

# Policies for '09!!

Over our 80+ summers, we have continually changed and refined 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 cabin-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 (preferably, disposable) 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 to operate (chargers are OK)
- 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](http://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).**

**Advanced Campers:** To avoid disruptions and promote healthy, clean living space, AC's are not 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 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 (\$60/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.