

# JCR Gears Up for Youth Outdoor Adventure Program 2007

The Joshua Creek Ranch Youth Outdoor Adventure Program has become so popular that we have added a fourth session for 2007! (See the dates below). The 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. They also have the option to participate in an \*Axis deer hunt. They 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 am with an Awards breakfast followed by a shooting demonstration at the Wobble Trap.



*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 23rd – 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.*

*Eugenio Duron shows off the Axis buck he took during JCR's Youth Outdoor Adventure Program, July, 2006.*

## Joshua Creek Ranch

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Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit # 6  
Waring, TX

## The Rainbows Made it to the Ranch!

There was some doubt that we'd actually have trout in October because of the drought we experienced throughout the summer. However, we had some timely rains, and the creek has been revitalized! We still need more rain to get the water flowing, but since we dredged the creek bed this summer to remove several feet of debris, gravel, and silt, the water depth is excellent and the temperature is ideal. Therefore, we can announce that we now have trout and they're doing well! The cooler temperatures have made them feisty. Be sure to bring your fly fishing gear when you visit the Ranch for a bird hunt and do a little fly fishing before, after, or between your hunts while you're here. Fly fishing is free if you're hunting! And as always, if you need help developing your fly fishing skills, an instructor or a guide is just a phone call away. Instruction starts at \$175 for one fisherman and \$125 for each additional fisherman up to a total of eight. The guide provides gear and flies. Price includes fishing privileges. Fly fishing is catch and release only through the end of April. Non-fishing companions or guests are always welcome at Joshua Creek Ranch. Non-fishing guests enjoy all meals and lodging at \$195/person during High Season (and \$90 during Low Season) for a 24-hour stay. Of course, unguided fly fishing for members is always FREE!



### Non-Member Fly Fishing Packages for Rainbow Trout

- ☞ ½ day fly fishing (unguided), includes beverage bar & lunch, \$90. Low season, \$60.
- ☞ 1 day fly fishing (unguided), includes beverage bar & lunch, \$145. Low season, \$85.
- ☞ One and two-day fly fishing packages with meals and lodging start at \$285, high season; \$165, low season. (Guided packages begin at \$290, high or low season).

*Ken Bisset, pictured here with his brother-in-law, JCR guide Jesse Grace, shows off a beautiful Rainbow Trout he caught in the waters of Joshua Creek Ranch!*

# Shooting Tales



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*"In wildness is the preservation of the world." Thoreau*

## Hunt and Habitat Report

It seems like every time we enlist your help for rain at Joshua Creek Ranch, we get some. We asked in our Fall '06 newsletter and we received strategically timed rains throughout September. Amounts were adequate to quench the thirsty cover crops and pasture grass, but not so much that we had any flooding along the sensitive Joshua Creek banks where we'd cleared debris and gravel deposited by the big flood of 2002. After the long, hot summer, that September rainfall gave the pasture grasses and milo a growth spurt that left them in good condition before temperatures started cooling down and growth slowed. But we need more rain, so give your proven persuasive ability with the powers that be. We're asking again for your prayers, dances, chants, etc. for rain soon at Joshua Creek Ranch.

Joshua Creek is flowing from above the Ranch entrance down to Joseph's Lake below the Main Lodge. It's cold, too, so trout have been stocked and are giving fly fishermen a spirited fight. With just a few inches of rain, the creek should be flowing with enough volume to reach the Guadalupe River.

Whitetail deer harvest is excellent so far this season. With over 20 blinds in a variety of habitat, hunters have been very successful in both early morning and evening hunts. Remember, Joshua Creek Ranch has Managed Land Deer Permits (MLDPs), so you never need to use your whitetail tags here. You can load up your freezer with venison from the Ranch and still have your tags for harvests at other ranches you may be hunting.

Reports have come to us from hunters, guides, and bird breeders that quail in South Texas are scarce this year. We're already getting requests for extra hunts from existing members and inquiries for hunts from member prospects weary of the unpredictability of the South Texas quail season. Bottom line: Book your hunts now for your preferred dates. The JCR season will soon be half over!

Your feedback from your experience at Joshua Creek Ranch is very important to us. For example, some guests have said they'd like to be presented more birds. We're delighted to do that, so you can expect that question to come up when you book your next hunt. Please complete a comment card at the end of your visit. Your suggestions contribute to our improvements.

*Happy Holidays to all of you from all of us at JCR!*

## 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:  
 Joshua Creek Ranch  
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*Competition Shooting at the Wobble Trap, JCR Youth Outdoor Adventure Program*

## Stewardship Comes With Ownership

### Joshua Creek Ranch Sets Aside Another Parcel of Land Under a Conservation Easement

It is Thanksgiving weekend and I write this as I sit in a deer blind on a gloriously clear and mild evening, watching the sinking sun cast a fiery glow on the gold and red leaves of cedar elm and Spanish oak trees. I'm content to simply watch as the deer step from the thick cedar shadows into the waves of windswept grasses that blanket the hillsides down to the edge of the bright green oat fields. The dirt road that cuts through the grass is speckled with pheasant, quail, and chukar that have abandoned their cover to eat their fill of the milo flung generously for them at the edge of the road, risking detection by the sharp eyes of the hawks soaring high overhead.



I have three views of this spectacular scene: awe at the wondrous and miraculous balance of nature as it was created; satisfaction that under the protection of our conservation easement it will always remain as it is; and gratitude that we have been blessed beyond measure and can thus give away the potential gains from development of this land. By the end of 2006, 40% of Joshua Creek Ranch, including all of our Guadalupe River frontage, will be under conservation easements, ensuring its preservation as wildlife habitat into perpetuity.

For the opportunity to give this legacy to our descendants and to future generations of hunters and conservationists, Joe and I are eternally grateful to God.

Ann Kercheville

**NOTE: Kendall County, Texas continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in Texas and in the nation!**

## Bronze Sculpture Given to Joshua Creek Ranch

When we opened Joshua Creek Ranch in 1990, we anticipated creating a wingshooting destination extraordinaire. What we forgot to anticipate was all of the friends we would make; friends with whom we've gone on to share hunting and fishing ventures and an enthusiasm for related fields like outdoor writers' stories, photos, wildlife and sporting art.

Recently, Bob and Mary Woodward, friends and Joshua Creek Ranch members, in their enthusiasm for wingshooting and art, commissioned sculptor, Tom Moss, of Ingram, Texas, to create a bronze in honor of Kelly, their extraordinary German Shorthaired pointer and faithful companion. Tom captured Kelly's energy and spirit perfectly, and the Woodwards have graciously shared this treasure by giving Joshua Creek Ranch one of the bronze sculptures. We're proud to display "Kelly" in our Main Lodge and invite all our other friends and guests to enjoy her with us!

From all of us at Joshua Creek Ranch, "Thank you, Bob and Mary."

**Bob Woodward, JCR member and our Doubles Club dominator, with the bronze sculpture of his beloved and lively German Shorthaired Pointer, Kelly, and the REAL Kelly. The piece was done by renown artist and sculptor, Tom Moss, of Ingram, Texas.**



## There's Something New About Lodge at River's Edge!

The interior of the Lodge has been completely remodeled from top to bottom. There is wireless Internet access, new carpet and draperies, all new bathrooms, high ceilings, cable TV & DVD players, We're excited about our new look and we can't wait for you to come and experience the luxurious AND cozy ambience of Lodge at River's Edge.

Along with our new look, we have a new operating structure! Imagine how much fun it would be to share the Lodge with your own family, friends, and/or business associates? Imagine sharing the fun of skiing, fly fishing, hiking, biking, shopping and dining together in the awesome Roaring Fork Valley! Now you can! Rent the whole 5 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath house (sleeps up to 14), plus a fully furnished kitchen, gas grill, and new hot tub! If you don't need all 5 bedrooms, you can rent just three or four and still have exclusive use of the entire remainder of the Lodge. Or, if you're looking for something even smaller, rent the Cabin. It sleeps up to 4, with one bedroom and a loft. Each place is yours, from top to bottom, inside and out!

If you desire meals at the Lodge or Cabin during your stay, but don't want to cook, we can recommend a chef who'll meet your culinary needs. Or, if you don't mind cooking, but don't want to spend your precious time grocery shopping along the way or when you arrive, just send us a grocery list and we can stock your preferred items in the kitchen *before* you arrive! Don't want any of your meals at the Lodge? Basalt is only a block away with great restaurants to choose from for every meal. Laundry equipment is also now available and housekeeping services can be arranged as often as you like.

## Ski at Snowmass While Staying at Lodge at River's Edge!

This year, the skiing in Colorado promises to be magnificent! And, in a readers' poll taken by Conde Nast Traveler magazine, 94.3% gave Snowmass the highest ranking for "best terrain and conditions." Snowmass is only 15 minutes from Basalt! You can walk to "downtown" Basalt, catch the bus, and head up to Snowmass. No worries with making the drive up to the mountain, or parking the car. Call the Lodge for package deals that include discount lift tickets. Skiing at Aspen-Snowmass is open through Easter weekend.

Visit the web site at [www.lodgeatriversedgeCO.com](http://www.lodgeatriversedgeCO.com) for photos of the all new interior remodel! Please call 970-927-4991 to inquire about rates for the entire house, part of the house, and the Cabin. During high season we require a 3-night minimum stay.

Plan your family get-away or corporate retreat now! Not everything has changed at the Lodge. We kept our focus on the hospitality, the beauty of the area, and the magnificent Frying Pan River right outside the door!

### Why Men Have 2 Dogs and Not 2 Wives

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
  2. Dogs will forgive you for playing with other dogs.
  3. If a dog is gorgeous, other dogs won't hate it.
  4. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
  5. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
  6. A dog's parents never visit.
  7. Dogs do not hate their bodies.
  8. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
  9. Dogs like to do their snooping outside rather than in your wallet or desk.
  10. Dogs seldom outlive you.
  11. Dogs can't talk.
  12. You never have to wait for a dog, it's ready to go 24 hours a day.
  13. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.
  14. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
  15. Another man will seldom steal your dog.
  16. A dog will not wake you up in the middle of the night to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"
  17. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and find homes for them.
  18. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
  19. A dog won't hold out on you to get a new car.
  20. If your dog smells another dog on you, it doesn't get mad. It just thinks it's interesting.
  21. On a car trip, your dog never insists on running the heater.
  22. Dogs don't let magazine articles guide their lives.
  23. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pick-up truck.
  24. Dogs are not allowed in Bloomingdale's or Neiman-Marcus.
- And last, but not least:  
25. If a dog leaves you, it won't take half your stuff.

*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they've made our lives whole."*



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## The Popular "Holiday Family Hunt" Special is Back!

From **December 18th through January 11th** enjoy a guided half-day hunt for pheasant and chukar, OR all quail, lunch included, **for just \$279\* per hunter** (minimum of 2 hunters required). This hunt is exclusively designed for family members who want to hunt together for the holidays! (It is NOT just for parents and children – any combination of family qualifies!) Minimum age is 12 years. These family hunts book up early, so make your reservations soon! **Hint: The family hunt makes a great stocking stuffer!**

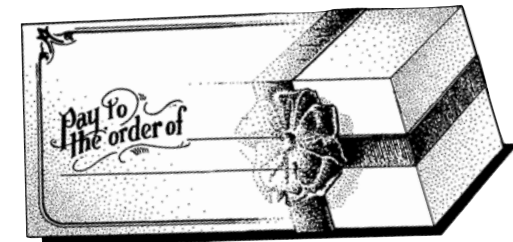
## Boerne Holiday Fun!

The picturesque and historic German town of Boerne is brimming with Holiday events, so be sure to visit our little town during your stay at Joshua Creek Ranch. After an invigorating day of hunting, you'll enjoy the inviting ambience of a "Hill Country Christmas" in Boerne. The weekend of **December 15th – 16th** is dedicated to a "Cowboy's Christmas" featuring photo ops with Oreo, the longhorn steer. December 15th and 16th will also offer visitors the opportunity to shop into the evening during Christmas Market Days on the Plaza. An art show will feature from 25 to 30 artist booths on the Plaza. Carriage rides, hayrides, and exhibits of three of the German-made automobiles – Porche, BMW, and Mercedes – will be part of the Christmas festivities. And, there will be snow!

## Great Holiday Gift Ideas at Joshua Creek Ranch!

We've added all kinds of new fall and winter clothing items in the Pro Shop for this season, as well as cozy blankets, warm socks, fleece-lined gloves, and great-looking, yet functional coats and field jackets. We also have:

- Beretta Shotguns! Beautiful 12, 20, and 28 gauge, over-and-under shotguns! Call for pricing and details
- Shooting apparel and accessories, including caps, hats, shell bags, vests, pants, glasses, and a huge variety of shirts, all enhanced with the signature Joshua Creek Ranch logo
- Fly fishing apparel including shirts, vests, caps, hats, Fish Pond fly fishing packs, fly fishing boxes for your favorite flies, (we even have your favorite flies!), as well as many other fly fishing accessories for stocking stuffers, in our Pro Shop Fly Fishing Nook
- Hunters' Harvest, the Joshua Creek Ranch cookbook; JCR mugs and cooler bags
- Gun Socks, (to protect your favorite hunting gun from moisture, scratches and nicks), with the JCR logo
- Gift certificates for hunting, fishing, dining, lodging, sporting clays, Youth Outdoor Adventure Programs, and Memberships



## "Short Hunt" Anyone?

If you're limited on time, we've got just the hunt for you: The Joshua Creek Ranch "Short Hunt"! What if you have the opportunity to break away from the office by 2 or 3 pm? Can you STILL get a little hunting in? Of course you can, if you come out to JCR! Just give us a call and we'll book you a "Short Hunt" from 4 pm to dusk, saving you time and money, while satisfying that desire to hunt. Short hunts are booked only within one week prior to the hunt date and will be based upon availability of guides and hunting areas, but it's worth a phone call! We'll make every effort to accommodate you!

**Guided "Short Hunt" for Pheasant OR Quail: \$255/gun, 2 or more guns; or \$300 for a single gun.**

**(Less, if you have prepaid birds!)**