

## Soccer Camp Host Family Introduction

Thank you for being willing to consider hosting Ambassadors' soccer coaches! As you prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve, we have provided a few details about what to expect:

1. Host families are an integral part of the soccer coaches' experience. The coaches who need housing are mostly from abroad, and they will be in the US for 6-8 weeks. They benefit from being with host families, and we know prior host families have shared how much **they** have benefited from hosting!
2. Host families provide a warm welcome, which includes individual beds for two or more coaches, in a spare room or basement. Part of the "warm welcome" means including coaches in family activities which adds to their sense of being warmly welcomed into a host home. Ambassadors Football asks families to take two (or more) coaches to help them form relationships with each other while on tour and to make transportation to/from camp easier.
3. Breakfast and lunch are provided by Parkside Church on camp days (July 8-12). Host families provide dinner meals on all days the coaches are with you (and all meals on any days coaches are not a camp, i.e., Sundays). Host families also make laundry facilities available (do not DO their laundry but may need to show how).
4. When we receive details from Ambassadors, we provide host families with the names of coaches, a brief bio, any allergies, etc.
5. Hosts are not expected to transport coaches to/from camp. However, if a host's schedule allows him/her to help with transportation, this may be of help to us. Coaches typically have to be at Parkside Church by 7:45am and are typically picked up by 4pm (pick-up is a little more "loose," time-wise).
6. **Arrival Day, July 6:** Hosts will not need to provide lunch this day, as their previous host family will have taken care of them before they arrive. Typically, Parkside host families meet up outside the Commons for "transfer days."
7. **Departure Day, July 13:** departure time is usually about 2pm from Parkside Church (this will be confirmed during camp week). Hosts provide lunch before they meet up at Parkside.

One final note: **flexibility is pretty important when hosting.** As you consider hosting, we encourage you to prayerfully think about the regular routines of your family and whether flexibility is something with which you would be comfortable (as opposed to it being stressful). If you are concerned that this could be a significant challenge, please know there are other opportunities to assist with camp!