

CLJ Opening Day

Camp La Junta for Boys



Arrival

... for those driving their campers to camp

All campers please arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. As final preparations and meals are taking place before your arrival, please do not arrive early.

Upon arrival at camp you will be given instructions for check-in. Opening Day can be a time of excitement or of

adjustment for your son. To make it easier, we recommend that you plan only a brief and positive stay. "Short and sweet" is best -- please don't dwell on long good-byes. Let your son and his counselor make his bed as you are leaving. The boys' afternoon activities will begin promptly at 3:00, so we ask you not to linger past this time. **CAMPSTORE:** All campers will automatically have a Camp Store charge account (no deposits needed taken in advance). The Store will be open on arrival dates for parents purchasing La Junta clothing and at other times throughout the term (see "What to Bring" list for items available at camp store). Parents of campers arriving by special transportation may furnish the camp in advance with an itemized list of needed purchases. Store merchandise includes La Junta shorts, t-shirts, laundry and duffle bags, towels, blankets, flashlights, stationery and stamps. All purchases will be charged to a camper's account to be paid for on Closing Day -- we prefer NOT to take Store deposits in advance to avoid confusion. We keep our prices reasonable and make an effort to see that campers do not overbuy. **Please coach your son on his limit before arriving at camp, and let us know at the Store that day of any limits** (most boys spend around \$150). Necessities, such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and other personal items, will be available should campers lose or use up what they bring to camp. Snacks, awards, laundry and activity charges are all included in your tuition fee. Again, all charges -- including outstanding

transportation, or fax/email fees -- will be totalled for parents' payment on Closing Day. **Campers will not need cash for any reason while at camp.**

MEDICATIONS: Be sure when packing to make medications readily accessible as **all medications must go directly to the Infirmary upon arrival at Camp.** This includes **all prescription and nonprescription medicine** that your child is bringing and is accustomed to taking. **Each item must be marked with the camper's name and administration instructions (dosages & times).** Please pack a sufficient supply to last the term, and include prescription, "as needed" medication for occasional ailments, such as asthma, as well. It's best to be overcautious. We also recommend dropping off extra glasses and contact lenses at the infirmary (this way someone knows for sure if the backups are used/needed).

END OF THE TERM/CLOSING DAY: The last day of each term is planned to give each camper an opportunity to show his family some of the accomplishments he has made during the term. Closing Day is very important to each boy, so please plan to attend. Please arrive no earlier than your designated arrival time, below, as the boys and staff will be busy with final preparations. It is also important to each boy to stay long enough to receive his awards with his fellow campers at the Awards Presentation. Check the information below for your session's **Closing Schedule:**

First Term & 1B, June 28 2 - 5 p.m.
1A/June 15: 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Second Term & 2B, July 28: 2 - 5 p.m.
2A/July 15: 2:30 - 4 p.m.

4-WEEK TERMS:

First Term

June 3 - June 28

Second Term

July 3 - July 28

2-WEEK TERMS:

1A

June 3 - June 15

1B

June 16 - June 28

2A

July 3 - July 15

2B

July 16 - July 28

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P.O. Box 139
Hunt, Texas 78024
830/238-4621
www.lajunta.com

Optional Transportation to Camp

... by bus or plane



The best kept
"secret" of
Opening Day
of camp!



DEADLINE REMINDERS

April 15:

*Bus Reservations
& fees due

* Tuition Balance
Due

May 1:

* All Forms Due

* Last day to
cancel bus or
airport pick-up
reservation and
received a refund.

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As an option to driving your camper to camp, we do organize transportation from the San Antonio airport for any and all Opening Days plus chartered bus service for **Dallas and Houston** First Term/1A and Second Term/2A campers.



AIRPORT PICK-UP

Cost will depend on the size of the group we will be meeting. Anyone interested in airport pickup should **(1) plan a flight to arrive in San Antonio between noon and 1:00 p.m., (2) mail or fax your schedule to us no later than May 30**, and **(3) send us a check for \$80.00** (*additional cost, if necessary, will be added to your store account)

**** Each airline has its own "Unaccompanied Minors" policies. Please check with your carrier and notify us of specific needs for picking up your camper. ****

Upon receiving your travel plans, we will mail or fax a confirmation and arrange to have a bonded driver from Hill Country Limousine Service meet your son at his arrival gate or outside the Security check-point (depending on his age) at the airport.

TRUNKS

Some airlines will accept trunks, but please be sure to check with your airline at least a week in advance, so you may make plans to ship it if they don't. You may ship by UPS or DHL to:

**(Camper's Name)
Camp La Junta
1585 Hwy 39
Hunt, Texas 78024**

Please be sure to **SHIP IT AT LEAST 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE**. We will have your son's trunk in his cabin when he arrives.

BUSES

Charter bus companies are carefully chosen for their safety records and experience with children's groups. The buses are large luxury charters, fully equipped with A/C, VCR's and restrooms.

Each trip will be chaperoned by at least 1 camp parent. Camp families will meet the bus early on the morning of Opening Day at an easily accessible location, load trunks, luggage and campers, and depart promptly for camp to arrive between 1:30 & 2:00 p.m. Details of departure time and location, plus bus rules and policies will be sent a week or two prior to departure.

Space is still available, but reservations should be made as soon as possible. Please call camp as soon as possible or email cheryl@lajunta.com.

Buses are a nice way for new boys to ease into camp and make new friends, early, and a fun way for experienced campers to get to camp!!

PREPARATION/PACKING HINTS FOR BUS OR PLANE

All camper **MEDICATION** should be packed in a carry-on bag in order to be easily accessible to camp nursing staff on arrival (or given to a chaperone on the bus). Please make sure each bottle is clearly marked with your camper's name, type of medication, and dosage and that the correct amount of medication is bottled.

As you know, security at the airports is still extremely tight. **BOWS, KNIVES, scissors, fingernail files** and any other sharp objects should be packed with the luggage — they are considered weaponry and will not be allowed on board.

We recommend feeding your camper a hearty breakfast (bus riders will need a sack lunch). We will give them all an afternoon snack on arrival.

**Email your reservations to
cheryl@lajunta.com
Fax us at (830) 238-4888, or
call us at (830) 238-4621.**

PACKING FOR CAMP

Check List of Things to Bring

CLOTHING

- 10 pairs shorts *
- 10 shirts / T-shirts *
- 10 Pairs of Socks
- 10 pairs underwear
- 1 Pair Tennis Shoes
- 1 Pr. old shoes/water sandals (river)
- 4 Pairs of Jeans
- 3 Swim Suits
- 1 Pair Cowboy Boots (Riding)
- 1 Cap *

LINENS, ETC.

- 1 Trunk/Foot Locker
- 1 Sleeping Bag
- 2 Pillow Cases
- 2 Sets of Twin Bed Sheets
- 1 Blanket/comforter *
- 1 Mattress pad/protector
- 3 Bath Towels *
- 1 Pillow
- 3 Beach Towels
- 2 Laundry Bags *
- 1 personal fan (6-9", no floor fans)
- 1 extension cord (15-25')
- 10 clothes pins

***These items are available at the Camp Store.**

Each item must be clearly labeled with full name in permanent ink.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- toothbrush/toothpaste *
- nail clippers
- comb or brush *
- deodorant (as needed)
- soap, shampoo *
- sun screen & lip balm *
- pencil or pen, paper, stamps *
- pre-addressed envelopes
- 1 Flashlight & extra batteries *
- 1 Plastic Cup *
- 1 Tennis Racket

Note: New and expensive clothing is not recommended.

Please note that this list is the same for 2 and 4-week campers. This should easily get a boy through 1 week before his counselor does laundry.

CAMPLA JUNTA CLOTHING

Campers may purchase as many or as few shirts and shorts as they wish, with the request that they have 1 camp t-shirt for camp photos and Closing Day. Most boys also purchase a couple of ranch or other t-shirts and 1 or 2 pairs of shorts.

We will establish a charge account for each camper, to be paid on Closing Day. Parents may set a spending limit.

LABEL EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING: Everything brought from home, bought on Opening Day or sent to your camper at a later date, should be clearly and permanently marked with the camper's FULL NAME (many boys have common initials). Use permanent marking pens, iron-on or sew-on labels, stamp-pads, etc. We will mark all items bought at the Camp Store throughout the term. We recommend iron-on labels or stamps as they are easier to read and more durable. **HINT: order a name stamp, iron-on labels or stickers on our website. Follow the RECOMMENDED CAMP SUPPLIERS Link.**

... MORE PACKING HINTS

BOOTS: All campers taking horseback riding must have boots that have heels and that have toes which fit through a stirrup ("box"-toed hiking boots are not acceptable, but day-hikers may be OK). Campers will be doing a lot of unaccustomed walking which might cause blistered heels, so it is important that new shoes or boots be bought early to get them broken-in well before arrival to camp.

GLASSES/CONTACT LENSES: Make sure to send an extra pair for emergency use, and deliver them to the nurses at the Infirmary. **Have a replacement prescription available in the event of breakage or loss of both pairs (yes, it happens)!**

KNIVES & WEAPONRY: No knives (even pocket knives) or weaponry of any kind (including airsoft, paintball and water balloon launchers) are allowed in the possession of any La Junta camper, except where requested for the older boys in the A.C. program or cleared by the office prior to arrival for use in activities.

WATCHES, CAMERAS OR OTHER VALUABLES: The Camp is not responsible for expensive items that may become lost or damaged. These are best left at home. Disposable cameras are fine -- send self-addressed and stamped, padded envelope to mail them home for development. No digital cameras or phones allowed (see Policies).

ACTIVITY GEAR: Campers should bring their own **tennis rackets** (rackets and cover must be clearly labeled -- so many look alike). Inexpensive fishing equipment, SCUBA gear, and/or archery equipment is also allowed but not mandatory, as the camp furnishes all such activity equipment. Rifles are not recommended but may be specially approved by the Camp Director, and **bicycles, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards are NOT allowed.**

ADVANCED CAMPERS: Please follow the same instructions as regular campers for check-in and bring the following special items in addition to those listed above:

1. Heavy-duty, folding pocket knife
2. Hiking boots or suitable shoes
3. One pair of heavy leather gloves for rapelling
4. Pocket notepad and pencil/pen

NOTE: Try to avoid new equipment if you have access to used items. "Broken in" gloves and boots are the best and most comfortable.

New AC Food Policy: To avoid disruptions and promote a healthy, clean living space, AC's will no longer be allowed to keep food in their cabins. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD OR DRINKS!**

LUGGAGE: Campers are allowed two pieces of luggage plus a sleeping bag. Most bring a trunk/footlocker and a large duffel containing bedding & towels. There is no size or style restriction for trunks.

TRUNK/FOOTLOCKERS: This is a must! Also acceptable is a large, plastic container (Rubbermade makes one with wheels). Texas Case Company produces a custom, extremely durable (good for multiple summers) trunk with our logo on top, available in any color they sell. For more information, call **Texas Case (800) 599-5384** or find them on the web at **www.texascase.com** or linked to our site under "Recommended Suppliers".

*Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions.
We'll see you at camp!!*

New Policies for '07!!

Throughout our 80 summers, we have continually evolved a system of rules and parental policies, each one adopted to enhance the quality of the Camp Experience, camper safety and overall security. Please read and familiarize yourself and your family and friends with the following policies in order that embarrassing situations are avoided for your son and that he is safe and happy at camp. As always, please call us with any questions.

ELECTRONICS

While we don't view personal game players and music players as important, we do see their value for rest period and quiet times, and we do not prohibit them at camp. However, because of fire hazards, safety issues, and potential conflict in the cabin, we allow only battery operated, handheld game/music players **without video or wireless internet capabilities** — no large, plug-in systems. **To further promote cabin unity and an "unplugged" relaxing summer, we will be restricting the time, even during Rest Period, that electronics will be allowed. All electronics should be clearly, permanently labeled with your camper's name, so they may be safely held in a group safe-box when not in use.**

DIGITAL CAMERAS, CELL PHONES AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT: In an effort to safeguard your child and eliminate the chances of inappropriate photos being uploaded or exchanged on the internet, we strictly prohibit all varieties of digital recording equipment. All digital cameras, camera phones and digital video recorders should be left at home. Over 150 photos will be uploaded each night on our secure website for your viewing. Traditional film cameras are permitted.

SPECIAL MUSIC & VIDEO GAME NOTE: In keeping with a wholesome, family environment, **we strictly prohibit music labeled "PARENTAL ADVISORY: EXPLICIT LYRICS"** and all games rated "M" for Mature Players. Please help us by checking the music and games your son plans to bring.

IN SUMMARY . . .

The **following items are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated** and held for pick-up at the end of the camp session:

- Cell phones of any kind
- Game systems or music players that must plug into the wall
- TV's, DVD or video players of any kind
- Video iPods or other video MP3 players
- Digital Cameras
- "Parental Advisory" music
- "M" rated games"
- Any electronics with internet capabilities
- Knives of any kind or other weaponry other than those used for scheduled classes
- Airsoft or paintball guns
- Water-balloon launchers and balloons
- Water guns
- Fireworks or other incendiary devices
- Bicycles, scooters or skateboards
- Heelys or rollerblades
- Large, floor-standing fans or box fans
- Food, candy, gum or drinks of any kind

You MAY bring small, battery-operated game players, radios, CD players and MP3 players without video or internet and age-appropriate music; books and stationery; activity equipment, such as tennis rackets, fishing tackle, Lacrosse sticks with only soft, practice balls (tennis balls or foam balls), baseball gloves, foam balls and footballs, yoyos, and frisbees.

MAIL FROM HOME: Pony Express time is very important to all the boys, so please write often to let your son know you are thinking of him. For a fee of \$1.00 per message — limit 2 pages per message — you may send faxes and/or emails to the following: FAX to 830/238-4888 and EMAIL through CampMinder on our website, www.lajunta.com. Fax charges will be added to your camper's Camp Store bill; CampMinder will need a credit card number when you log-on for emails. All messages arriving before noon will be delivered the same day by Pony Express. **Everything mailed through the US Postal Service should be addressed to Camp La Junta, P.O Box 139, Hunt, TX 78024.** Please include his NAME and CABIN NUMBER on all correspondence to facilitate sorting (this information will be furnished on opening day).

PACKAGES: Numerous packages sent to your camper can be upsetting to his cabinmates. **PLEASE LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CARE PACKAGES SENT TO YOUR CAMPER TO 2** (this includes friends' and relatives'). We do not wish to cultivate an environment of privilege, envy or competition at package time; and, therefore we reserve the right to hold excessive packages until Closing Day, especially if they become disruptive to the Cabin.

Because of the constant potential for insect infestations in our cabins, we strictly prohibit CANDY, FOOD and DRINKS outside of what the camp provides (campers are given three balanced meals, a morning cookie break, and a mid-afternoon snack each day and a bedtime snack every other night plus special snacks on campouts and special trips. This makes plenty of goodies for everyone)! **Any packages sent with food will be thrown away (even Grandma's homemade brownies).**

****New - Advanced Campers:** To avoid disruptions and promote healthy, clean living space, AC's will no longer be allowed to keep food in their cabins. Special snacks for outings, trips and cook-outs will be provided by Camp. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD OR DRINKS!**

As indicated on the previous page, other disruptive or destructive, prohibited items will be confiscated or disposed of.

If you don't want to create your own package, please check our website for our **new La Junta Cool Packages** or links other care package companies which offer expertly packaged, "legal" care packages.

For UPS or FedEx mail, only, please use our NEW delivery address: Camp La Junta, 1661 Hwy. 39, Hunt, TX 78024.

VISITORS: The camp schedule does not allow for visitors. It is our experience that it is much better, emotionally, for all the boys if parents or other relatives do not visit until the end of the term. It is also a safety precaution for your child, as is our policy that campers are not allowed to leave camp with parents or friends for any reason. Camp tours for prospective families should call the office in advance to schedule a time which does not conflict with the camp program.

PHONE CALLS: The boys are not permitted to make phone calls and are only rarely permitted to receive them. They are very busy for the entire day and a phone call would require interrupting an activity. Because of this and the possibility of prompting some homesickness, in yours or another child, we ask that you not call to speak to him (please call the office as you wish). If it is imperative that you speak to your son because of family crisis, birthday, etc, meals are the only time for calls — 8:40 a.m., 1:15 p.m. or 6:45 p.m. Moreover, campers are only permitted calls from parents. Please rest assured, we'll contact you should your son have any significant difficulties.

ACTIVITY/CLASS SCHEDULES:

Individual class schedules will be made for each camper, based on his top 10 preferences marked on the Activity Form he completes online before camp. Realizing that minds may change upon arrival, campers will be given the opportunity to add/drop classes in the first week of camp.

MEDICAL CARE:

Inevitably, your son will visit our well-staffed Infirmary for nurse or doctor care, be it for blisters or bumps, headaches, sore throat, or his personal medications. Although we will not inform you of every bandaide or Tylenol, please know that our staff and pediatrician will provide the best of care and that we will contact you in the event of an over-night stay with the nurses or if we feel your son needs to be seen by a doctor.

EXPENSES/INSURANCE

Although we are not financially responsible for illnesses and injuries which occur while your son is at camp, we do provide - at no extra cost to you - a secondary accident policy for your son which will cover, with no deductible, \$2500.00 of accident charges which may not be covered by the camper's primary (home) insurance provider. Claims to a camper's primary insurance provider will be the parent or guardian's responsibility.

All routine doctor's visits (\$50/visit) and medications your son may need at camp will be parent/guardian's responsibility and applied to your son's camp account.

In the event of such illness or injury, parents will be notified promptly by the camp.

