

2010 Kendall Auto Nanook Classic September 3 & 4, 2010

Thank you for your interest in being a host family for a visiting team for an Alaska Nanooks athletics event! Your willingness to make sure these visiting athletes have a great experience in Fairbanks is part of what makes the tournament so great and keeps teams coming back. Being a host family is very simple and can be a great experience for your entire family. The main job of a host family is being here in Fairbanks as a resource for the coach to help answer any questions they may have, to help make sure their stay runs smoothly, and to provide some of that local Fairbanks hospitality to make them feel welcome! Please read the sections below to get a basic understanding of what is involved and don't be afraid to contact Candice Krupa, Host Family Coordinator, if you have any questions at 907-978-2378 or candicekrupa@hotmail.com.

CONTACTING YOUR TEAM

Initial Contact:

- Introduce your family
- Welcome them to Fairbanks and the Nanook Classic
- Inform them of what a host family does
- Ask for primary contact information

Other Information you will need:

- Airline arrival dates/times
- Extra practice times?
- Extra luncheon tickets?
- Verify ground transportation arrangements have been made
- Provide reservation # for rental car to Coach Shoemaker or Coach Phelps
- Restaurant information/reservations?
- Extra activities?

Airport & Hotel:

Depending on what time your team arrives and your own schedule, your family can be at the airport to greet your team. You can welcome them, help them find their rental vehicles, have them follow behind you as you guide them to their hotel, etc.

Idea – make a welcome sign to hold up when they get off the plane.

The team will be staying at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. If the coach will allow, it is helpful for you to check all of the players and staff in before they arrive. With permission from the coach, you can obtain the keys and have them ready when they arrive. This is also a good time to put the welcome bags in the rooms, and possibly their names on the doors. BE SURE you have the coach's permission to do this. If you are allowed to check them in prior to their arrival, be sure to bring the room keys with you when you meet them, at the airport or at the hotel.

Idea – ask the hotel to put up a welcome sign for the team.

Transportation

The tournament provides a rental car to the coach. Reservation #'s will be provided at a later date.

If your team plans to rent vans or cars, make sure they are aware of the potential driving conditions. Under no circumstances should you drive the car/van for them due to liability issues.

Welcome Bags

The welcome bags will be stuffed by UAF Athletics staff and athletes prior to the team's arrival. In these bags will be small items from Fairbanks, such as local coffee. If you would like to add something special to your team's bag, feel free to prepare something, have fun with it but don't make it stressful and expensive. From experience, I can tell you that the players and coaches are impressed no matter how fancy the bags may or may not be. The simple fact that you took the time to prepare something for them is what matters. Remember this is an extra, not an expectation from the teams.

Items usually provided:

- Fruits (apples, oranges)
- Sports drinks and water (donated by Coca Cola)
- Santa Claus house gift bags
- Coffee from North Pole Roasting

Ideas for additional items:

- Cookies
- Alaska items

Practice Times

Each team will be assigned specific practice times. Confirm with the team that they will be using the practice times. If they are NOT using a specific practice time, please let Ken Larimore (474-6804) know so that we can release it to someone else. If they are looking to change a practice time, please communicate with Ken ASAP.

Luncheon

The luncheon is being held on Friday, 9/3, at 11:30am at the Salmon Bake inside Alaska Land. Each team is provided 17 complimentary luncheon tickets. You will need to find out if they need additional tickets. The team will have to pay for any extra tickets. Host families need to pay for their own tickets. Tickets cost \$20 per person. You will normally be seated with the team that you are hosting. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is critical to find out if your team will need tickets in addition to the 17. Sometimes they will bring extra staff and need more.

Coaches' Meeting

A coaches meeting will be held after the luncheon. This is a mandatory meeting. Tournaments rules and any rule changes are discussed at this meeting.

Restaurant Information

Talk with your team about what kind of eating arrangements they are looking for. Are they looking to have the hotel cater meals? If so, they may need room arrangements at the hotel for this purpose. Are they looking for specific types of restaurants? You can provide them menus from varying restaurants. Remind them that we have a limited number of restaurants and encourage advance reservations.

As a host family, you do not have to have the team over to your house at any time. If you want to have them over for dinner, you should talk to the coach about this before to make sure you know how many people would attend and if anyone has any food allergies. Again, simply being here in Fairbanks as a resource for the team is enough, do not feel obligated to have them over to your house.

Tournament Tickets

As a host family, you will receive passes for all family members to access the Patty Center for all games throughout the tournament. These passes will allow you access to the hospitality room.

The 2010 Kendall Auto Nanook Classic Teams

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