



January 4, 2012

Dear Host Family:

Thank you for agreeing, once again, to be a host family for the upcoming SBC Tournament, April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. This tournament would truly not be a success without volunteers like you that add that special touch to our tournament.

The Host Family program is a very important part of the event and truly sets our tournament apart from others. It is typically the first thing that is mentioned when participants reflect on their experience at the SBC. We are confident you will also find your part in this tournament very rewarding experience for you and your family.

In prior years, we distributed informational packets to each host family containing things like the game schedule, meal schedule, etc... In an effort to be 'greener' and use the technology we now have, this information is available via the tournament website – [www.southeasternbaseballclassic.com](http://www.southeasternbaseballclassic.com). If you have any problems getting to the site, finding the data you need, or understanding the schedule of events, please call me and I be more than glad to help out.

**Please try to make your initial contact with your coach in the next week or so.**

Below are suggestions and information for first timers or as a reminder to those who have hosted in the past:

1. Very soon, you will want to secure arrival time of your team (Out of town teams are staying at the Landmark.) Please make contact to introduce themselves and exchange telephone numbers etc...
2. You should meet your team on Tuesday prior to the team's departure from the hotel to Kellytown for hospitality night.
3. You may want to provide welcome gifts in their rooms at arrival. This is totally your call, but can clearly be appreciated by the teams.
4. Begin thinking about ways that you can extend our Hartsville hospitality to the teams and coaches. Ideas you might consider include setting up golf rounds for coaches at local courses, arranging for workouts at the YMCA, etc. It would be appropriate to mention these possible opportunities when you contact the coach.
5. All practice times at Coker, Byerly Park, or Strike Zone should be coordinated with Jimmy White.
6. If possible please plan to attend your team's games, their scheduled meals at the ballpark, breakfast at local churches, hospitality night on Tuesday, opening ceremonies on Wednesday night and the awards breakfast ceremony on Saturday morning. Most families typically prepare a dessert for their team for each lunch or dinner. (Note: Each team will only have two meals each day with one always being breakfast so you will need to prepare only one dessert each day)
7. Each team staying in Hartsville; will be provided breakfast beginning on Wednesday morning. All teams will be provided either lunch or dinner depending on the daily game schedule. This is only one meal that the Host family typically provides desert / food for daily. You are welcome to join your team for each meal including breakfast if you so desire.

Thanks again for all the help that you are providing to make this a truly unique experience for our visitors. All of you and your giving of your time is what makes this tournament unique and special. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information. You can reach me at (843)-861-1865.

Gratefully,

Gela Shumate



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