

Important Policies

Throughout our 80+ summers, we have continually evolved 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 do not hesitate to call us with your questions or concerns with regard to any of the following policies.

ELECTRONICS: Personal Game Players (Gameboys, Nintendo, PSP): While we don't view personal game players as important, we do see their value for rest period and quiet times, and we do not prohibit them at camp. We allow only battery operated, handheld game players — no large, plug-in systems. In addition, "T" (teen) games will be permitted only for appropriate ages, and all "M" (mature) games will be confiscated. Please review your sons game selections before camp.

DVD and Other Movie Formats: While we do allow personal game players because of their interactive nature, we are asking that you not send personal DVD players or bring PS2 movies as they are not interactive and many contain situations, violence and language not necessary at camp. All players, DVDs, PSP movies, etc will be confiscated.

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 (see additional information enclosed). Fax charges will be added to your camper's Camp Store bill; CAMPMINDER will need a credit card number when you log-on. 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 Grandmas home-made brownies).**

Water guns, balloons, stink bombs and fireworks are also prohibited as they can be disruptive and destructive to cabins and camper property. We reserve the right to confiscate or dispose of any such items. **"Parental Advisory" music**, violent and adult games and inappropriate reading material will also be confiscated. **Please relay our policies to relatives.**

A.C. Packages: Advanced Campers (14-year old program) are occasionally allowed food, which is kept in airtight storage in their cabins. A.C.'s are coached that any food they receive is shared with the entire cabin. Again, we will hold their packages, including food, if it becomes excessive. They are allowed one small care package with snacks. Please no large quantities of food or drink.

If you don't want to create your own package, please check our website for links to a few wonderful care package companies which offer expertly packaged, "legal" care packages. **For UPS or FedEx mail, only, please address to Camp La Junta, 1661 Hwy. 39, Hunt, TX 78024.**

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DIGITAL CAMERAS 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 will strictly prohibit all sorts 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 are permitted.

STEREO RECEIVER, JAM BOXES, ETC.: Large, plug-in radios are also not allowed at camp. Only small battery powered radios or cassette players are acceptable, but again, **NOTHING VALUABLE, PLEASE!** iPods are discouraged because of their value and potential for sharing adult music.

SPECIAL MUSIC NOTE: As portable CD players and iPods become more popular with campers, so too does the growing influx of undesirable music. **We strictly prohibit music labeled "PARENTAL ADVISORY: EXPLICIT LYRICS"**. Please check the music your son plans to bring.

CELL PHONES are prohibited, unnecessary and will be confiscated.

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 Card he completes 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.



MEDICAL EXPENSES/INSURANCE

Although we are not financially responsible for illnesses and injuries which occur while your son is at camp, we provide a low cost secondary medical/accident policy for your son which will cover, with no deductible, \$750.00 of medical and \$2500.00 of accident fees not covered by your primary insurance. This should offset any family deductibles and cover all routine doctor's visits (\$55/visit) and medications your son may need at camp. This cost is covered in your tuition. We will try and file all medical expenses on your own insurance as the primary coverage.

In the event of such illness or injury, parents will be notified promptly by the camp and appropriate insurance paperwork will be filed by our office. All expenses are the parent or guardian's responsibility.