



HOST FAMILY INFO

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The Derby Twins baseball team is comprised of college baseball players from across the nation. The players spend the entire summer (June 1 – August 15) in Derby playing in the Jayhawk League. League opponents of the Derby Twins include teams from El Dorado, Dodge City, Hays, Liberal, Wellington, Haysville, and Bethany, in Oklahoma.. In addition, the Twins will play local teams from other leagues to fill out a schedule of 38 regular season games as well as tournament games in the NBC Regional and World Series.

While in Derby, these young men stay in the homes of local host families. The players are not paid and have very little free time to work while living in Derby and therefore need affordable living while they are far from home. Host families make it possible for the Twins to continue recruiting the best players from across the country. **Please consider opening your home to a Derby Twins player this summer!**

Host Family Responsibilities:

- Provide living accommodations which include: a bed, a **clean** environment, and a **positive** family atmosphere. A player should have access to comfortable living environments throughout the home including a **working clean** restroom facility. While these do not have to be private non-shared accommodations the player needs to feel comfortable living in the areas of your home that you open to him.
- Access to meals/food in the home when the player is not traveling
- Access to in-home laundry facilities
- Participate (if possible) with your player and his family during family weekend
- Players must be able to come and go from the home according to their game schedule (i.e. arriving home very late from an away game)
- Allow Twins board member to inspect accommodations if needed.

Transportation is NOT a host family responsibility!

Benefits of being a host family:

- Get to know a potential major league baseball player
- Good family entertainment
- Role model for host family children
- Get to know players and families from all over the country
- Lifelong friendships
- Help make it possible for the Derby community to have a summer college baseball team
- Costs associated with hosting a player are tax deductible

Frequently Asked Questions:

What happens if a host family goes on vacation?

Once a family gets to know their player, they often choose to let the player continue to live at the home during the vacation period. If the family is not comfortable with this option, the Twins organization will place the player at another host family's home for the vacation period.

What if a host family decides after a player is placed in the home, that the player is not a good fit for the family?

Rarely has this been a problem since the boys recruited to play for the Twins are of the highest skill level and are very well-disciplined. However, if for some reason, the player and family are not a good fit; the Twins organization will immediately move the player to another host family. The Derby Twins organization has no tolerance for players with any behavioral issues and will immediately send any problem player home.

When do players arrive and how long do they stay? As a rule, all of the players arrive the first of June; however, some players have commitments to their college teams that bring them in later. The players stay until the Twins are eliminated in the NBC World Series (early as late July or early August).

If I don't want to be a host family, are there other ways I can be involved? Absolutely. Consider being part of the Derby Twins Booster Club, volunteer during games, help on a committee, or volunteer during the off-season.

Do all the players have their own transportation? Not all players bring their own vehicles, but most do. Those who do not are placed in host family situations where there is another player either living close or the same home. Under no circumstance should a player use a host family's private vehicle.

Who do I call to become a host family or if I have more questions? Sandy Waldschmidt at 316-204-7452 or sandywaldschmidt@gmail.com or Debora Nelson at 316-789-0770 or dnelson3@cox.net or Jeff Wells at 316-992-3623

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Host Family Contact Information and Accommodation Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Email address: _____ (please print)

Names and Ages of others living in the home (please include children)

Will player have in home internet access? Family Computer Wireless Access

Pets living in the home: Dog(s) Cat(s) Bird(s) Other: _____

Do any family members smoke inside the home? Yes No

Type of living & sleeping accommodations available for the player:

Bed Size: King Queen Single Other _____

Room: Private bedroom Bed in a common area (family room, etc.)
Other _____

Bathroom: Private Shared Bathtub Shower

Other information pertaining to living arrangements or family preferences:

I understand that I am agreeing to be a host family for the Derby Twins during the _____ season. I further understand my responsibilities to provide a clean, safe, and positive living environment as explained on the previous page. I agree to allow a Twins board member access to inspect living accommodations prior to placing a player in the home or at anytime while a player is living in the home.

Signature: _____ Date: _____