**Things you need to know to become a great student host.**

**Student Host Responsibilities for UNOFFICIAL Visits**

1. You are an ambassador of our athletics department! Your actions should reflect positively on the athletics department and GW.
2. You must be enrolled as a fulltime degree seeking student at GW.
3. You must read and sign the Student Host Instructions for an UNOFFICIAL Visit form EACH time you host a prospect. This form will be administered to you by a member of your coaching staff.
4. You may NOT provide or facilitate the use of alcohol, drugs, sexual or gambling activities to the prospect during the unofficial visit.
5. You may not use vehicles provided or arranged for by any coach, institutional staff member or booster of the University. NEVER allow the recruit to use or drive your car.
6. The only benefit that may be received by the prospect during the course of this unofficial visit is lodging in University housing for one (1) night and transportation provided by a member of the coaching staff or athletic department to view off-campus GW practice and competition sites along with transportation to an off-campus home contest.
7. Any meals and/or entertainment (all of which must be paid separately by you and the prospect) must take place on GW’s campus (e.g., Foggy Bottom, Mount Vernon).
8. Other than spending an evening in your residence hall absolutely NO other benefits may be provided to the prospect during the unofficial visit (e.g., meals, entertainment).
9. Other than tours of the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campus or our off-site facilities for baseball and gymnastics, you and the prospect, and those individuals accompanying the prospect, MAY NOT go off-campus for any reason.
10. You should not allow recruiting conversations to occur, on or off campus, between a prospect and a booster of the athletics program. (If an unplanned meeting occurs, exchanges of greetings are permissible, but in a polite way do not allow the contact to go beyond a greeting).
11. Prospects and their parents/legal guardians accompanying them on the visit can speak with your parents and other student-athlete parents on campus ONLY.
12. The prospect may engage in recreational or workout activities as long as the activity has not been organized or observed by members of the coaching staff and are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospect.
13. You may receive a complimentary admission (no hard tickets) to a campus athletics event, provided you are accompanying the prospect to the event and the event occurs during the unofficial visit.
14. If your prospect fails to abide by the above rules you should contact your head coach immediately.
15. Student-athletes, coaches, and staff members may not publicize an unofficial visit, including posting messages or pictures to social media sites (e.g., Twitter, facebook, Instagram, etc.)

**Prospects must be supervised at all times.**

**Recruiting Philosophy**

"...to assist a prospective student-athlete (prospect) and his or her family in deciding where to pursue an education, without the distractions of inappropriate or illegal behavior during a campus visit. The visit should be a time for mutual exploration on the part of the prospect, the family and institutional officials. Visits should be conducted with integrity and consistent with the athletics and academic missions of the University. The responsibility to uphold these principles and to comply with the policies is shared by all participants.”

**Guiding Principles**

- Prospects and their families should be afforded the opportunity to fairly and ethically assess their opportunities for academic and athletic success and integration into the GW experience. GW personnel should be afforded the opportunity to fairly and reasonably evaluate a prospect for admission and participation in the University’s intercollegiate program.
- GW is committed to operating the Athletics program with the highest standards of behavior and practices in all areas, including recruiting. All University personnel and students involved in the recruitment of prospects will conduct all recruiting activities in accordance with the University’s Recruiting Philosophy and in compliance with all applicable Department of Athletics and Recreation, University, and NCAA regulations.
- The athletics recruiting process offers an avenue to extend athletic participation beyond high school, but a more important goal is that prospects selected to be student-athletes at this University contribute positively to the academic mission of the institution and, in turn, benefit by gaining knowledge and tools through academic experiences and athletics participation in preparation for their careers and to become contributing members of society.

**Suggestions for ON-CAMPUS Entertainment**

- Take the prospect to an on-campus athletic or free student event.
- Take the prospect to the Mount Vernon Campus.
- Take the prospect on a tour of the Foggy Bottom Campus.
- Take the prospect to the Thompson Boat Center which is the home of our men’s and women’s rowing programs.