

Nevada Griffon Player General Guidelines

The Nevada Griffon Board of Directors recognizes that the host families and the relationship they have with their players is the essential key to the success of the summer program. The board hopes that these guidelines and suggestions will help you become part of your summer host family.

Rule #1–Communicate...Communicate...Communicate

The more you communicate with your host family in the first few days, the better your stay will be...try to become part of your new family! They want to get to know you and they want you to be comfortable in your summer home. Spend extra time with them, and don't be afraid to ask questions!

What to Ask and What to Know about Your Host Family

- **Food** – Please complete the “Foods that I Like” form for your family...and please be very honest! Become familiar with the kitchen. Try to eat with your host family as often as possible. Ask about helping to do the dishes or cooking yourself.
- **Laundry** – Ask for direction on how to operate the washer and dryer. In most cases you will be expected to do your own laundry, but ask questions if this is new to you. Ask about any special care for your uniforms.
- **Guests** – Visit with your host family before inviting other ballplayers or guests over, and be sure to ask about acceptable times for guest visits. Host families are not expected to provide room for girlfriends or out of town guests. You should never have guests over if the host family is out of town.
- **Curfews** – Please discuss with your host family what the expectations are. You are a young adult and should be responsible for keeping reasonable hours, especially on game days. Let your host family know where you are going and if you are playing to spend the night somewhere. If you will be later than usual, please check in with them. Work with your host family to decide the best way to share this info...notes, text messages, etc.
- **Your Room** – Please take care of the room you have been given for the summer. Pick up as necessary. Clean the bathroom as necessary. Don't leave dirty dishes or uneaten food sitting around. Hang up towels and wash them as needed. Ask about changing bedding. Be conscientious when sharing a bathroom and the hot water.

- **Quiet Time** – Ask host families about work hours and children’s bedtimes, and be courteous about their needs.
- **Cell Phone/Internet Usage** – Be aware that some areas of this community have poor reception. Check with your host family about the use of the internet and printing needs.
- **Ice for Arms** – If you need this, please let your host family know, so they can get ice from the ballpark.

Other Issues

- **Alcohol** – Ask your host family about their rules. Missouri is a “21” legal age state and we ask you to obey the law. If you are 21 or older, the Board asks you to be responsible for your actions and remember you are here to play baseball to the best of your ability. Your behavior reflects on the team!
- **Meeting the Community** – You will be asked to participate in some activities throughout the summer, and our community is very aware that the “Griffons” are here. The Youth Camp is always a hit and those young people will be back to watch you throughout the summer. They will also see you at Sonic, Wal-Mart, etc., so remember that you are their “idols” for the summer. In addition, the community often has a group of very young girls (age 13-17) who love to come and watch the games. Sometimes they hang around to get to know you better. Please beware of these situations, and if you have any concerns, let your host family know. We are a small community, and everyone knows everyone.
- **Concerns** – If you have any problem or situation with the host family, please contact Pookie DeCocq, the Housing Coordinator, at 417-667-1261, or talk to Coach Loza. Either will be happy to work with you to address any concern. Additionally, your host family may also contact them with a concern they might have.