

Leakey News and World Report: 2010 Edition

Changes! Changes! Read All About It!

That's right, you'd better read every word of your favorite yearly newsletter, because as usual there are changes. And the big one is: we've gone online! Yes, this is the biggest change in the Leakey experience since indoor plumbing and air-conditioned cabins. This is our website:

<http://www.sincerus.com/leakey/>

You can even pay online with using one of those new-fangled credit cards thingamabobs.

Thanks to Jeff Brower and Amy Coltharp for putting this together. Actually, you may think it's to make things easier for you, but it's actually to make things easier for us. We want to have a vacation, too, so the sooner we have all your info and \$\$\$ the sooner we can start relaxing.

So here's what you do:

1. Read this letter through. Print it out if you want a paper copy.
2. And right now while you are thinking about it – go to <http://www.sincerus.com/leakey/> and give us your info about how many nights you plan to eat and how many T shirts you need. Then follow the instructions and either pay online via Google payments or mail a check to Amy Coltharp. Do it right now!

Money and T-shirt orders go to Amy Coltharp:
acolthar@us.ibm.com.

Deadline for T-shirt orders is June 10th. Deadline for meal reservations is June 21st.

How did the Leakey exodus start?

The story never changes. Much. Almost forty years ago, a group of intrepid vacationers went south for the summer, discovering Leakey, Texas, River Haven, the Frio River and the very paradigm of shack living bliss. They invited some friends, and the friends invited friends, and so on and so forth, and these days a huge exodus takes place from Austin, Texas, on or about the Fourth of July every year. Since the Founders were generally church-going folk, most of their friends happened to belong to a calm, sweet, very well-behaved little congregation called Highland Park that most but not all of us still call home. There are a limited number of cabins, so we do have people waiting to get in; that's why it's not an official church activity. You can't really consider us exclusive though (look who's coming)!

The dates of the exodus are based on the World-Renowned Leakey Fourth of July parade, which takes place on the Saturday closest to the Fourth of July. So we go to Leakey the week before the Saturday closest to the Fourth.

This year our dates are June 27th through July 4th. (Next year June 26th-July 3rd). Some people go for half the week (cleverly called the 'First Half' and the 'Second Half') and some go all week long.

What do we do? Very little. As little as possible. Some intrepid souls jog, fish, bike, or bird-watch and others of us laze around watching them. It is a time of relaxation, renewal and that old favorite – food.

Where Are We Staying?

This year most of our folks are in the River Haven campground or the Leakey Springs campground. They are under the same management, with the intrepid Margie trying to keep us all straight. As usual, we have a wait-list to get in, so if you are not able to come for your entire time period, let us know ASAP. We can fill those spaces in, so that you don't have to pay. More info on the campgrounds (including driving directions):

www.riverhavencabins.com

www.leakeyspringscabins.com

email rhc@hctc.net Phone: 830-232-5400

We also have people at River Bluff Cabins

<http://riverbluffcabins.com>

All cabin changes/trades/substitutions MUST go through Carole and Art (not through the camp). There is a complicated hierarchy of wait lists and priorities that makes the DaVinci code look like kindergarten stuff to go through before you can move, exchange, sub-let or trade cabins, especially at River Haven! The bottom line is that you can skip a year (Go to Europe! Have a baby! Whatever!) and keep the priority to your cabin. If you are not in your cabin two years in a row, you lose your priority. People can (and do!) substitute into the spots of people who have to miss a year, but they do not have priority for the next year, even if that person drops out. Long-term cabin placement (the gold standard!) comes from Carole and Art's wait list. And don't think the people on that wait list aren't watching!

Cabin requests/problems/changes: Call Art at 450-1624 or email him: artcoltharp@aol.com. Carole 750-5517/ lakeaustin@aol.com

Food questions go to Carole: lakeaustin@aol.com or 750-5517. If you have invited someone to stay in your cabin that is not listed, please notify Carole and she'll email them a copy of this letter so they'll be officially indoctrinated.

So What's The Schedule?

We have always gotten the whole group together every night at dinnertime for food and fellowship after an active day of napping, gossiping and more napping. The menus and food assignments are always a lively source of comment (read: complaining).

So here's the schedule:

Sunday night 6/27: Dinner is on your own.

After dinner: *We Shall Gather At The River!* Announcements, the Leakey anthem (yes, we have our own song!). Come over to River Haven about 8pm; bring your own chair and beverages and dessert if you want to share. Catch up on the gossip!

Monday night 6/28: Dinner will be sausage wraps, with beef, turkey and veggie sausage. 7pm at River Haven.

Tuesday night 6/29: Dinner will be chicken fajitas or the ever-popular 'veggie option'. 7pm at River Haven.

Wednesday night 6/30: Dinner will be on your own, followed by an old-fashioned *Ice Cream Social*. Come over to River Haven at 8pm for the Leakey anthem reverently sung once again, and some very heart-healthy treats! (not)

Thursday night 7/1: Dinner will be beef, turkey and veggie burgers. 7pm at River Haven.

Friday night 7/2: Dinner will be beef brisket, chicken and again a yummy 'veggie option'. 7pm at River Haven

Saturday night 7/3: To be announced: Dinner is on your own, but we may have leftovers. Some people do go home in the late afternoon, but some do stay! Listen up for an announcement on Friday.

So What Do You Do Now That You've Paid? (You have filled out the form and paid, haven't you?)

El, M and Em will be buying the meat and the condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, pickles, salt and pepper, BBQ sauce, tortillas, hamburger buns and more, plus cleaning supplies) for the entire group. Rather than drag it all down from Austin, they are going shopping in Uvalde on Monday. Please be available at River Haven about 2pm on Monday to help unload. We need a representative from each cabin to meet at the grill area to help unload and take some items back to store in your cabin. We store the food in refrigerators at River Haven, and if we put just a few packages in each cabin then no one will be imposed upon.

We share the cost (paid per person eating) for those staying in your cabin for the four nights we are having dinner together. The cost is \$3 per night for teenagers and adults and \$1.25 per night for children under 12, payable IN ADVANCE. No pay, no eat (because we won't have bought food for you)! Last minute guests can usually be accommodated BUT you need to find Amy Coltharp or Carole Lake BEFORE dinner (preferably by noon) and pay so we can make sure we have enough food prepared. Everything else, side dishes and dessert, is potluck; assignments are included here and are allocated by cabin. Participation in communal meals is not required. Please come eat with us even if you prefer your own food. However, you eat, you pay. We do need a count of those who plan to eat! We've gotten sloppy about this in recent years, but El, M and Em are very strict. (eek!)

You can also buy limited edition Leakey 2010 T-shirts. These are \$8 for adult sizes and \$6 for children's sizes. Woo hoo! Don't be left out nekkid without this fabulous collectible wearable art!

Who's Coming?

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A Lake & Coleman 27th-4th
B Cave & Cartwright 27th-4th
C Shelton, W 27th-4th
 Morton 2nd-3rd
D Wilson, H 27th-4th
E Russell /R.Kimble 27th-4th
F Ingerly 27th-30th
 F Roberts 30th-4th
G Brower 27th-4th
H Lowe 27th-30th
 H Coltharp, M 30th-4th
I Malone 27th-4th
J Bewley 27th-30th
 J Stanley 30th-4th
K Worley 27th-2nd
 Eskew/Langley 2nd-4th
L A Coltharp 27th-4th
 Duncan 27th-30th
 Stafford 30th-4th
M Martin 27th-4th
N Hartman 27th-4th
O Wilson, G 27th-4th
P Macias & Eades 27th-4th
T Sullivan 27th-4th
4 Mallard 27th-4th
7 Russell boys
•River Bluff
S Coltharp 27th-30th(deer lease) 30th-4th (RB)
Shelton kids 1st-4th
•Leakey Springs
1 Thane 27th-4th
2 Case 27th-1st
 2 L Kimble, C Kimble 1st-4th
3 Nuckols 27th-4th
4 Ballard 27th-4th
5 El, M and Em 27th-4th
6 Glazener 27th-4th
7 McFaul 28th-3rd

Assignments: What do YOU need to bring

No one does potluck as well as Baptists, so we are dividing into two groups for side dishes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. We are not assigning specifics – we're letting you pick except for a few specialized things that we really need! Be ready to be flexible.

The Lazy Slugs: River Haven Cabins A through I Leakey Springs Cabins 1-3 + River Bluff & McFaul, (listed in red)

The River Rats: River Haven Cabins J-T + RH4 and RH7 Leakey Springs Cabins 4-7 (listed in blue)

As is traditional in our culture (if you can consider us cultured!), on your group's night, the menfolk gather at the BBQ pit at River Haven about 5:00 on their group's evening to make grunting noises, light the charcoal and slap their armpits, or whatever it is they do. Womenfolk come out with the remaining vittles about 6:30 and help with set-up, swatting flies (and pretend to admire the efforts of the sweaty menfolk).

The other group shows up at 7pm making amazingly pig-like noises of appreciation. Bring your own plates, utensils and drinks from your cabin, plus folding chairs and so forth. In fact, we usually just leave our chairs out in the gathering area all week.

Everyone in the assigned group is responsible for helping set-up and clean up. There's a chairman for these jobs, but it is NOT their job to do it all, just to nag the rest of you till you get it done.

What if it rains at dinnertime? Before global warming (or global wetting, as it were) this wasn't a problem. However, we have had some amazing storms in recent years. CALL 512-750-5517 (Carole's cell) for instructions if it looks like rain.

On Monday, The River Rats: (Sausage Wraps)

Cabin RH: 4: charcoal (**four** bags) and lighter + one from list below

Cabin LS: 5: Set up & grill chairman (no need to bring food)

Cabin RH: K: Clean up (no need to bring food) chairman

Everyone else: choose TWO of the following and bring enough to serve 15-20 or more! Don't forget serving utensils!

Beans (black or pinto)

Salad (fruit, potato, lettuce, if applicable, bring dressing)

Other Side Dish (surprise us!)

Dessert (yay!) homemade ice cream is always a big hit, hint hint

On Tuesday, The Lazy Slugs: (Chicken Fajitas)

Cabin RH A: grated cheese (10lbs) & sour cream (3 large)

Cabin RH B: lettuce, 2 heads, shredded for fajitas plus one from list below

Cabin RH C: tomatoes, 20, chopped for fajitas plus one from list below

Cabin RH D: fajita veggies, plus chopped (raw) onions

Cabin LS 1: charcoal (4 bags) and lighter plus one from list below

Cabin LS: 2: Set up & grill chairman (no need to bring food)

Cabin RH: G: Clean up (no need to bring food) chairman

All not listed above choose TWO of the following and bring enough to serve 16-20 or more! Don't forget serving utensils!

Beans (black or pinto)

Salad (fruit, potato, lettuce, if applicable, bring dressing)

Other Side Dish (surprise us!)

Dessert

On Wednesday, Ice Cream Social:

Everyone who has an ice cream freezer, please bring a freezer of ice cream – any flavor! Don't forget serving utensils!

If you don't have an ice cream freezer, bring store-bought or another dessert.

On Thursday, The River Rats: (Burgers)

- Cabin RH: 7: chips (5 or 6 big bags)
- Cabin RH L: Set up & grill chairman (no need to bring food)
- Cabin RH: T: Clean up (no need to bring food) chairman
- Cabin RH: M: Sliced tomatoes (lots and lots: 120 slices) + one item from below
- Cabin: RH: N: Lettuce for hamburgers (lots and lots) & sliced onions
- Cabin: RH: O: Sliced cheese (120 slices) + 4 bags charcoal (locate lighter fluid from earlier in the week)

Everyone else: choose TWO of the following and bring enough to serve 15-20 or more! Don't forget serving utensils!

- Beans (black or pinto)
- Salad (fruit, potato, lettuce, if applicable, bring dressing)
- Other Side Dish (surprise us!)
- Dessert

On Friday, The Lazy Slugs: (Brisket and Chicken)

- Cabin RH E: charcoal (4 bags) + one item from below (locate lighter fluid from earlier in the week)
- Cabin RH C Set up & grill chairman (no need to bring food)
- Cabin LS 3: Clean up (no need to bring food) chairman
- Everyone else: choose TWO of the following and bring enough to serve 15-20 or more! Don't forget serving utensils!
- Beans (black or pinto)
- Salad (fruit, potato, lettuce, if applicable, bring dressing)
- Other Side Dish (surprise us!)
- Dessert (would be wonderful to have some homemade ice cream, but anything will be eaten cheerfully!)

Saturday night: To be announced on Friday

If we have lots of leftovers and assuming we have interest, we'll have a potluck for those who are still around.

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Check assignments above – if you are not going to be there on a night you are assigned something specific please either trade or let CAROLE know ASAP.

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CHECK YOUR CABIN DATES: If you don't show up for the times we have you down for – you do have to pay.

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River Haven/Leakey Springs Cabins: The Rules

**Priority on reserving your cabin for another year:
You can miss one year and still come back. If you are subbing into someone's cabin, you can't reserve it the following year.
If you can't come:
We will try to fill your spot with a sub. Do not call the camp.
If a cabin comes available:
Wait list (to change location or for permanent cabin) is prioritized based on number of years in consecutive attendance. People coming a full week have priority over people coming a half-week.**

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