

# Ohio Guidelines/Suggestions

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## INSURANCE

This is not an OMHA or USA Hockey sanctioned event, therefore Hockey Canada Insurance does not cover your player(s). EMHA nor Kent Cyclones Youth Hockey will be liable for any injuries or incidents.

Please get insurance for your family prior to leaving Canada.

## BILLET GIFTS

While it is tradition to bring your host family a gift, it isn't expected. It is your choice to give a gift.

In the past family gift baskets have been given, or just a simple gift for your child's billet.

Some examples are

- Canadian wine or beer
- candy or snacks only available in Canada
- any type of Canadian memorabilia (Leafs/Knights/Blue Jays apparel is always fun)

## BILLETING

Again while the point of the exchange is billeting, it is your choice whether your child stays over with the host family. There will be many chances to interact with the family at the rink, or making other plans to go out for dinner or hangout at the hotel. It is encouraged that you do spend time with the billet family even if your child isn't staying over. Families can be located 30-45 minutes from the arena also, arenas aren't as closely located as they are here, so be prepared to drive to their homes.

## KENT, OHIO

Kent is a small, University town. There are many shops and restaurants within walking distance of the Kent State Hotel. Also being a university town, it has a great nightlife! The arena is approx a 15min drive and is located at Kent State University. There is major shopping outside of town (Target, Walmart, etc) and Aurora Farms Premium Outlets located just down the road.

## GETTING THERE

It is a very direct drive from both Detroit/Port Huron and Buffalo, and either crossing will get you there within minutes of the other. In my experience, let the weather forecast determine what way you will go!

The hotel doesn't have on site parking but there is a parking garage located directly across from the Hotel. Parking is not usually included in your hotel fee.

## HOTEL

The hotel is located in a very central location. Close to many shops and restaurants also located close to the arena. It also has a pool for the kids who might not be billeting, and offers a breakfast in the mornings!