



BECOMING AN ENERGY CITY CACTUS RATS'

HOST FAMILY

A new era of baseball has arrived! The Edmonton Prospects, a staple in Alberta's baseball scene for 20 years, has been rebranded as the Energy City Cactus Rats! A fresh new look, a vibrant identity, and a renewed commitment to growing the game in the region.

"This is more than just a name change, it's a complete evolution of our team's identity," Pat Cassidy, Managing Partner. "The Energy City Cactus Rats represent the hard work, resilience, and passion of our players, staff, and fans. The cities of the Metro Edmonton Region are cities built on energy, determination, and innovation, and our new brand reflects that spirit."

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

HOST FAMILIES PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE

THE PLAYERS

Thank you for considering becoming a Host Family with the Energy City Cactus Rats!! Host Families play a crucial role in the summer collegiate baseball experience by providing players with a home away from home. Our roster consists of college athletes from across the globe who will call Spruce Grove home for the WCBL season.

THE EXPERIENCE

Hosting a player is a rewarding experience that benefits both the athlete and the Host Family. There is no specific requirement for what a Host Family should look like, whether you have young children, older children, no children, pets, or a pet-free home, all are welcome. In return for your generosity, you'll gain a memorable summer experience and, more often than not, a lasting friendship that extends well beyond the season.



WCBL SEASON

& PLAYER TIMELINE



Regular season

The WCBL regular season runs from late May to early August, consisting of 56 games.

Playoffs

The playoffs begin in early August and can extend to mid-August, depending on team success.

Player arrival

Player arrival is typically around May 20, with departures ranging from early to mid-August.

Some flexibility required

Because rosters can change throughout the season, player arrival and departure dates may shift unexpectedly. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding regarding these changes.





ABOUT THE PLAYERS

Age

All players are 17-25 years old and are highly skilled, motivated collegiate athletes.

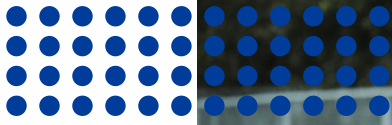
Interests

While they are dedicated to their baseball careers, they also remain committed to their academics.

Education

Most players are actively enrolled in universities and colleges across Canada and the United States.





WHAT IS EXPECTED

FROM A HOST FAMILY

During the 56-game WCBL season, players will spend about half of their time traveling for road games. As a Host Family, your main role is to provide a comfortable home environment, including:

Bedroom

A furnished room and an available shared or private bathroom (bath/shower access) for the player(s).

Meals

Nutritious meals either prepared or ingredients available for the player to cook.

Amenities

Access to household amenities, such as Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, kitchen, TV, and a barbecue.

Inclusion

Inclusion as part of the family—players should feel welcome, not just as tenants. Host Families are encouraged to involve them in family meals, gatherings, and outings when possible.

HOST FAMILY BENEFITS



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT 



SEASON TICKETS

Enjoy season tickets (for parents, and children under 18) and witness the amazing in game action first hand.

*15% OFF TEAM APPAREL

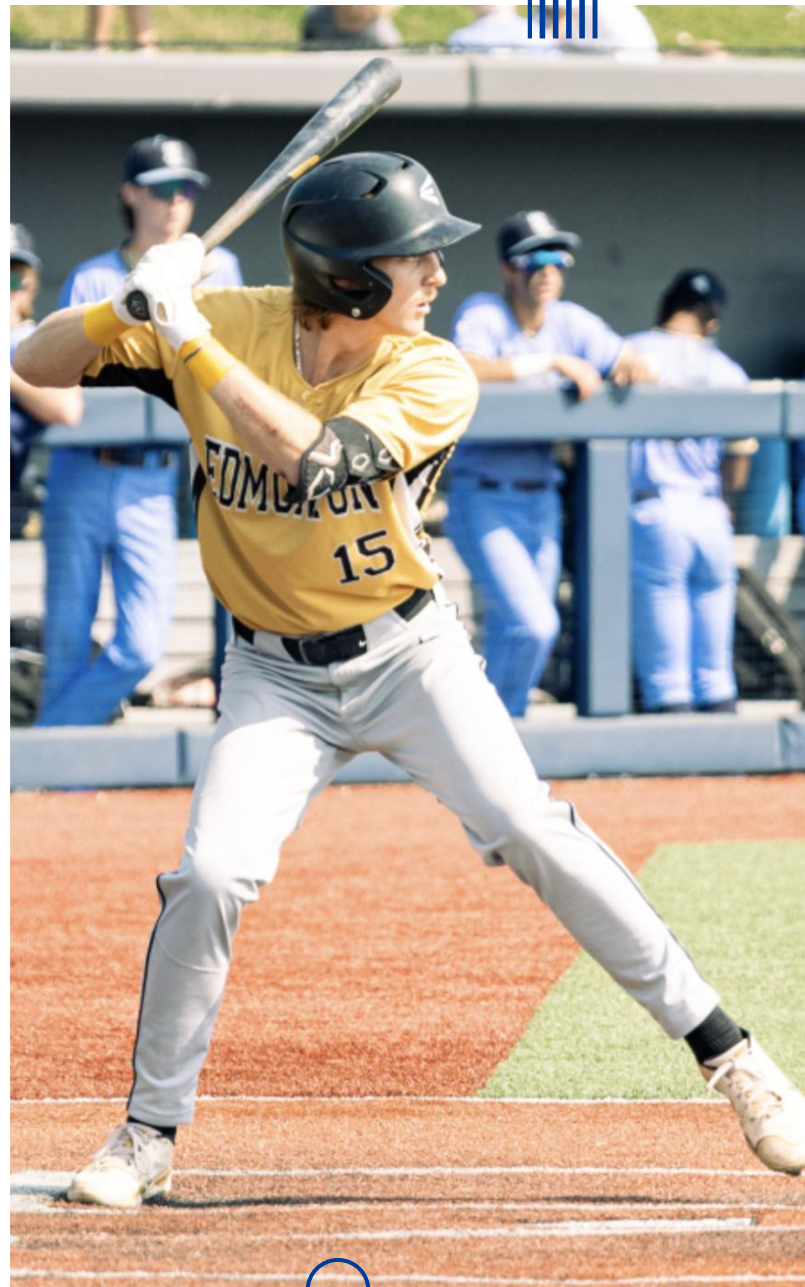
High quality branded gear that you'll love to sport at the games.

WEEKLY STIPEND

Host families will receive a weekly stipend to assist with added food and housing costs.

COMMUNITY DISCOUNTS

Enjoy discounts and coupons from various local stores and restaurants!



*Please note: the apparel discount code is valid until August 31, 2025.

SUMMARY

BECOMING A HOST FAMILY



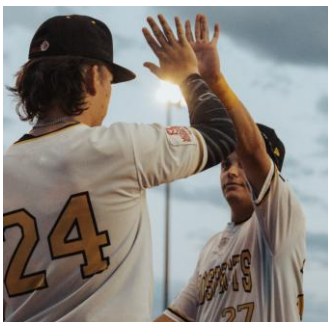
WCBL SEASON

An opportunity to play an integral part of the success of an amazing team and community



THE PLAYERS

Support the ambition of driven individuals who are dedicated to achieve their sports and academic goals



HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Welcome our players as one of the family, communicate the house rules, and please remember that games and practices take priority for our players



BENEFITS

Your support and dedication will not go unnoticed. As a token of our appreciation we hope our benefits celebrate this unique opportunity to say thank you for your valuable contribution



We understand that hosting a player is a commitment, but it is also a unique and fulfilling experience. Many Host Families form lifelong friendships with their players, making memories that last well beyond the summer season.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Cactus Rats and providing a home for these talented young athletes!

THANK YOU

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