

Camp-Life Policy

Camp life: unplugging, while plugging in!

Why? Our experience is that campers benefit when they escape the constant barrage of electronics and get back to the roots of outdoor fun. As electronic devices evolve, their safe use cannot be consistently monitored on the grounds. Though the devices, in and of themselves, are not "bad," they do not belong at camp where healthy social living and safety play such a big role.

What will we do to help? We want to ensure that our campers do not even miss their electronics. On top of high-energy activities outdoors, our program staff promote strong friendships and healthy, engaging down-time activities during cabin breaks. We also organize cabin events and host games and tournaments during rest periods. And, our KCLJ radio station features kid-friendly, popular and silly music, which is playing on the airwaves at all cabin times, replacing the need for personal players.

What can you do to help? We encourage you to create and support positive expectations for your camper when it comes to cutting the electronic cords. Encourage him to "test drive" a few electronic-free evenings or days in the weeks remaining before camp. Talk to him about getting involved, interacting, and trying new things. Practice drafting letters with greetings, using adjectives to tell the story of a camp day and signing off. Help him with a plan to stay busy with replacements for electronics.

Go "Old School"

Send your guy to camp with plenty of books to read, cards, Sudoku, word search, puzzle books or games. Bring stationary, activity equipment such as tennis racket or fishing gear, tennis balls or footballs, baseball gloves (no baseballs), yo-yos, frisbees or manually-operated games. If your son has a specific need - perhaps required by school - please call our office (830) 238-4621 to discuss it.

These items are strictly prohibited and confiscated.

Staff will be visiting with ALL campers on opening night to assure compliance. Any prohibited items found, will be held for pick-up at the end of camp session.

- ▶ **Electronics**, including but not limited to: cell phones, smart watches, game systems, e-readers, mp3, video players and/or digital or Polaroid cameras
- ▶ **Hammocks**
- ▶ **Knives of any kind or other weaponry** other than those used for scheduled classes (i.e. archery, riflery)
- ▶ **Airsoft or paintball guns**
- ▶ **Athletic Equipment** Lacrosse sticks/balls, baseball bats/balls, golf clubs/balls or any other hard stick or ball (tennis balls are OK)
- ▶ **Water balloon launchers, balloons or water guns**
- ▶ **Fireworks or other incendiary devices** - including aerosol products, like sunscreen & bug repellent
- ▶ **Bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any other recreational equipment with wheels**
- ▶ **Large fans:** floor standing or box
- ▶ **Food:** sunflower seeds, candy, gum, drinks or drink powders of any kind



Continue to Read Carefully

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Letters and packages from Home: Pony Express is very important to all the boys. Everything received before noon will be delivered the same day. Please write often to let him know you are thinking of him. Also be sure to send him to camp with paper/stationary, pens/pencils, envelopes (pre-addressed for younger campers and stamps, so he can write home too).

Letters and Postcards

Please write often to let your son know you are thinking of him. Everything mailed through the US Postal Service should be addressed to:

Camper Name, Cabin X
Camp La Junta
P.O.Box 139
Hunt, TX 78024

His cabin number will be furnished on Opening Day.

Packages:

For UPS, FedEx or DHL, which will not take our P.O. Box, please use our delivery address:

Camper Name, Cabin X
Camp La Junta
1661 Hwy. 39
Hunt, TX 78024

His cabin number will be furnished on Opening Day.

To encourage healthy living and prevent insect infestations in our cabins, **WE STRICTLY PROHIBIT OUTSIDE CANDY, FOOD and DRINKS.** Campers are given three balanced meals, a morning cookie break, and a mid-afternoon snack each day. Additionally, we have fresh fruit available at all times, plus special snacks on camp-outs and special trips. This makes for plenty of goodies for everyone! Any packages sent with food will be thrown away (even Grandma's homemade brownies - sorry!). As indicated on the previous page, other disruptive or destructive, prohibited items will be confiscated or disposed of. **This includes Advanced Campers: Contrary to popular legends and rumors!**

La Junta Store Orders: Camp Store orders are *NOT* considered a "Care Package" and may be sent to your camper, while he is here. Please note that all items seen on our Camp Store website are also available for your son to purchase on site. His purchases may be viewed in your CampInTouch account.

Visitors: Visitors are *NOT* allowed during camp without pre-approval from the camp director or designee. This policy enables our counselors to spend more time with their campers, allows the camp schedule to go smoothly without interruption, and it also prevents homesickness. If you need to reach your son due to an EMERGENCY, please contact the camp office at 830-238-4621 and we can arrange any essential contact or a pickup if necessary.

Phone Calls: Campers are not permitted to make outgoing phone calls and **CALLING** to speak with your son is *NOT* advised. When campers talk to parents, it tends to create or increase homesickness. If you need to reach your son due to an EMERGENCY, birthday or another vital reason, please contact the camp office at 830-238-4621 and we can arrange a phone call. Typically, we arrange phone calls during meals – 8:40 a.m., 1:10 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. However, be aware that we only schedule phone calls from parents. **If an update is all you are looking for, call the office and we will be happy to give you a report on how your son is doing.**