish Organization** with its most pressing, and much appreciated need.....**A HOST FAMILY!**



*Those interested in becoming a host family should be able to provide a bed, and adequate space for the player to store his belongings. The players are required to live under your rules, and to be a responsible member of your household.*

**If being a Host Family interests you, the Columbia Blowfish** would enjoy hearing from you.

**We Look Forward To Hearing From You.**

**Bill Shanahan**

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## BLOWFISH SEEK HOST FAMILIES FOR PLAYERS

The Columbia Blowfish are accepting applications to become a Host Family for a Blowfish Player.

### What will be asked of Host Families?

- Provide accommodations for a player through the season May 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Set rules and guidelines with your player (or players) and welcome him into your home.

### What Host Families will receive?

- An opportunity to influence a young man's life in a positive way
- Season Tickets to all 30 home games for immediate family members
- A special Open House Party right before the new season begins for players and Host Families

### Host Family Applications

- Fill out the attached application
- Fax to 803-254-4482
- Can be picked up and dropped off at Capital City Stadium (301 S. Assembly St)

### Housing Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations:   \_\_\_ Own bedroom and Bath  
                          \_\_\_ Own bedroom and shared bath  
                          \_\_\_ Shared bedroom and shared bath

### Personal Information

How many children are living in the home? \_\_\_

Gender and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Any pets in the home? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Accommodations are \_\_\_ Non Smoking \_\_\_ Smoking

House Rules to cover with Player:

Kitchen and Food:

Telephone Usage:

No Overnight Guests:

Curfew:

Other:

### Season commitment

I understand that the season will run for approximately three months. The housing will be needed beginning May 25<sup>th</sup> and a possible post season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Host Families will be expected to provide:**

1. a clean, safe, smoke-free environment, including a bedroom for the player staying with them;
2. reasonable use of bathroom and laundry facilities;
3. food for players wishing to fix a meal, i.e. breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

**Players will be expected to:**

1. keep the bedroom & bathroom in a clean and orderly fashion. Players will be held responsible for any household damages they cause;
2. provide their own health and personal care items;
3. be courteous and helpful to the host family;
4. refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (see below);
5. minimize the noise level of activities, including coming and going, so as not to unduly disturb the host family;
6. pay for personal expenses;
7. use cell phone for long-distance calls or use a pre-purchased calling card.

**All host family/player relationships substantially differ from player to player. Each player should sit down with the host family within a few days of arrival to discuss the following issues:**

1. arrangements regarding food needs other than the meals the host family provides;
2. how to handle late night arrivals (i.e. use of back doors, late night showers, etc.) from games.
3. guidelines relating to having friends or family members over to host family's home, including friends spending the night (also guidelines on female guests) and meals for guests. Some host families do not mind this, while others do.
4. laundering uniforms.
5. particular rules for times when the host family is out of town;
6. for players legally of age to drink (21 and over), guidelines regarding alcohol in the host family home;
7. any other issue of importance to either the player or the host family.

**Always ask your host family if you are unsure about something. It will take a few days to get to know each other and it's better to ask than not to know.**

**Please sign below, after you have discussed these guidelines together. Specific household rules can be written as an addendum on the back by the Host Family.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player

\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Family

Date: \_\_\_\_\_