

# Lincoln POTTERS

## Lincoln Potters need your help!

Do you love baseball? Are you interested in helping to shape a young man's career, possibly a professional baseball career?

If so, you may be the perfect candidate to host a Lincoln Potter player this summer.

The Potters are looking for host parents/families in Lincoln for the 2017 inaugural baseball season. This summer, approximately 25 young men will move to Lincoln to play for the Potters; a member of the Great West League.

From the end of May through Mid-August (at the latest depending on play offs), these aspiring "professional" ballplayers have the opportunity to hone their baseball skills. Players come from all over the United States to play for the Potters.

The Host Family Program will be a vital part of the Potter's success both on and off the field. The hope is the players will become more than just a houseguest; they become part of your family!

### **To Become A Host Family... Here's the Pitch**

- **Provide a home and meals for player during the season**
- **Your family receives free season pass**
- **Your family will be invited to attend special events**
- **The player will be a positive role model for your children**
- **You will have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the future of a young man**
- **You might be getting to know a future Major league Baseball star**
- **You have the potential for the creation of a long-term friendship**

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Eskridge at (916)719-2201 or [meskridge42@gmail.com](mailto:meskridge42@gmail.com) for more information.

● You are what make this TEAM possible!



## Host Family Guide

This will be the Potters inaugural season as a summer collegiate baseball team we are affiliated with the Great West League founded 2014 [www.greatwestleague.com](http://www.greatwestleague.com)

Team rosters of the Great West League are comprised solely of players who have completed one year of college and who still have college eligibility remaining. As such, many believe that summer collegiate leagues represent the highest level of pre-professional amateur baseball in America.

### TEAMS

Marysville Gold Sox

Chico Heat

Medford Rogues

Portland Pickles

Lincoln Potters

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## Player Information

Players report to McBean Stadium on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. (Some may arrive later if they are involved in post-season play with their schools). Host family/player assignments are finalized one week before report day.

Potters players are required to be good citizens of the Lincoln community and obey all state and local laws. The legal age for consumption of alcoholic beverages is 21 in California. In addition, under no circumstances is a player of legal age to provide alcohol to an underage teammate or purchase or consume alcohol while in uniform or at any playing site.

## Housing

Host families are generally assigned one player to a residence unless requested otherwise. It is the player's responsibility to follow the host family household rules as well as all state and local laws. Players are asked to treat host families with respect and conduct themselves as family members, not an "honored guest". (*Improper conduct toward a host family, teammates host families or other people in the community will result in disciplinary action*) In return, host families should be sure that their players feel like they are part of the family and provide a "home away from home", keeping in mind they are college students who have lived on their own.

**Host Families Responsibilities:** As a host family, it would be your responsibility to provide your player a stable, clean, and healthy environment for the duration of the summer season. Host families need to provide their player a place to sleep, and access to bathroom and laundry facilities. Host families should also provide meals during the season and can include players in other family activities. Players provide their own transportation as required by NCAA policy. Some players arriving from across the country are without transportation; so they need to stay close to other players with transportation. Players must rely on their own vehicles or

assistance from teammates. The players will be very busy with a possible schedule of 40+ games in the 11 week season, in addition to practices and special events.

### **Host Family Perks:**

The benefits to committing to the host family program are significant. First and foremost, you will be assisting young men in their pursuit of playing professional baseball. Many players and families form a bond that extends well beyond one summer of baseball. Your family receives free season tickets for home games. Your family will also be invited to attend special events. We will keep you informed of the specials that our sponsors are offering Host Families.

A roster will be sent to all host families with host family contact information once housing assignments are finalized. Host family/player assignments are finalized one week before report day.

We truly appreciate your generosity and commitment to these student-athletes. You are what will make this TEAM possible!

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**Potter Baseball Host Family  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What are we expected to provide the player as a host family?**

A: Their needs are relatively simple: a room and bed, access to a bathroom and laundry room (they'll need to use showers and laundry facilities daily), food or meals, a place to park a car, and a family to cheer them on.

**Q: Will the player have a car? If not, will we be expected to drive him places?**

A: About two-thirds of the players have their own car. Players that do not have cars are strategically housed close to players who do have cars, so their teammates can give them rides. We do not expect host families to drive our players around-it is against NCAA rules.

**Q: My son is a catcher. We would love to have a catcher stay with us. Is it possible to request a certain position player?**

A: Because of the sometimes complicated logistics of placing players with allergies into pet-free families, locating players with and without cars close to each other, but we will do our best to make it happen if at all possible.

**Q: We have three cats. Do you make sure that players don't have pet allergies?**

A: We ask about allergies and whether host families have pets, and try to make sure that allergic players aren't housed with animals they can't be around.

**Q: What rules are there about drinking and using drugs?**

A: Drugs are strictly forbidden. As is underage drinking, although some players are over 21 and can legally drink. However, even if your player is over 21, feel free to establish your home as a no-drinking zone, and please do not give underage players alcohol. At the beginning of the season, we supply host families with a contract form. Although we ask players and families to sign that form, it really is a forum for families and players to frankly and honestly discuss the details and rules of a players stay with that family.

IDEAS to build your relationship with your player and help them feel at home:

1. Take the player grocery shopping in the first few days of his arrival. This not only allows him to share his food preferences, but provides for a way to spend time getting to know him better.
2. Show the player around the area. Find out player interests and share with him places he might enjoy.
3. Create a "scrapbook" of photos and newspaper clippings from the season as a gift to the player at the end of the season.
4. Any suggestions and ideas are welcomed please send to [meskridge42@gmail.com](mailto:meskridge42@gmail.com) we are always looking for good ideas!

**Potters Host Family Application**

**Family Name:**

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**Address**

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**Host Mother and Father cell Phone #s**

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**Host Family Email Address**

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**Kids in Family-Name-Boy or Girl-Age-Live at home?**

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**Any Pets? Please list type indoor/outdoor, etc**

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**Religious preference? Do you attend regularly?**

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**Things we enjoy doing- movies, fishing, swimming, etc**

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**We can Host\_\_\_\_\_players (1, 2, or 3 etc)**

**Will your player have a private or share a bedroom and bathroom**

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**Please give us any additional information that will help us match a player with your family:**\_\_\_\_\_

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