

Leakey News and World Report: 2011 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. We had our big changes last year by entering the digital age for ordering food and t-shirts, and making payments on-line! This year our changes are minimal and tend towards the shifting and maneuvering of the perfect cabin assignment along with some new responsibility roles which we describe below. If you didn't sign up for these esteemed positions this year, please consider signing up for next year so you too can earn a coveted gold star or may even be able to be a king or queen for a week! Our "Leakey website" is still at:

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

If you have already ordered (which by now you should have done) but have not yet paid, please do so via the on-line payment system. If you still prefer to write a check, or have some of that "green stuff" in your pockets and want to pay in cash, please track Jeff Brower down to work out your preferred payment method. If you are choosing snail mail to send him that check, his address is:

Jeff Brower
10708 Hastings Ln.
Austin, TX 78750

So if you can't remember what you need to do with all this nifty info, 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 pay for your food and/or t-shirts if you haven't already done this.

Unfortunately, the deadlines for ordering shirts and meals have come and gone. IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED, fill out the on-line ordering form and make your payment (see the link above). We have ordered a tiny handful of extra shirts, and we order just a little extra bit of food, so we'll keep you procrastinators clothed and fed somewhat. But don't let it happen again or we'll paint honey on your cabin to attract all the varmints in the county! Then follow the instructions and either pay online via google payments or mail a check to Jeff Brower. Do it right now! Did we mention that you need to pay for everything!

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 26th through July 3rd. (Next year July 1st-July 7th but that needs to be confirmed!). 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. We have several people that have opted to (gasp!) take a year off this year...and we may actually have “foreigners” in and around the cabins. Please be nice and polite to them as they can’t help what they have stumbled into due to some of our tribe opting for an alternate vacation! More info on the campgrounds (including driving directions):

www.riverhavencabins.com

www.leakeyspringscabins.com

Phone: 830-232-5400

We also have people at River Bluff Cabins

<http://riverbluffcabins.com>

All cabin changes/trades/substitutions MUST go through Amy Coltharp or Carole Lake (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 Amy and Carole’s wait list. And don’t think the people on that wait list aren’t watching!

Cabin requests/problems/changes: Call Amy at 292-3960 or Carole 750-5517

Food questions go to Amy: 292-3960.

If you have invited someone to stay in your cabin that is not listed, please notify Amy 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 6/26: 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 6/27: Dinner will be sausage wraps, with beef, turkey and veggie sausage. 7pm at River Haven.

Tuesday night 6/28: Dinner will be chicken fajitas and veggie option. 7pm at River Haven.

Wednesday night 6/29: 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 6/30: Dinner will be beef, turkey and veggie burgers. 7pm at River Haven.

Friday night 7/1: Dinner will be beef brisket, chicken and veggie option. 7pm at River Haven

Saturday night 7/2: 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) (and 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 (or the time you coordinate to meet up with El, M and Em) on Monday to help unload. We need the grill captains (yes, this is a newly assigned rank) to meet at the grill area to help unload and take your night's meat items back to store in your cabin. If you don't have enough room in your cabin, please find a friend who is willing to help store the food.

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 Jeff Brower 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!)

Who's Coming?

A Glazener 26th-3rd
B Cave & Cartwright 26th-30th
 B Medrano 30th-3rd
C Shelton, W 26th-3rd
D Wilson, H 26th-3rd
E Russells/R. Kimbles 26th-3rd
F (open 26th - 30th)
 F Roberts 30th-3rd
G Brower 26th-3rd
H Lowe 26th-29th
 H Coltharp, M 29th-3rd
I (open 26th-3rd)
J Bewley 26th-29th
 J Stanley 29th-3rd
K Worley & Enos 26th-1st
L A Coltharp
 L Petries 26th-29th
 L Duncan/Mauzy 29th-3rd
M Martin 26th-30th
 M Ingerly 30th-3rd
N Hartman 26th-3rd
O Wilson, G 26th-3rd
P (open first half of week)
 P Macias & Eades 29th-3rd
T Sullivan 26th-3rd
4 Mallard 26th-3rd
7 Russell boys 26th-3rd

•River Bluff

S Coltharp 29th-3rd
Shelton kids 29th-3rd

•Leakey Springs

1 (open) 26th-30th
1 Kimble, Carter 30th-3rd
2 Case & England 26th-29th
2 Dillard 29th-3rd
3 Nuckols 26th-3rd
4 McFaul & Werner 26th-2nd
5 El, M and Em 26th-3rd
6 Nelson 26th-3rd
7 (open all week)

Assignments: What do YOU need to bring

No one does pot-luck 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,
(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 captain 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.

On Monday, The River Rats: (Sausage Wraps)

Cabin LS: 6: charcoal (**four** bags) and lighter + one from list below

*Cabin RH: O: Set up & grill captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: 4: Clean up captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: T: Condiment Queen

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 H: 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 2: charcoal (4 bags) and lighter plus one from list below

*Cabin LS 3: Set up & grill captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: E: Clean up captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: T: Condiment Queen (no need to bring food)

All not listed above 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 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 P: Set up & grill captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: J: Clean up captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: T: Condiment Queen

Cabin RH: L: Sliced tomatoes (lots and lots: 120 slices) + one item from below

Cabin: RH: 4: Lettuce for hamburgers (lots and lots) & sliced onions

Cabin: RH: K: 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 G Set up & grill captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH H: Clean up captain (no need to bring food)

*Cabin RH: T: Condiment Queen (no need to bring food)

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

Saturday night: To be announced on Friday

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

Special Ops Assignments!

As mentioned earlier, we are expanding the grill & clean-up coordinator positions, giving these individuals a promotion to "Captain", and adding a new role which we like to call the Condiment Queen (only because this year we had a female volunteer for this position. Guys, you too can be a King if you choose to volunteer next year! Your families may not call you King, but you may get some interesting comments from the rest of us! Please take note of the responsibilities for each role if you volunteered for these positions. We have designated these positions on the nightly "assignment list" as well so you'll know which night you are "on"!

Grill Captain:

Same old same old: hang around the grill at dinner time and flip the meat. Grumble. Tell people what to do. Set up the tables, make sure the condiments are delivered.

Additional Responsibilities: Food Storage

In addition to the old responsibilities, your responsibilities are expanded to include food storage.

Your new responsibilities include:

- Accepting receipt of the food for your meal night from the Food Procurement and Delivery Team (a.k.a., the Leakey Grub Club—Eloise, Emily, or Mark). Arrange for a mutually acceptable meeting time for delivery and receipt.
- Finding a location to store the food. If you do not have enough room in your cabin or in your refrigerator, you are encouraged to contact a neighbor and share his or her refrigerator.
- Refrigerating or freezing items as necessary.
- Thawing the frozen items at the appropriate time so that they will be ready for cooking on your designated evening.
- Delivering the food items to the cooking area at appropriate time.

In past years, the Grill Captain had to hunt for and inquire about his grill food. No more. You have it! Snacking - though discouraged - is entirely up to you!

Clean-Up Captain

Wipe down the tables, make sure nothing sits out overnight, make sure the condiments are put away.

Additional Responsibilities: Leftover Storage

In addition to the old responsibilities, your responsibilities are expanded to include storage of leftovers.

Your new responsibilities include:

- Properly wrapping the leftovers for storage. Wrapping and storage materials will be provided.
- Finding a location to store the food. If you do not have enough room in your cabin or your refrigerator, you are encouraged to contact a neighbor and share his or her refrigerator.
- Refrigerating or freezing items as necessary.
- Thawing the frozen items at the appropriate time for cooking.
- Delivering the food items to cooking area at appropriate time on leftover night. If you depart before leftover night, please tell us where you stored the leftovers.

In past years, the Clean-Up Captain really didn't have any special duties. Now that's changed. Now you actually have some special responsibilities. Oh, what pressure!

Condiment Queen

The person that chooses to be crowned Queen (or King) for a week is best situated if they stay in River Haven and attend all week. This person will store the condiments which the grub club will purchase and deliver to you. Basically this is 4 or 5 cardboard boxes of ketchup, pickles, mustard, etc. Very little refrigerator space needed, and last year it mostly sat on the fireplace hearth of Cabin A, totally out of the way since we didn't make a fire. Every night (MTThF) you tote the condiments from a list provided to the eating site and get them back. You could do this from Leakey Springs but it would be more trouble because it's not right there if you forget something. In addition to the coveted title of Queen, you will bring food one night instead of two nights. You can pick which night you want to be off duty based on when your cabin rolls through official "cook nights".

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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 AMY or EMILY, ELOISE, or MARK W 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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