

Camp La Junta 2004
Camper Behavior Agreement

We have always been dedicated to providing our campers with the best, safest and most exciting summer available. This summer we will be officially incorporating a more visible commitment to reinforcing good character choices into the program. It has always been an important part of our program, but we feel it is time to make it more prominent. Other than discussing and signing a behavior commitment much like the one below in an opening day cabin meeting, campers will notice little change in the normal flow of camp but will, hopefully, feel a stronger sense of our values and philosophy. This agreement will be a stronger base with which to build cabin unity and personal success. We've always viewed our summer population as family, and this summer we want to take a step further and have the kids see each other in the same light.

We think that camp, unlike school, is a privilege and that parents work hard to provide their children the privilege of camp. Campers should recognize, before they begin camp, along with the privilege of camp comes certain responsibilities of group living and good citizenship.

Responsibility is one character trait we focus on at Camp La Junta - respect, honor, honesty, integrity, perseverance, compassion are some others. To create the safe, wholesome environment that allows us to accomplish our goal of helping campers grow each summer, all campers are expected to accept responsibility for their decisions and actions - and sometimes lack of action. We feel this is a great life lesson and an important part of long-term success.

We request that every parent and camper thoroughly read, discuss and understand the following statement. You need not sign and return it, but we will base our summer program, discipline and counseling on the assumption that everyone has read, agrees with and can live by these standards at camp. You should also know that these same guidelines are required of our counselors and staff. We hope that these guidelines give you a sense of assurance that your camper will be surrounded by the best possible, positive camp environment.

**I agree with and I will abide by the following guidelines of Camp La Junta.
I also acknowledge that choosing not to do so will bring about consequences.**

- I will have fun and look forward to new challenges and activities.
- I will try my hardest to do my best.
- I will have a positive attitude.
- I will not give up easily.
- I will tell the truth
- I will not call names, tease, nor speak badly of others.
- I will respect others - their health, their emotions and their belongings.
- I will not bully others or tolerate bullying of others.
- I will follow the safety rules of Camp.
- I will not leave my cabin or group without permission.
- I will not use profanity and vulgarity.
- I will keep myself from physical conflicts/fights at camp.
- I will not deface or destroy Camp property or the property of others.
- I will make sure that any music, games, books or magazines I bring to camp are free of profanity and vulgarity.
- I will not bring or possess cigarettes, drugs, alcohol or any other illegal substance.