

JCR Youth Outdoor Adventure Program 2007 Is Just Around the Corner!

It's already time to reserve your child's place for Joshua Creek Ranch's Youth Outdoor Adventure Program! Education and fun in the great outdoors are the keywords for this year's Outdoor Adventure Program as the participants learn about fly fishing, shooting, canoeing and kayaking, hunting, tracking, gamebird identification, and much more. And, just like in the past years, your child will have the added option of hunting for an Axis buck or doe! *

JCR's Youth Outdoor Adventure Program has made it possible for many boys and girls to stay at the Ranch for a week, enjoying hill country activities in a real Ranch setting, while becoming proficient in shooting sports, fly fishing, and water recreation. The participants learn the lessons that nature can teach while learning to become good conservationists and conscientious stewards of the environment. Hunter Education Certification is earned by participants 12 years and older, and safety is the focal point.

The program begins at 2:30 pm on the Sunday of arrival and ends the following Saturday at 9:00 A.M. with an Awards Breakfast followed by a shooting demonstration at the Wobble Trap.



JCR guide and 2006 Youth Program participant with the Axis Buck he harvested during his camp session!

- Session I – June 10th – June 16th – Ages 12 to 15*
 - Session II – June 24th – June 30th -- Ages 12 to 15*
 - Session III – July 8th – July 14th – Ages 8 to 12*
 - Session IV – July 22nd – July 28th – Ages 12 to 15*
- \$995.00****

**Parental permission is necessary for your child to participate in an Axis hunt. **Price includes loaner guns and ammo, fly rods and flies, instructor fees, lodging and meals.*

Joshua Creek Ranch

Youth Outdoor Adventure Program 2007

(Detach and mail with deposit of \$495 to hold a spot for your child)

Parent Name(s) _____

Child/Children's Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____

Address _____ (ST) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone Numbers (H) _____ (W) _____ (Fax) _____

E-Mail _____

YES, please send me details & an application. Enclosed is my \$495 deposit to hold my spot

for Session I _____, Session II _____, Session III _____, or Session IV _____.

Check _____ Credit Card _____ MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____ Amex _____
(3 or 4-digit security code# _____)

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

MAIL TO:
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Competition Shooting at the Wobble Trap, JCR Youth Outdoor Adventure Program

Bulk Rate
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When Spring Arrives, Keep Right On Shooting Sporting Clays and Continental Clays!

There need not be that "hunting let down" when the season is finished! You can still shoot to your heart's content, keeping your shooting eye sharp and your reflexes quick. Of course sporting clays are a year-round activity at Joshua Creek Ranch, and many of you are already familiar with Joshua Creek Ranch's challenging ten-station sporting clays course. But perhaps you didn't know about the Ranch's equally challenging Continental Clays course.

Designed to simulate a Continental pheasant shoot, Continental Clays are thrown high from a central tower, simulating the overhead flight of pheasants. The shooter rotates through ten stations located at our Continental Pheasant Shoot area. Continental Clays are a fun and exciting way to add variety to the traditional sporting clays routine, and for the wingshooter, it is an excellent training tool for those challenging driven pheasant events.

Whether you prefer the Ranch's traditional Sporting Clays course, the pace of the self-operated Wobble Trap, or the unique and new Continental Clays course, you're bound to enjoy yourself as you maintain your shooting skill and satisfy your craving for exciting shotgun shooting! Steel shot is required on the Sporting Clays course and at the Wobble Trap. Lead shot may be used on the Continental Clays course. Call for reservations and to inquire about discounts on Sunday afternoons, Mondays, and Tuesdays beginning April 15th.

Available April 15 – September 30

- ☞ *A.M. or P.M. Sporting Clays or Continental Clays and Lunch*
50 Targets -- \$33 100 Targets -- \$69
- ☞ *P.M. Sporting Clays or Continental Clays and Dinner*
50 Targets -- \$67 100 Targets -- \$82



Call for details about hosting your own sporting clays event or tournament at Joshua Creek Ranch. We'll be happy to help you organize an event for your group. Prices will vary and do not include ammo, taxes, gratuities, rental equipment, or trappers. Eye and ear protection are required. 12 and 20-gauge Beretta over-and-under shotguns are available for rent. Shooting instruction is available by appointment.

Shooting Tales



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"To cherish what remains of the Earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival." - Wendell Berry

Hunt and Habitat Report

After the wingshooting season opened at JCR in late September, 2006, we didn't miss a single day of hunting due to rain until January, 2007. And then the drought was broken by what seemed like an endless string of cold, rainy, and even icy days. The moisture was welcomed after the severely dry months suffered since mid-2005. But the frigid temperatures had even our guides from Illinois clamoring for some mild Texas winter weather. February and March are expected to be more like our weather -- good thing since we still have lots of birds to hunt and hunters to host!

With South Texas' sparse quail population, hunting at Joshua Creek Ranch is in great demand. If you have prepaid birds, please book your hunts promptly! Out calendar is loading up rapidly and of course, Mother Nature dictates only so many days we can hunt. The birds usually begin their breeding rituals by March and flight performance diminishes soon after that as nesting and molting begin. If possible, we'll hunt a week or two into April, but only time will tell if conditions will permit us to do so.

The Whitetail deer season wraps up at the end of February. We expect to meet our goal for MLDP harvest, but in the meantime, we're seeing an incredible Axis deer population with tremendous bucks in velvet. Hard-horned Axis hunting should be good beginning in April. The best hard-horned Axis have been harvested during summer months, so if a trophy Axis is on your wish list, book your hunt soon. We have a very special package offered, but only 10 of these hunts will be booked. (More about this Axis special can be found further in the newsletter).

For a brief time after our rainy spell, Joshua Creek was flowing nicely over all the dams, but gradually the flow has diminished and left only about one mile of the creek with moving water. However, we were able to have another trout stocking, so fly fishing is in full swing, and the fish are wild and wary. Plan to do some stalking when you come to fish!

Habitat around here isn't just for the birds, you know! We've broken ground on a new 2 bedroom/2 bath house high on the ridge next to the Porch Haus. Come hunting season 2007-2008, it will likely become our most desirable accommodation, complete with fireplace, porches, patio, firepit, and a panoramic, sunset view. Our long-term plan is to add similar accommodations along that ridge in future years. It's our goal to keep improving the Ranch for your enjoyment!

Axis Hunting Takes the Spotlight at Joshua Creek Ranch in Spring and Summer, 2007!

In The Hunt!

Four Day Axis Buck Package At Joshua Creek Ranch from April 1 – October 1

This package includes one Axis Buck, all meals, three nights of lodging, and transportation to and from blinds. Hunting license and processing are included. Success rate has been 95% with 33" average main beam length. \$2400!

ONLY 10 OF THESE HUNTS WILL BE BOOKED!
Beginning April 15th, add an Axis Doe for \$350 harvest fee (plus processing)!



To book a hunt or to get more information, please contact guest services at 830-537-5090 or visit us on the web at www.joshuacreek.com.

Spring Turkey Season at Joshua Creek Ranch March 31st – May 13th (Gobblers Only)

Spring Turkey Season is quickly approaching and more Rio Grande Turkey have been observed this year than ever before! With more than 20 blinds, a year-round feeding program and 1200 acres, there's plenty of opportunity for you to harvest a turkey at Joshua Creek Ranch.

You may choose to hunt unaccompanied or with one of the ranch's experienced guides. All hunting is done from blinds and the more time you spend there, the more likely you'll harvest a Gobbler. Turkeys leave their roosts at day break, travel their feeding route all day and return to roost at sunset. A patient hunter has an excellent opportunity for a shot. Spring Season for Gobblers begins March 31st and runs through May 13th. Call and make your reservation for the season while the gobbling is good!

Email us at info@joshuacreek.com to inquire about reservations, or call us:
Boerne (830)537-5090;
S.A. Metro (830) 230-5190.
Harvest fee: \$250/Tom
Guide: \$125 /half Day
Processing: \$30
Plucked: \$50

Add an Axis doe beginning April 15th for \$350 harvest fee!

(Limited to 10 Axis does during Spring Turkey Season)



Handy Spring and Summer Antiseptic Secrets!

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. And with spring and summer come bees, wasps, spiders, scorpions, fire ants, and a host of other stinging, biting, pinching creatures too numerous to name. What to do, what to do? Of course, the proverbial "ounce of prevention" is always the mandate, but what should you do when the bug bites, the bee stings and simply remembering "your favorite things" is NOT going to make you feel better? The answer: grab the Listerine! That's right, Listerine. Keep one of those travel size bottles of Listerine in your first aid kit, in your car, and in your backpack at all times. It's the "quick fix" antiseptic. Dab it (or pour it, depending on the intensity of the wound) onto the affected area. It will take the sting out, and help reduce subsequent swelling and potential infection. After all, Listerine is named after Dr. Joseph Lister, the father of antiseptic surgery. (It's more than just a mouthwash!)

Avon's Skin So Soft is purported to be an excellent mosquito repellent. And it's a product that actually smells good, while it moisturizes dry skin. How can you go wrong?

Finally, what do aspirin, baking soda, and bleach have in common? (Don't mix them together – this is not a chemistry experiment!). They are all excellent anti-sting and anti-swelling aids when Benedryl isn't handy. A crushed up aspirin made into a paste with water and placed directly over the bee, wasp, or scorpion sting will go to work fast to reduce swelling and pain. A paste of baking soda placed on a bite or sting draws the toxin out; and everyone knows that bleach will kill just about anything. So if you're in the garage or utility room and some ugly centipede crawls out of a dark corner and makes its presence known in the rudest way, grab the bleach. Pour it on yourself first, then the centipede. **Then call your doctor.**

You should always have some Benedryl on hand, either in capsule or topical form. However, some individuals can't tolerate Benedryl, in which case all of the above will help. However, if you're bitten by something you can't identify because you never saw it coming and if the area starts to swell quickly, if you feel faint, experience difficulty breathing or swallowing or both, and if your heart rate and pulse rise rapidly, **do not hesitate** -- and don't be embarrassed -- **to go to the emergency room.** It's better than going into shock!

20 Reasons Why Women Have Dogs Instead of Husbands

In the Winter 2007 newsletter we published a humorous piece entitled "Why Men Have 2 Dogs Instead of 2 Wives." In the spirit of fun, an astute reader sent this "rebuttal" and observed that what is good for the gander is also good for the goose. Therefore, with a hearty nod toward egalitarianism, we're proud to present the other side of the issue!

1. Dogs do not have problems expressing affection in public.
2. Dogs miss you when you're gone.
3. Dogs feel guilty when they've done something wrong.
4. Dogs don't criticize your friends.
5. Dogs let you know when they're jealous.
6. Dogs don't feel threatened by your intelligence.
7. Dogs can't feel threatened if you earn more than they do.
8. Dogs never complain about dinner.
9. Dogs understand what "no" and what "get down" mean.
10. Dogs don't worry about losing their hair.
11. You can house train a dog.
12. Middle-aged dogs don't feel the need to abandon you for a younger owner.
13. Dogs don't mind if you do all the driving.
14. Dogs don't step on the imaginary brake.
15. Dogs admit it when they're lost; they will search for someone who will help them find their way.
16. Another woman will seldom steal your dog.
17. Dogs don't use the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue to make you feel unattractive.
18. Dogs like to go shopping with you; in fact, dogs like to go just about everywhere with you!
19. Dogs don't mind meeting your mother.
- And last, but not least:**
20. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.



Third Annual "Casting for Recovery" Fly Fishing Clinic At Joshua Creek Ranch, April 20th, 21st, and 22nd!

Casting For Recovery's Third Annual Texas Fly Fishing Clinic 2007 will be held at Joshua Creek Ranch, as 14 participants and 11 staff members come together to learn the healing, therapeutic, and lively sport of fly fishing for rainbow trout and native Guadalupe River fish! Casting for Recovery is a nonprofit organization that provides free weekend support and educational retreats for women of all ages and in all stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery. The program is unique in that the curriculum incorporates the elements of fly fishing to promote physical and mental healing. It is an opportunity to experience a true respite from everyday surroundings and routines. The focus is on wellness, learning, and empowerment. Fly fishing provides stress relief and promotes a sense of calm. The casting motion provides gentle exercise for joint and soft tissue stretching. The social interactions offer women a chance to share, laugh, vent and rejuvenate. Women trained specifically as staff for the program attend each retreat; the staff comprises medical and psychosocial professionals, as well as fly fishing instructors. Comfortable accommodations and healthy meals in a beautiful surrounding are provided along with all the necessary fishing gear.

Orvis and Casting for Recovery

Founded in 1966, Casting for Recovery has been offering free retreats across the country for breast cancer survivors. Orvis maintains a corporate sponsorship role with Casting for Recovery and is immensely proud of the founding role it played in supporting Casting for Recovery. Orvis has also played a key role in advertising for CFR in its catalogs, retail establishments, and on its web site. Orvis also advertises a matching grant program whereby the company helps raise \$50,000 a year for CFR. Joshua Creek Ranch is particularly proud and honored to have been selected by CFR to be the Texas host for this wonderful retreat, the only one of its kind held in Texas!



Casting for Recovery 2006 Staff and Participants at Joshua Creek Ranch

Announcements!

Doubles Only!

Effective immediately, Joshua Creek Ranch will allow double shot guns only. No automatics or pumps will be allowed for wingshooting on the Ranch. This is for safety reasons and safety is paramount at Joshua Creek Ranch!

Taxidermy!

Joshua Creek Ranch has taxidermy for sale in the Pro Shop and in the Main Lodge! We have some beautiful pheasant, chukar, and quail mounts in the Pro Shop and larger fox and bobcat mounts on display in the Main Lodge. The bobcats and the fox (both grey and red) are depicted with prey or in the act of capturing prey. Any of these mounts would make a great addition to your den, game room or office!