

# Texas Tech University Junction



July 23 – 28

July 30 – August 4

August 8 -10

## Outdoor School Summer Camps 2017



This summer, let your kids experience a STEM/TEKS combination of learning and adventure at the Texas Tech University Junction Outdoor School summer camp.

**TTUJOS** summer camps are designed for students who have completed the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your camper will be taught by TTU's Outdoor School Staff and Natural Resource professionals through engaging hands-on learning and outdoor recreation.

### ***KIDS experience a combination of LEARNING and ADVENTURE!***

- Learn about water quality and fish that live in the South Llano River
- Identify plants, birds, and native wildlife that share the 411 acre field station
- Watch stars dance in a dark sky and see the Milky Way come to life
- Learn archery, cast a fishing rod, paddle a kayak, and age a tree
- Build self-confidence working with a TEAM on low ropes course challenges

***Attending a TTUJOS Summer Camp will be the highlight of your summer!***

**Cost:** (includes all activities, food, and lodging)

- Camp # 1 / July 23 – 28 / (Sun – Fri) - \$725
- Camp # 2 / July 30 – August 4 / (Sun – Fri) - \$725
- Camp # 3 / August 8 – 10 / (Tues – Thurs) - \$370

**Register Now:** Fill out the 2017 Summer Camp Registration / Permission Form.

To hold your spot, a \$100 non-refundable registration fee must accompany the form. The remaining balance is due 30 days prior to arrival. You will receive a confirmation letter via email when your registration / permission form and payment has been received.

**Refund Policy:** Cancellations made 30 days prior to camp arrival will receive a full refund minus the \$100 non-refundable registration fee. Cancellations within 30 days of arrival will forfeit the entire camp fee.

**Expectations:** The first day of camp, each camper will attend orientation which includes behavior expectations and safety rules. We will emphasize the Student Behavior Guidelines. It is our goal to create an atmosphere where campers feel comfortable, and are excited to get up each day ready to learn new things.

All staff members are trained to handle behavior problems through positive reinforcement, redirection, and if needed, age appropriate consequences.

For additional information, contact Koy Coffey, TTU Outdoor School Program Director, [outdoorschool.junction@ttu.edu](mailto:outdoorschool.junction@ttu.edu), or 806-834-5625.



# Texas Tech University Outdoor School

## Summer Camp Registration / Permission Form



### Permission to attend:

I, as parent, guardian or managing conservator (circle one) grant permission for my minor child to participate in the summer camp being held at Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station in Junction, Texas during the dates indicated. I understand that participation of my child is voluntary and optional on my part. I am aware of the dangers inherent in-group activities. In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree to assume full responsibility for my child's safety and medical treatment. I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Texas Tech University, its Board of Regents, officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for personal injury including death or for damage to property that may occur to my child or to others as a result of my child's participation. The terms hereof shall also serve as a release and an assumption of risk for my minor child's heirs, executor and administrator and for all members of my child's family, and may be pleaded as a bar to litigation. Jurisdiction of this matter and venue shall lie in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas. I have read this Release and Hold Harmless agreement and understand, and voluntarily accept, its terms. The privilege to go on this trip carries with it the obligation for a student to conduct him/herself in such a way that credit will be reflected upon the student, school, and home represented. Correct dress and behavior for this trip will be observed.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Week: (circle one): **July 23-28** (Sun-Fri), **July 30-Aug 4** (Sun-Fri), **Aug 8-10** (Tue-Thr)

Gender: (circle one) Male / Female Grade: (most recently completed): \_\_\_\_\_

Student T-Shirt size: (circle one) Adult Small Medium Large XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ / No \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

### Publicity:

I hereby grant TTU Outdoor School staff permission to photograph my child and publish pictures taken for my enjoyment and for souvenir purposes. *I understand that by checking NO my child will not be included in any pictures.*

\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ / No \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

### Emergency Information:

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk. Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

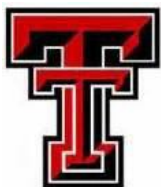
**\*\* If for some reason I am not available at the above numbers, please contact: \*\***

**(Name a friend, relative or neighbor)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of accident, sudden illness, or in the event that I cannot be reached immediately by telephone, I hereby authorize the attending adult to refer this child to the above named doctor, emergency facility and/or Kimble County Hospital. I further instruct the above named health care providers and/or Kimble County Hospital to grant my designees the power to act in loco parentis until I can assume responsibility. I further understand that just as at my child's school, medical care is my financial responsibility.

\*Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Medications and Special Concerns



**T** If your child is not taking medications, please write **NONE** and sign where indicated.

**T** ALL medications must be in the original bottle from pharmacy and dosage must be current.

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender: (circle one) Male / Female**

Please share special information about your child including asthma, allergies, food allergies, special dietary concerns, sleepwalking, nocturnal incontinence, allergies to bug spray, etc...

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☐ Check here if food allergies are so severe students cannot be in the same room with food.

### Directions for Administering Medications (Please Print):

Medicine Name and Dosage	Breakfast Time	Lunch Time	Dinner Time	Bed Time

**Medicine explanations:**

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(if you need more writing space, please attach a sheet of paper)

**I/We hereby request, and give permission to TTU Outdoor School staff, medical personnel, Kimble County Hospital and/or appropriately trained teachers to administer medication and/or aid.**

**\*Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor's special instructions (if needed):**

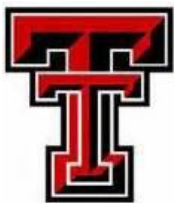
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**Doctor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_











## Summer Camp Student Behavior Guidelines




### Rights and Expectations:

We believe all students have the right to a quality outdoor experience. We also believe, as teachers, we are entitled to instruct students without interruptions due to inappropriate student behavior. Please sign below, stating that you and your child have read and understood the following guidelines, consequences and procedures.

### Guidelines for Students:

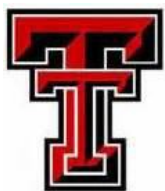
-  Will be attentive and participate in all activities to the best of my ability.
-  Will respect the rights of others, their property, and TTUJOS property.
-  Will not curse, use vulgar language, horseplay, bully, or fight other campers.
-  Will not litter, and only put trash in containers provided (inside and out)
-  Will be sure to take someone with me wherever I go, unless told otherwise by staff.
-  Will only use activity areas during allotted times, supervised by TTUJOS staff.
-  Can use mobile phones only at designated times approved by TTUJOS staff.
-  Understands that non-compliance of guidelines could mean automatic dismissal.

### Consequences and Procedures:

-  Students will receive a verbal warning.
-  If misbehavior continues, parents/guardians will be notified, and student will lose their right to participate in activities and possibly be sent home.
-  Campers will be dismissed immediately with no refund for:
  - Physical assault of another person
  - Damage, destruction, or theft of personal or university property
  - Sexual encounter
  - Misuse of university computers
  - Possession of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, fireworks, or any sort of weapon (including firearm or knife)
  - Bullying
  - Any other behavior that the Director deems harmful or unsafe to the camp

**\* Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Texas Tech University Outdoor School

## Junction, TX



### Summer Camp Information Sheet



The Texas Tech University Outdoor School is devoted to creating innovative educational programs. We provide a setting where children become engaged in the natural world and discover the joy of learning. We immerse learners in authentic, hands-on activities that stimulate imagination, develop a curiosity about life, and create an environment where we share discoveries.






The Outdoor School is staffed by certified teachers and staff who work to monitor and care for your child for the duration of their stay.

#### Why should your child go to The TTUJOS Summer Camp?

-  The TTUJOS Summer Camp will provide your child with meaningful science learning alongside engaging recreational activities.
-  The TTUJOS Summer Camp has designed environmental programs that meet state educational standards, incorporate outdoor recreational activities, and develop the leaders of tomorrow through teamwork and a community service project.

Students will attend TTUJOS Summer Camp for either 3 or 5 days. During this stay, they will become Scientists, Astronomers, Ecologists, Ornithologists, Aquatic Biologists, and Nature Explorers. Students will collect and record data using the scientific method throughout their stay.

#### Will my child receive excellent care?

-  Yes, facilities are kept very clean and dorms are climate controlled for comfort.
-  Yes, meals are nutritious and served by certified food handlers in the university cafeteria.
-  Yes, instructors will ensure that campers get their rest, and any special health concerns such as allergies, diet, medication, or sleepwalking will be properly cared for. Personal matters are kept confidential.
-  Parent visits are discouraged at the TTUJOS Summer Camps due to possible interruptions of scheduling and instruction. If you have an emergency or need to get in touch with your child, call: **325-446-2301, 8am-5pm.**
-  Send your child a letter; but mail early! Cards and letters can be sent to:

**Child's Name**

**TTU Outdoor School**

**P.O. Box 186**

**Junction, Texas 76849**



**1<sup>st</sup> Day Drop-off and Registration:** 12noon – 1pm / Cafeteria

**Last Day Pick-up:** 1:00 -1:45pm / Cafeteria









# Clothes and Equipment

**PLEASE LABEL all equipment and clothing with your child's name.** Students will be outdoors, so be prepared for **any type** of weather. Clothing for The TTUJOS Summer Camp should be rugged and informal.




**Bedding** – pack bedding in a plastic bag so that it stays clean and dry.

-  Pillow with pillowcase
-  Sleeping bag or sheet and blanket








## Clothing and Personal Items

-  Enough clothing for the scheduled days, plus one extra outfit
-  Long pants: jeans or other rugged pants.
-  Shorts: use of shorts will be limited by activity
-  Sweatshirt, windbreaker, or jacket
-  Extra socks in a zippered bag for the river
-  Closed-toe, durable shoes (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals, please)
-  Sleepwear (shorts are acceptable as sleepwear)
-  Extra shoes that can be used in the river (No flip-flops, crocs, or sandals)







## Shower Needs

-  Toiletry items: deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, etc.
-  Washcloth and towel
-  Optional: shower shoes or \*flip-flops\* may only be worn for showering

## Other Needs

-  Rain gear or poncho – just in case
-  Insect repellent
-  Sunscreen and lip balm
-  Disposable camera, labeled with student name
-  Hat/Visor and sunglasses
-  Plastic bag for dirty/wet clothes
-  Optional items
  - Flashlight
  - Letter writing materials (stamp, envelope, paper)

## Please do NOT bring:

-  Curling Irons, Flat irons, or hair dryers (we will provide hair dryers if needed)
-  Electronics: handheld game devices, CD players, iPods, iPads, etc.
-  Food (including candy and gum) or Soft drinks
-  Pocket knives or other sharp objects
-  Make-up, jewelry, nail polish, perfume
-  Large amounts of money

# Directions to TTU-Junction

## *from* **San Antonio:**

Take I-10 West to Junction exit 460. Follow Loop 481 toward Junction. Turn left on Ranch Road 2169. Follow 2169 to the stop sign at Flatrock Road. In front of you is the entrance to TTUJOS.

## *from* **Austin/Fredericksburg:**

Take 290 West to I-10 West. Take I-10 West to Junction exit 460. Follow Loop 481 toward Junction. Turn left on Ranch Road 2169. Follow 2169 to the stop sign at Flatrock Road. In front of you is the entrance to TTUJOS.

## *from* **Rocksprings:**

Take 377 North toward Junction. Approximately 5 miles past the South Llano River State Park, turn right on Flatrock Road. Follow to the stop sign at Flatrock Road and Ranch Road 2169. Turn right into the TTUJOS campus.

## *from* **Sonora:**

Take I-10 East to Junction Exit 456. Follow 83/377 South (N Main St.) into Junction. At the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. Turn right into the TTUJOS campus.

## *from* **Menard/Eden:**

Follow 83 South into Junction. (North of Junction this becomes 83/377 South.) Stay on 83/377 South until you come to the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. Turn right into the TTUJOS campus.

## *from* **Brady/Mason:**

Take 377 South into Junction. (North of Junction this becomes 83/377 South.) Stay on 83/377 South until you come to the 377 South intersection (across from Lowes Market), turn right at that light. Turn left onto Flatrock Road and follow to the stop sign. Turn right into the TTUJOS campus.

# Texas Tech University Center at Junction



# **Parent Information Letter**

## **Research Study**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to determine effectiveness of the Outdoor School program, and in particular, the TTUJOS Summer Camp, we are conducting a research study. The study involves students taking a pre-survey at the start of the camp and a post-survey at the end of camp. These surveys will not include student names and are voluntary. If you and your student agree, by signing consent forms, they will be given the surveys. If not, they will participate in alternate activities when the surveys are given.

The pre-survey was designed to show student's awareness and knowledge of certain environmental education issues and concepts before participating in any camp activity or lesson. The post-survey was designed to show student growth in their awareness and knowledge of certain environmental education issues and concepts. The surveys also include a section on demographic data in order to determine if there are any significant differences based on race, gender, grade level, and family activities.

Your help in the research study will provide Texas Tech University Outdoor School and the Llano River Field Station with data that shows program effectiveness as well as areas for improvement.

# Parent Consent Form

Thank you for your interest in allowing your child to participate in our research. This form describes the project and what kind of questions we will be asking. Please read over it carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

## What is the purpose of this research?

We are interested in learning how much your child knows about the natural environment at the beginning of their camp adventure. We are also interested in how your child's knowledge of the natural environment changes after attending their Summer Camp Adventure.

## What will be asked?

Your child will be given two surveys, one at the start and one at the end of their Summer Camp Adventure, asking a variety of questions concerning what they know about the natural environment.

## Are there any risks to participating?

We do not expect your child to encounter any risks other than those experienced in everyday life.

## Will my child's privacy be protected?

Yes! Your child's privacy is important to us. Surveys will not include your child's name or any other personal information that would allow someone to identify them. Data about your child's ethnicity, race, recently completed grade in school, and age will be collected and used in our group data. This will allow us to determine if trends in the data exist, allowing us to improve the effectiveness of future camps. In any report that we publish, we will not report individual responses, only overall responses for the group.

## Is this research voluntary?

Yes, your child's participation in the pre/post-survey is completely voluntary. Whether your child participates in the survey or not will not effect their stay or relationship with Texas Tech University or the Outdoor School.

## Will my child or I receive any compensation for participating?

No. There is no compensation for participating in the survey.

## Can I find out the results of this study?

Results may be obtained via email in the Fall of 2017. If you would like to see the results, be sure to provide a valid email address.

## Who should I contact if I have more questions?

If you have questions regarding this study, feel free to contact Koy Coffey / [koy.coffey@ttu.edu](mailto:koy.coffey@ttu.edu) or Dr. Tom Arsuffi / [tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu](mailto:tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu), (325) 446-230, Texas Tech University Center at Junction, Llano River Field Station, 254 Red Raider Lane, P.O. Box 186 Junction, TX 76849.

For additional questions about your child's rights, contact the Texas Tech University Human Research Protection Program, Office of the Vice President for Research, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

You can also call: (806) 742-2064.

*Print* Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature* of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Minors Consent Form

*(to be completed by the student)*

I am interested in seeing what I already know about the natural environment and what new information I will learn while at the Texas Tech University Outdoor School Summer Camp. I will receive two surveys that will help me determine this. On day one of camp I will take the first survey. The second survey will be given on the last day. After comparing answers, it will show me what I have learned during my stay at TTUJOS.

To participate in these surveys, please complete the following:

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(Students printed name)

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(Students signature)

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(Date)