



# THE LA JUNTA EXPERIENCE

~ 2012 ~

**Camp La Junta for Boys**

**Hunt, Texas USA**

## COURAGE

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...Theodore Roosevelt



# Old Fashioned Fun



Why summer camp? What is it about time spent in the great outdoors, with all your buddies, fun activities and no parents that could be so important? What is it about riding horses and shooting guns, canoeing the river and hiking the hills that impacts young lives so much? It's no mystery. The answer of course, is

the essence of summer camp.

With a century-old tradition, youth camps such as Camp La Junta spend the summer months changing young lives. Originally, as urban life grew, camping was simply a way to get city kids out into the country. Camps were loosely organized and very rustic. Travel to places like the Hill Country was difficult, so most camps lasted all summer.

More recently, as life has become more stressful and complicated for young boys, camp provides new opportunities. It is still a welcome respite from the rigors of urban life, but camp is also a place far from the pressures of urban life. There are no locked doors and alarm system codes to remember. You can play out in the front yard and not worry about drive-bys or pick-ups. Everybody plays and everybody's important. Nobody sells drugs, or even gives away free samples. There are no Fs -- not even any Cs. There's plenty to do everyday, but no homework. It's almost an ideal world.



In 1995, Dr. Peter Scales of the Univ. of North Carolina did a study which revealed the Seven Developmental Needs for kids to grow up and be successful. Summer camp is the only institution which provides all seven - in the same place, at the same time and in a well controlled environment!

Kids need summer camp. Kids need to be kids; and especially, Boys need a time and place to be Boys.

# WHY CAMP ?

FUN - CHARACTER BUILDING - LIFETIME SKILLS

## What Parents Say About La Junta:

For many parents, the hardest part of deciding on summer camp is making the initial decision to turn their child over to someone else - someone who will love their child, protect their child, guide their child and entertain their child as if it were their own. At La Junta, your son is our priority for the duration of his stay. We make this commitment to you as well as to ourselves, but understand that until you've actually attended you can never completely experience the depth of our commitment. We thought it might help to hear a few of the comments we received in the recent camp season.

Camp La Junta does what it says - it develops the whole boy. Athlete or bookworm can find a place and return home with self-worth and a feeling that something was accomplished by the individual or as part of a team. There is nothing better than old fashioned values, integrity and strong character. All of these traits I have observed at camp in campers, staff and within the camp program..

Lyon's Mom, Austin Texas

La Junta is a wonderful experience. He comes home walking taller, feeling successful and proud of his accomplishments. He loves La Junta - the friends, activities and the opportunity to advance in the activities he chooses. This experience will be with him always.

Scott's Mom, Lufkin, Texas

This was our son's sixth year at La Junta and he looks forward to camp all year. This is his favorite thing to do every year. Your staff are wonderful. They truly enjoy the boys camp experience.

Michael's Mom and Dad, Houston, Texas

John came home full of confidence and so high on life!

John's Mom, Dallas, Texas

His experience was the best!! He gains not only new athletic skills, but social skills and moral judgement. Self-discipline and especially self-confidence are also enhanced. We love you!

Bailey's Mom, Fort Worth, Texas

Ben loved his camping time this year. What we like most about camp is the fostering of leadership and responsibility at the same time working as a group to achieve a goal.

Ben's Mom, Dallas, Texas

Gary Loves Camp. The staff is outstanding. He continues to become more confident with boys his age and with his own physical abilities. .

Gary's Mom and Dad, Austin, Texas

## Our Foundation

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Camp La Junta for Boys exists to provide a camping environment which is moral, safe, entertaining and educational. We strive to provide every boy abundant personal attention to assure a unique personal experience which ensures his personal growth and leaves him knowing he's a successful, important individual.*

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

*The philosophy upon which our programs and structure are based is: "A young man should be encouraged to make the most of his mental and physical capabilities, thereby increasing his self-confidence and self-image".*



# OUR PHILOSOPHY

SELF-CONFIDENCE - EXCITEMENT - SELF-ESTEEM - INDEPENDENCE

## An Experience to last a Lifetime



Camp La Junta, an Indian word which means "The Meeting Place," was founded in 1928 to provide an opportunity for young boys to get away from city life - to excel at exciting activities, appreciate the outdoors, gain independence and build self-confidence and an enhanced self-image.

The Graham family assumed control of Camp La Junta in 1956 and immediately set about the task of refining the programs and improving the facilities to assure a complete and consistent La Junta Experience geared toward these goals. Horseback Riding and increased waterfront skills grew in focus.

Enrollment each term is limited and classes and cabin groups are kept small to ensure the quality of personal attention and family atmosphere necessary for the instruction and guidance for which La Junta is renowned. All activities are structured to enhance the development of close relationships between campers and members of La Junta's outstanding staff thereby increasing the opportunities for personal success.

La Junta's 200 acres lie nestled between a mile of crystal clear, cypress shaded, Guadalupe riverfront and the scenic rolling hills for which the Texas Hill Country is famous. The beautiful campgrounds are thoughtfully laid out, providing a sense of spaciousness yet convenience. Abundant cypress and oak trees provide a canopy of cooling shade on most of the grounds. Cabins are spacious, newly remodeled and comfortable, and each has full bathroom facilities with plenty of hot water. Typical cabins house ten to twelve boys, at least two college-aged counselors and very often a Counselor-in-Training or Counselor Aide.

The well-rounded program at La Junta provides each boy with ample opportunity to pursue his own interests while maintaining a pace suitable for his needs. Held in the proper perspective, competition is an important part of this program. In addition to the challenges of sportsmanship and individual contribution to a team effort, we stress the importance of challenging a young boy to meet his own personal dreams and aspirations.



### KEY PARENT QUESTIONS

#### Why should I choose Camp La Junta for my son?

With over 80 years of experience, we can confidently say that we are among the best summer camps anywhere. Our program has stood the test of time and has evolved in response to the changing needs of today's youth. Each boy has a unique schedule based on his age and preferences rather than remaining with one cabin group all day. We stress individual accomplishment over team competition. We remain "all boys", avoiding the social pressures of coed relationships. Our safety record is unblemished and our fees remain among the most affordable values in the nation! We are unique in that **ALL** facets of the La Junta experience strive to improve your son's independence, self-image and self-confidence.

#### What's the most important aspect of the La Junta Experience?

La Junta is well known for the strong sense of independence, self-image and self-confidence that is instilled in each camper. We ensure these successes by maintaining an all-boys program, retaining individual activity preferences and schedules and de-emphasizing head-to-head competition. Our program is designed throughout - from counselor training, to program director follow-up - to ensure the personal attention necessary from counselors to make certain that camp is successful, exciting, educational and rewarding for **every** boy.

## Independence

Camp-aged boys are experiencing some of the most difficult and frustrating times of their young lives. They are by nature aware of how others around them are progressing academically, physically and socially. In their school environment they often spend the bulk of each day in self-imposed competition with boys and girls in their classroom based upon academic, athletic and peer pressures.

At La Junta, we want to see our boys striving for improvement, and achieving on their own personal and at their own natural pace. Every boy has a need to succeed and to feel the appropriate emotions of victory and it is our summer goal to find each boy an avenue for attaining a sense of success.



# A Tradition of Independence

La Junta's daily schedule provides each boy with his own specific brand of enjoyment in addition to his own means of achievement. Activity schedules are coordinated to assure each boy pursuit of his own particular interests and aide him in personal goal-setting. A system of **Award Patches** gives each camper something to strive for, as well as a realistic gauge of success in each of his activities. The program is personalized to the preference of each boy. In the weeks before camp, each camper selects his ten favorite activities. Then, a schedule of classes uniquely based on his age and ability in each activity is prepared just for him.



La Junta has devised an award system for all camp activities. The camper receives a round patch for each activity in which he participates and a chevron for each level of proficiency he passes within that activity. Campers are encouraged to set realistic goals for themselves on opening day, and counselors monitor their success as the term progresses. An attractive board on which nearly 100 patches may be proudly displayed is provided to each boy as a lasting reminder of his achievements at La Junta.

Providing a way of measuring progress and success is the focus of La Junta's well-organized, thorough system of awards and activities. We feel that every boy given the opportunity to set his own personal goals and the opportunity to pursue them at his own level should leave La Junta as a more confident young man. Merely striving for improvement is among the most valuable growth tools available. A bright red riflery patch represents more than just the skill it took to score one's first perfect target; it symbolizes the character and discipline built while striving for self-improvement.



## OUR PROGRAM

INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS - INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES - ACHIEVEMENT

### KEY PARENT QUESTIONS

#### How are the boys grouped in Cabins and in Activities?

La Junta campers are grouped in four age divisions: the Wranglers (first, second and third graders), the Cowboys (fourth and fifth graders), the Tophands (sixth and seventh graders) and the Advanced Campers (eighth graders). All camp activities are organized by division. Boys are placed in cabins with other boys of the same school grade, however parents may request alternate placement. Each boy has his own unique activity schedule based on his particular skill level and personal preferences.

#### Can you accommodate special diets or special medication?

Our program is structured so that each Senior Counselor makes quite sure that specific needs or restrictions are met for each of the boys in his cabin. The nurses, as well, keep thorough records to assure that all medication is distributed on time and every time. Campers are served meals in cabin groups, and counselors are able to make certain that special diets are observed.

# OUR SCHEDULE

EXCITING OPTIONS - QUALITY INSTRUCTION

## Excitement and Adventure

### Activities

Riflery  
Archery  
Horseback  
Swimming  
Canoeing  
Sailing  
Climbing Wall  
S.C.U.B.A.  
Kayaking  
Fishing  
Golf  
Tennis  
Arts & Crafts  
Nature Study  
Camp Crafts  
Indian Lore  
Athletics  
Soccer  
Water Slide  
Challenge Course  
Go Carts  
Trailbikes  
Rapelling  
High Ropes  
Mtn. Biking  
Overnights  
Trap & Skeet  
and more...



The activity portion of the program at La Junta has evolved to answer the preferences, capture the interests and meet the needs for attaining success for your son. The curriculum within each activity has evolved from half a century of experience and feedback from the campers

themselves. La Junta offers instruction in 30 or so specific activities. While team sports are invigorating, they often lead to uncontrolled competition, so our emphasis is on individual activities. Our counselors are well-trained to fill each class with a good mix of entertainment and quality instruction. A typical swimming class, for example, mixes instruction on various swimming strokes as well as time on the rope swing, playing water basketball and at the rapids. We've tried to select activities which are specific to camp - ones which will not be duplicated at home.

Each boy has his own unique daily schedule independent of his friends'. Much of the unspoken competitive pressures of cabinmates disappears when they are not in direct competition throughout the day.

Each camper is encouraged to participate in all activities and to try many new things. However, each boy's daily program remains his choice. If a camper has a particular interest in a specific activity, there is ample opportunity to pursue that interest.



### Typical Daily Schedule

|       |                      |
|-------|----------------------|
| 7:30  | Counselor Meeting    |
| 8:00  | Reveille             |
| 8:30  | Breakfast            |
| 9:00  | Cleanup              |
| 9:30  | Personal Inspection  |
| 10:00 | Morning Activities   |
| 1:10  | Lunch                |
| 1:45  | Rest Period          |
| 3:45  | Pony Express         |
| 4:00  | Commissary           |
| 4:30  | Afternoon Activities |
| 6:45  | Dinner               |
| 7:30  | Free Time            |
| 8:00  | Evening Activity     |
| 9:00  | To Cabins/Showers    |
| 9:55  | Devotional           |
| 10:00 | Taps                 |



### KEY PARENT QUESTIONS

#### How are the activities scheduled?

Each camper selects his own favorite activities, and a unique schedule is created for him. Preference cards are mailed in the Spring and schedules are prepared before the boys arrive. Changes are then allowed during the first few days of camp. Campers participate in five activities each Monday/Wednesday/Friday and a different 5 each Tuesday/Thursday and Saturday.

#### What exactly is the Ranch Competition?

Although too much competition can be an obstacle to a boy's confidence, we realize that it exists in many facets of your son's life. While our emphasis is on independence, the "ranch" competition system is a way for each boy to be involved with a team. Each boy is a member of one of La Junta's two traditional "ranches" or teams. Occasional head to head events occur between the [Maltese Cross Ranch](#) and the [Running W Ranch](#), but the bulk of all competition is the result of individual contribution throughout each session. Thus, every boys' accomplishments are significant to the team.

### The Black Eagles

In the tradition of the Native Americans, The Black Eagles is an honor organization of young men who set exemplary standards for honesty, courage, bravery, cooperation, reverence, sportsmanship, courtesy and leadership. The Black Eagles are not merely the best athletes or the most outgoing campers; rather they are those who have won the respect of their fellow campers. Members perform leadership and service roles in many areas of camp, often assisting younger campers in difficult activities. New members are selected each summer to carry on the traditions of the Black Eagles and to wear the honored blue bead necklace.

### The Rough Riders

These are the top eight horsemen in camp; boys who can sit a saddle, care for their mount and remain in control over all types of rugged hill country terrain. The Rough Riders participate in a two day roundup, during which they cover many miles of ranch country, sleep under the stars, cook over an open fire, work livestock and exotic game and perhaps, most importantly take great strides toward becoming responsible young adults.



## Goals, Inspiration and Reward



Goal-setting and positive reinforcement are extremely important aspects of the La Junta Experience. A positive staff is very effective in encouraging those behaviors which are most desirable, and an elaborate system of awards offers every camper realistic goals which may be attained during their stay at La Junta. Our awards are varied in skill and importance and made well worth the effort and attention required to succeed.

Some very special Camp La Junta awards are presented at the closing ceremonies to the most outstanding campers for the term. In addition to the "All-around Cowboy" chosen from among the Rough Riders and a new "Chief of the Black Eagles", the recipients of the Sportsman-ship Awards for each of the age divisions are announced. While the All Around and Chief receive Silver James Avery Belt Buckles, a custom made La Junta Bronc Trophy is presented to the five campers who best and most consistently exhibit the attributes and traits of excellent sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Daily, three outstanding campers are selected "Cowboy of the Day", "Shotgun of the Day" and "Ranch Hand of the Day". Together they handle the flag ceremonies, and each leads a mealtime prayer. After rest period, the "Ranch Hand of the Day" saddles a horse from the La Junta string and delivers the mail on horseback to each cabin.

A hunter safety trip, all day ranch trip, twelve mile canoe trip, late night archery rabbit hunt, a Ghost Dancer ceremony, a Camp Craft survivalists trip and an orienteering trip are all available rewards for term wide effort in activities. Each week, a Manners Award is presented in each cabin and winners eat homemade pizza while their cabinmates look on and eat leftovers.

On Closing Day, each camper receives awards and recognition for events and activities in which he took part. A traditional "Awards Plaque" is presented to each boy along with his activity patches and other awards. This framed plaque contains a photograph of himself and of his entire cabin group...a lasting memory of the La Junta Experience.

At La Junta, much effort is put into providing an attainable goal for each boy in every aspect of his camping. Although not every goal will be reached, much will be learned in their pursuit and successes will last a lifetime.

## OUR SUCCESS

HONOR CAMPERS - AWARD PATCHES - SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### KEY PARENT QUESTIONS

#### How is your staff selected and trained?

Each Spring, five months is spent recruiting and interviewing prospective counselors. Most are college students and many are referred by camp parents and past counselors. New staff are selected for their maturity, activity skills and most importantly, a desire to work with young people. Our pre-camp orientation is focused on versing them in the potential difficulties they will encounter, skills for working with youth, as well as teaching new staff the traditions of La Junta. Our staff is well prepared for Opening Day and further counseled each morning during the summer on the ongoing camp opportunities of the term.

#### What is the experience profile of your staff?

Approximately 60% of our staff are returning counselors. About half are past La Junta campers and many have gone through the Counselor-in-Training program as young men. Normally, each cabin has one Senior Counselor over 21 years of age, and at least one Junior Counselor. All staff must be high school graduates or have completed our Counselor-in-Training program. An experienced Senior Staff advisor looks over each age group.



## Leadership

**Lawrence L. "Larry" Graham**  
*Owner-Director Emeritus*  
59 Years in the CLJ Family

Larry first attended Camp La Junta in 1948 while his father, Luther Graham, was running the camp's ranch services. Upon receiving an appointment to attend the Naval Academy, he left camping for ten years. After serving with the Navy Seals in active duty, and living three years in the Amazon River Basin designing and building jungle hospitals, Larry returned home in 1968 to take over as Camp Director for his father who was now owner.

Always an adventurous spirit, Larry set about refining the La Junta program to include many new programs and improvements based on his experiences.

His goal became the expansion of each boy's self-confidence through the exposure to and mastery of new and challenging activities. Through his innovative Advanced Camper program, he was able to bring the La Junta program to a conclusion that took an enhanced self-image and self-confidence and added self-reliance.



## One Common Goal



The permanent staff, which includes all the owners, are actively involved in every aspect of the camp's management and operation. Their commitment to excellence is reflected in the quality, training and supervision of the summer staff, a large percentage of which returns year after year to help share their La Junta Experience and assure our strong traditions. Furthermore, a vast number of young men, after completing their camping years, move into the counselor role through the Counselor in Training program.

Members of the counselor staff are carefully selected for their intelligence and maturity, in addition to their teaching skills. A sensitive, highly skilled staff and small classes encourage beneficial one-on-one, learning relationships between campers and counselors. La Junta's staff is carefully screened and their backgrounds checked to confirm that each commands a sincere interest in young people. Our college aged staff excel at providing stable and admirable role models. All are committed to putting their talent and energy into every aspect of each boy's camp experience.



The supervision provided all campers in each of their activities is paramount to all other aspects of La Junta's program. During all parts of the day...even free time...counselors are ever vigilant. In addition, enrollment each term is limited and classes are kept small to ensure the personal attention necessary for the instruction and guidance which La Junta is recognized. All activities are structured to enhance the development of close relationships between campers and members of La Junta's staff. An exciting part of the program is the exuberance that a well trained instructor can transmit to an eager camper. Many long lasting friendships are developed in cabins, and a lifetime of hobbies are started through camp activities taught by our special staff.



In summary, the magic and success of the La Junta Experience is the implementation of a simple formula which combines beautiful facilities, exciting activities, independent programming, attainable awards and recognition and an experienced, well qualified staff with 500 enthusiastic boys each summer.

**See for yourself...trust us with your son this summer.**

## THE PEOPLE

CONCERNED - SUPPORTIVE - ROLE MODELS

### THE DIRECTORS

**Blake & Cheryl Smith**  
*Camp Directors*

Blake joined the staff in 1982 as a Junior at San Antonio's Trinity University. After two summers as a Senior Counselor, Blake became full time Program Director in 1984. Cheryl joined the La Junta family in 1985 as a Senior Counselor and Riding instructor. After completing her degree at Trinity University she moved to Hunt and began to assume the daily operations of the office.



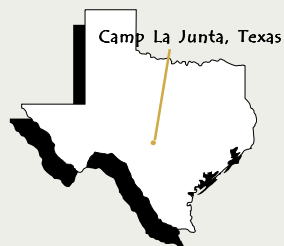
**David Domingue, Asst. Director**  
A former La Junta All Around Cowboy, David's La Junta Experience began as an eight-year-old camper in 1968. A natural horseman and outdoorsman from Lake Charles, La., David has missed but one summer, making the progression from camper to counselor to head of riding to assistant director in the process.



Hunt, Texas



Hunt, Texas is the new "Texas Riviera", and the old "Capitol of Texas Camping". Located at the junction of the North and South Forks of the Guadalupe River, some 13 Miles upriver of Kerrville, Hunt hosts thousands of young campers each summer. The abundant river, gentle rolling hills and an altitude of 1500 feet above sea level, combine to make the Hill Country climate ideal for a month of outdoor adventure.



## Heaven in the Hill Country



ceremonies), modern stables, 6000 square foot covered activity pavillion, archery range, covered rifle range and acres of open fields for sports and games.

Camp La Junta sits nestled alongside a mile of the beautiful, spring-fed Guadalupe River. The inviting waterfront provides numerous opportunities for adventure and activity as does the cool evening climate for which the Hill Country is legendary. The mile-long riverfront includes calm shallows for first time swimmers, our own inner tube and canoe shoots, swimming lanes, rope swing and separate canoe, sailboat and kayak docks.

The scenic grounds provide a comfortable, inspiring setting which blends well with the comfortable family environment and exciting activities at Camp La Junta. The numerous giant oaks and cypress provide cooling shade for our spacious stone and wood frame cabins which sit along the base of the La Junta mountain.



In addition to establishing a program and reputation on the leading edge of camping, we've established and maintain beautiful facilities and grounds to match.

There are nineteen cabins, all newly modeled or rebuilt since 1990, each with its own hot water showers, toilet facilities and generous bunk space for campers. The centerpiece of La Junta's scenic grounds is its modern, wood paneled, spacious, Old West Dining Hall. There's also an all-weather recreation hall complete with air-conditioning for the hot afternoons, an open air theater (for campfires, Sunday services and awards



All activities take place in large, comfortable areas, enabling high safety standards. There are modern tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball, soccer, football and softball fields. The Rifle and Archery Ranges are large and protected from the activity of main camp. The riverfront allows for separate swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, scuba, water games and fishing areas.

La Junta's meals are served in our new, yet traditionally decorated dining hall. The kitchen is the best around!

## OUR PLACE

SPACIOUS CABINS - BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS - SCENIC RIVERFRONT

### KEY PARENT QUESTIONS

#### *Are your Cabins Air-Conditioned?*

Because of the ideal evening climate in the Hill Country and the health benefits of a day of total temperature immersion, we have no cabins with A.C.. However, most nights, boys need to use a blanket on their beds and the temperature gets into the 60s. During the day, we feel it is much easier to head back out into an afternoon of activity if you're not coming out of a cooled cabin. Our Infirmary is air conditioned so that boys feeling under the weather have a cool place to rest.

#### *Do all your Cabins have bathroom facilities?*

Camp La Junta is proud to have private toilets and hot water showers in all cabins. First time campers are often apprehensive enough about a camp stay, without the added concern of a late night visit to a community restroom in the middle of camp. The close proximity of the facilities also allows counselor staff to monitor and eliminate many potential health problems often associated with modesty. Boys are required to shower each night before bed. Cabins and bathrooms are cleaned daily, and receive "industrial" attention once each week.

## FOUR WEEKS

When dealing with self-reliance and independence, time is an important factor. Very simply put, the longer we have them, the easier it is.

We find that after two weeks, boys have had a great camp experience, but have not completely immersed themselves in the camp experience. In a four-week session, boys become more dependent upon their cabinmates, their counselors and their own resources. While a camper becomes more independent and overcomes homesickness in two weeks, he becomes totally independent and completely beyond homesick in a four-week session. Both are great; four weeks is more complete.



# DATES & FEES

SELECTING THE BEST TERM FOR YOUR SON

## The 2012 La Junta Summer Season

In 2012, La Junta is offering our two traditional 4-Week summer terms and four 2-Week sessions. The 4-Week sessions utilize all aspects of the vast La Junta Experience, over the optimal time period, to assure that each boy has an exciting stay and leaves with a stronger sense of self-confidence, independence and self-image. Two-week sessions offer the same exciting program but are designed primarily for younger, first-time campers. The two-week sessions were created to appease anxious first time campers, while still touching on as much of the traditional La Junta experience as possible.

We are proud of the fact that among private camps, our tuition is most affordable. In fact, all Camp La Junta tuitions are **ALL-INCLUSIVE**, covering all special trips, activity supplies, laundry, snacks and awards. A registration deposit of \$300.00 should accompany each application, with the balance being due by April 15, 2012. The deposit is refundable before February 1st, 2012. No discounts are allowed for late arrivals or early withdrawals, except in the case of illness. In this event, tuition loss will be shared by La Junta and the parents. Waiting List applications must be accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit which will remain fully refundable in the event your son is not placed in a 2012 camp session.

Discounts are available for brothers. Call our office for details

|            | Term          | Opening           | Closing          | Ages | Tuition   |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|------|-----------|
| Four Weeks | FIRST TERM    | Sunday, June 10   | Thursday, July 5 | 7-14 | \$3900.00 |
|            | SECOND TERM   | Tuesday, July 10  | Saturday, Aug. 4 | 7-14 | \$3900.00 |
| Two Weeks  | Session One-A | Sunday, June 10   | Friday, June 22  | 6-11 | \$2150.00 |
|            | Session One-B | Saturday, June 23 | Thursday, July 5 | 6-11 | \$2150.00 |
|            | Session Two-A | Tuesday, July 10  | Sunday, July 22  | 6-11 | \$2150.00 |
|            | Session Two-B | Monday, July 23   | Saturday, Aug. 4 | 6-11 | \$2150.00 |

### Selecting the Best Length of Term for your Son

We feel strongly that every camper's goal should be a four-week term, and a vast majority of our current parents echo these feelings. The challenges of four weeks are greater, and so, proportionately, are the opportunities and the rewards.

Anxious first-time campers (and parents) are often hesitant of any but the shortest of camping experiences. Since 1975, La Junta has been offering shorter, introductory programs which allow young campers the opportunity to get a taste of camp life without jumping straight into four weeks away from home. After this short, positive experience, these campers most often return successfully for longer sessions.

At La Junta there are numerous two-week camp options. Sessions 1-A, 1-B, 2-A & 2-B all run concurrently with a larger four-week session, allowing first timers an opportunity to experience some of the excitement of a full session. Two-week sessions are designed to be shorter versions of the full La Junta Experience. Whichever term you select, we feel confident that your first La Junta experience will be your best summer ever!

## Capacity

Why does Camp La Junta maintain waiting lists rather than just accepting everyone who applies?

Simply, it is a matter of maintaining our overall program quality. We strive to keep a maximum enrollment of no more than 250 boys at any one time on the camp grounds. This maximizes the activity sizes throughout the day as well as assuring we have no crowded conditions for any camp functions. We have also determined the optimum capacity of each cabin. Sure, we could fit more campers in many cabins, but we choose to limit the number to keep the cabin unit and the counseling staff performing at the highest level. We continue our preference of quality vs. quantity.



# Planning Your Son's Camp Future



Unfortunately, we do not have room each Spring for every boy who applies for our summer programs. Each summer, a vast majority of current campers reregister for the subsequent summer. This means that a reduced number of spaces are

available for new campers. We have evolved a system by which we accommodate preregistered current La Junta campers first, then address new applications based on a family's registration date, previous waiting list status, brothers and alumni. Here is a brief explanation of how we will fill our summer enrollment each summer:

**Because they are already part of the La Junta Family**, first priority is given to every camper who attends the current summer. We give last summer's campers until September 1 to determine which session, if any, they wish to register. With as much as a 90 percent re-registration, this fills many spots for next summer. Next, we fill vacancies (always by age group and term) based on family registration date, and create term specific waiting lists with the remaining applicants. The most successful way to get your son registered for a summer at Camp La Junta is to **START EARLY** (at least 2-3 years ahead).

As ours is a true capacity based waiting list, someone must first cancel his place at camp before we can offer a spot to a wait-listed camper. Unfortunately, we never know if or how many cancellations will occur in a given term or age group, so we cannot accurately predict how many boys will be accepted.

**In order to assure that every name on the waiting list has a sincere interest in attending**, a \$300 tuition deposit must be submitted for a Waiting List application. The deposit will remain fully refundable or transferable if we are not able to place your camper. We strive to make this process as fair and "painless" as possible to all parties, and a wonderful start to each camper's La Junta experience. A detailed list of Waiting List policies is available on our website.

## WAITING LISTS

STARTING THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR CAMP

### CHOOSING THE PROPER SEASON TO BEGIN CAMPING FOR YOUR SON

WHY NOT SIMPLY WAIT UNTIL SPRING TO MAKE PLANS?

We feel that a successful summer camp experience is something that should be planned as far in advance as is possible within your family. This gives you ample opportunity to visit the camp, attend area camp parties, participate in Father/Son or family weekends and to prepare emotionally. Boys who attend with a solid background of preparation are most successful with a long, positive camp experience.

IF WE'VE WAITED UNTIL SPRING, IS IT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THIS SUMMER?

It's never too early or too late to place your name on the waiting list. The waiting lists are ever changing. Campers routinely review their summer calendars and look at other sessions or schedule other events and create movement in the waiting list. If you have the ultimate flexibility, we have been able to accept campers as late as the day before camp.

## BOYS

"The Best Way to Make Children Good is to make them happy."  
-- Oscar Wilde

"Children Are Our Most Valuable Resource."  
-- Herbert Hoover

"Youth Comes but Once in a Lifetime."  
-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"The Potential Possibilities of any Child are the most intriguing and stimulating of all Creation."  
-- Ray Wilbur

"Of All the Wild Beasts, the Boy is the Most Difficult to Manage."  
-- Plato



We hope you've learned that Camp La Junta is all about boys. Boys having fun. Boys winning. Boys losing. Boys laughing. Boys crying. Boys trying new things. Boys mastering old things. Boys playing. Boys getting dirty. Boys swimming and boys riding. Boys learning to be happy. Boys learning about life. Boys learning about living. Boys learning about relationships.

Boys learning about success. Boys learning about themselves.

As parents and directors, we endeavor to do our little bit each summer to make an impact on each boy as best we can, because a boy is all that You, We and God have to work with to make a man...that's the La Junta Experience.



# IN CONCLUSION

CHILDREN NEED SUMMER CAMP - INVEST IN YOUR SONS FUTURE

## A Great Summer Experience

### IF

*If you can keep your head when all about you  
are losing theirs, and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
but make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

*If you can dream and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with triumph and disaster,  
and treat those two imposters just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truths you've spoken  
twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
and stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings,  
and risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
and lose, and start again at your beginnings,  
and never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
to serve you long after they are gone,  
and so hold on when there is nothing in you  
except the will which says to them: "hold on!"*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
with sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,  
and - which is more - you'll be a man my son!*

-- Rudyard Kipling



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