



Hosting Professional Racers
2010 Glencoe Grand Prix
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Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some of the most asked questions regarding hosting riders in your home. Also feel free to contact the Housing Coordinator directly, Mark Niedringhaus (847) 845-6023.

Hosting riders in individual homes is a huge factor in recruiting these teams and directly supports GEF (Glencoe Educational Foundation). GEF is responsible for providing housing to riders who can't afford a hotel, If we don't find enough beds GEF will be forced to purchase hotel accommodations. Please help us keep our costs down by hosting.

The accommodations most often are beds or airbeds in guest rooms or on a recreation room floor. Following are the answers to some questions about what's involved in hosting:

Q: Will I have to feed them?

A: No. Hosts often invite riders to join them for a meal but it is not expected. They will need the use of the kitchen, (they will clean up after themselves). They will need the use of your refrigerator and counter space. Some may ask permission to use your washer and dryer.

Q: Will I have to provide them with transportation?

A: No.

Q: Will my home be treated like a Holiday Inn?

A: No. Riders stay in many different homes and they very much want to be invited back. They know how to be good guests.

Q: Granted, these are nice people. Do they have any other reason to behave well?

A: You bet. These are all sponsored riders and most are members of teams. They are very aware that they are representing those sponsors and teams for the entire time that they're in town not just when they're racing. They want those sponsors and teams to only hear good things about them.

Q: Will I have to have an uncomfortable conversation with the riders when I define the limits of what I'm willing to do?

A: No. The Host Housing coordinator is an advocate for both the riders and the hosts. You tell us your limits and we will pass it on to the riders. These riders are very flexible and gracious guests.

Q: Will this help the Glencoe Educational Foundation financially?

A: Absolutely. As stated above, Glencoe Educational Foundation is our benefiting charity. The funds raised through the sponsors support the programs at the Glencoe Educational Foundation.

Q: How will I know if I have been accepted as a host?

A: We will email you once you have signed up, either through the website or the Housing Coordinator, and notify you when host assignments have been made by email and/or by phone. Your guest(s) will also contact you shortly after the assignments have been distributed.