

Camp La Junta

December 2020



The Tatter



WWW.LAJUNTA.COM - P.O. BOX 139 - HUNT, TX



A Summer Like No Other

Camp didn't happen like we expected, and yet, it was everything that we wanted and needed in a Camp La Junta experience. With the world trying to grapple with the implications of the COVID-19 health crisis, we weren't even sure camp was allowed to take place. But, once camp got the green light, we knew La Junta was too important to miss and we couldn't just sit by; CAMP HAD TO HAPPEN!

While we knew WE needed camp like never before, I don't think we truly realized how powerful the Camp La Junta experience would be this summer. We witnessed so many amazing moments shared between friends. The laughter in the cabins and around camp seemed to melt away the stress of isolated months prior to camp. The energy and excitement of activities was the perfect cure to the months of virtual school, no sports and video games. I have never seen camp more valued than this summer, when we were craving connection, freedom and outdoor adventure. We are looking forward to next year and are ready for another summer full of adventures, friends, laughter and fun.

-Scott

Life is Good, CAMP IS BETTER!



It was the day before Christmas and Santa was _____. In the cold winter, wind he caught a bad

Adjective

_____. He called Wrangler Dave to help save Christmas Day. "I'll do it!" said Dave.

Noun

He jumped in the riding truck and started to _____. "First stop, the _____." The reindeer

Noun

Holiday Location

were waiting to give Dave a _____, so he packed up the presents and told them to _____.

Verb

Verb

As the children were sleeping all snug in their _____, Wrangler Dave and Santa's reindeer appeared

Noun - Plural

_____. Straight down the chimney he flew in a _____, then back in the riding truck quick as a

Adverb

Verb

_____. At the very last minute, they reached the last _____, Dave dashed in and out quiet as a

Verb

Noun

_____. Then right at the break of the new _____, Wrangler Dave and Santa's reindeer were

Noun

Holiday Noun

flying _____. Dave shouted, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a great day!"

Adverb

Back at the North Pole, Santa was _____. All the town folk were _____, Santa shouted, "Hurray,

Verb-ing

Verb-ing

Wrangler Dave saved the day!"



Spot the 7 Differences

Kindness Challenge

Can you impress Santa and complete the Kindness Challenge? We believe in you!

Check them off as you go.



- ☐ Give someone a nice compliment
- ☐ Clean your room without being asked
- ☐ Write a thank-you note to your teacher
- ☐ Put food out for the birds
- ☐ Donate a toy
- ☐ Help someone with a chore

TO EARN 50 OFF-SEASON POINTS, COMPLETE EACH CHALLENGE AND SEND A PICTURE TO INFO@LAJUNTA.COM OR MAIL TO P.O. BOX 139, HUNT, TX 78024.



Bob the Donkey

Once upon a time, in a land half a world away, and over 2000 years ago, there lived a humble Donkey, not just any old donkey, but a personal Donkey hero of mine named Bob. As it always seems to be, some of you are gonna assume that he's a personal hero of mine because of his beautiful Donkey Yoga instructor wife and two fine sons. Although true, it's not the heroic reason. Some of you will wrongly assume that he is a personal hero of mine because, phenomenally for a donkey, he learned to spell his name backwards, almost as quickly as he learned to spell it forwards. But that's not the reason either. His legendary hero status arises from this story.

In those days Emperor Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. As you may know, many folks at the time did not live in their original home town and needed to travel home for the census. Joe and his wife Mary, who was about to have a baby, were two of those who needed to travel. Mary was in no shape to walk that far. Not a problem, thought Joe. He'd just rent, borrow or buy them something to ride across the countryside. He went to the neighborhood menagerie to find something to get them there. Joe asked a beautiful white stallion to take them. "I only ride royalty and the wealthy!", the horse replied. Joe inquired of a fine looking alpaca. "She's way heavier than I'm willing to take" he responded. He thirdly asked the Camel, "please hump us home to be counted in the census?" "Sorry", the camel replied, "I'm local only. No desert travel for me." Nothing seemed to be left except for one scrawny old donkey, Bob. Joe was not impressed. This poor steed would never make it, he thought. Poor Bob was often teased as too small and too weak looking. Few offered him the respect that his history had earned him. Few knew that Bob was much more the stallion, much more the worker, much more the adventurer than he looked. "What do you say?" asked Joe. "I'm your ride. You can count on me." replied Bob.

When the time to journey arrived, Joe and Mary started off. Mary on Bob's unsteady looking back and Joe walking beside. On their way through town, the horses snickered. The camels coughed. The alpacas shook their heads. They all agreed. There's no way that scrawny donkey will make it. Both Joe and Mary were nervous. Bob, however, was confident! Hour after hour, mile after mile, Bob never missed a step. It was as if he bore the greatest cargo ever. But, that was always how Bob operated. There was no task or rider too unimportant. No burden too heavy. No distance too far. If it needed to get done, he was gonna give it his best. Bob was your "man" (or your donkey).

In large part, because of Bob, they finally made it in one piece to Bethlehem - and none too soon, as Mary would soon deliver her baby son. By the time they arrived, there was no room at the Inn, only space in the stables. To the amazement of all, Mary's very important baby, Jesus, was born in the manger, the true Christmas miracle.

This is why Bob is a hero of mine. Not just because he delivered Joe and Mary to Bethlehem, but because his choices were not based on recognition or status or effort. His decision to help was based upon what was right and what was honorable. Be a hero this Christmas season.

Do right. Be honorable. Serve others.

Merry Christmas. Life is Good. Camp is Better. Boo Covid.



Stocking Stumpers

- Visions of what dance in children's heads?
Where was mommy when she was kissing Santa Claus?
What does Buddy the Elf put on everything?
What one reindeer is never mentioned in "The Night Before Christmas"?
What is Frosty's nose made of?
What does Rudolph never get to join in?
How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?
What is the name of the train that carries kids to the North Pole on Christmas Eve?
The best way to spread Christmas cheer is ...
What snack is often left out for Santa?

New Videos!

NEW VIDEOS ARE HERE!!!



Visit :



vimeo.com/showcase/clj2020

**To Check out all of the
Summer 2020 Highlights!**



**Life is Good, Camp is Better...
Especially when you share it with a friend!**

Refer a friend to CLJ and Earn 25 points, refer 3 and earn 100!

To earn points, share the names and contact info of friends you think would like to hear about camp. Fill out the form below, snap a pic and send it to cindy@lajunta.com.

Name

Parent Email

Address

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____