



Javelina Camp 2026

Freshman Registration Information Packet

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Javelina Camp General Information

Contact Information

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Visit our website for frequently asked questions - <https://www.tamuk.edu/javelinacamp/camper-info.html>

Dates for Javelina Camp 2026

August 12 – 14, 2026

Registration Dates & Times

Registration opens May 1st, 2026, at 12 am (midnight) and closes when Javelina Camp has reached Max Capacity or on August 3rd, 2026, at 11:59 pm (whichever comes first). Registration closing will be announced on our website and our Instagram page. (@Tamuk.JavelinaCamp)

Max Capacity – 300 students

Payment Information

Registration Fee

The cost of attending Javelina Camp is **\$200.00**. The registration fee includes: lodging and meals for the duration of camp, Snacks at camp, a Javelina Camp t-shirt and a water bottle, giveaways, and Transportation to and from camp in the form of a charter bus.

Payment Options

The registration fee is added to your tuition bill, so there are NO upfront costs for camp! If you receive financial aid and have enough, then camp could be covered by your aid!

Refunds

If, for any reason, you have to cancel your registration, you will need to contact Javelina Camp at tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu by email, informing them of your cancellation. You will receive instructions on finalizing your cancellation. Cancellations will NOT be taken over the phone or in person.

The following refunds will be given during these time periods:

May 1 – May 31

- 100% Refund
- \$200 Refund

June 1 – June 30

- 75% Refund
- \$150 Refund

July 1 – July 31

- 50% Refund
- \$100 Refund

On or After August 1

- 0% Refund
- No Refund

If you cancel on or after August 1st, then you will NOT receive a full or partial refund because lodging, meals, and giveaways have already been paid for by that point. If you register and are a "no show" or leave camp early, even if you leave due to illness, you will not receive a full or partial refund due to resources already being paid for.

****Please allow 7-10 business days for refund processing.**

****Please email tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu for questions regarding refunds.**

Registration

General

Javelina Camp Registration is on a **first-come, first-served** basis. We only have 300 spots available.

If you will not be 18 years old by the first day of camp, you will need to have your parent/guardian complete the registration process for you.

Pack Leaders (counselors) have been trained to provide a welcoming and supportive experience for the freshmen in that camp.

Registration will close **on August 3rd or when camp is full (whichever comes first)**. If camp spots are filled before registration closes, we will have a waitlist option. Our staff are regularly updating the camp waitlist to ensure campers are able to find out as soon as possible whether or not a spot has been opened.

Confirmations

Registration Confirmations will be emailed to the student and the preferred email addresses entered on the registration form. The confirmation email will be sent from tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu. Please check your SPAM and your TAMUK student email if you don't immediately see the confirmation email.

More information for Javelina Camp will be sent out through the summer.

If confirmation emails are not received 72 hours after completing registration, contact the Student Engagement and Campus Life Office at (361) 593 - 2760 or tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu

Confirmation Emails will look like the document linked here: [Example Confirmation Letter](#)

Cancellations

Registration is **not transferable** to another incoming freshman. If, for any reason, you have to cancel your registration, you will need to contact Javelina Camp by email, informing them of your cancellation. You will receive instructions on finalizing your cancellation. tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu

Cancellations will NOT be taken over the phone or in person.

Special Assistance

If you have any assistance requests that need to be placed, please inform us of these needs in the question that prompts for it during the Registration process. **As a part of registration, you will have the opportunity to express any assistance or dietary needs you may have. If these needs are not mentioned at the time of registration or emailed by July 14th, Javelina Camp cannot guarantee that arrangements can be made.**

It is also recommended to register with Disabilities Resources (<https://www.tamuk.edu/shw/drc/index.html>) and inform them that you will be attending Javelina Camp.

If you have any special dietary needs or food restrictions, this information **needs to be included in the section in the registration process that asks for dietary restrictions or food allergies.** Javelina Camp will provide gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan, and vegetarian options for those who indicate that they need them during the registration process. **If these dietary needs are not mentioned at the time of registration or emailed by July 14th, Javelina Camp cannot guarantee that arrangements can be made.**

If you forget to include this information while registering, email tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu immediately to inform them.

Special Accommodations

If you have already informed Javelina Camp of a special accommodation, we will be contacting you at a later date to verify our records and make any additional accommodations while at camp. If you have any accommodations that are new and Javelina Camp is unaware of, please email tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu

Check-In and Transportation Information

Dorm Move-In

As soon as you register for Javelina Camp, you are registered to **move into the dorms early on August 11th from 2 to 4 pm.** Once you've registered for Javelina Camp, you have automatically been added to the early move-in list.

On August 11th, you report to the dorm you are assigned to between 2 to 4 pm to get your keys. After you've gotten your keys, you will be able to move in for the rest of the day! There will be a fun event that evening that ALL students living on campus and commuter students are welcome to. It is an informal event that evening, but something to do the night before camp!

Attending camp is REQUIRED for those who move in early. You are not allowed to move into the dorm and not attend Javelina Camp the next day. You will be asked to leave the dorms if you do not attend Javelina Camp. If you miss camp or leave early for any reason, you will be fined and required to pay the overnight fee for the dorms.

Make sure you have submitted all of your housing paperwork before moving in. For housing questions, please contact University Housing and Residence Life at (361) 593 - 3419 or residencelife@tamuk.edu

Camp Check-In

Javelina Camp Check-In will happen at the **Student Rec Sports Center (1020 W Ave C, Kingsville, TX, 78363)** on **August 12th between 8 and 9 am.** More information will be provided via email over the summer. From here, students will check in and drop off their luggage. Commuter students do not need to move into the dorms, so we recommend eating lunch before checking into Javelina Camp. You may park in the Student Rec Center parking lot. Do not park in any handicapped spots, fire lanes, or 24-hour reserved spots to avoid being ticketed or towed.

Charter Buses

Students will need to **check in for Javelina Camp between 8 and 9 am on the first day of camp, August 12th.** Once on campus, please check in for camp at the **Student Rec Sports Center (1020 W Ave C, Kingsville, TX, 78363).**

On the morning of Check-In, Javelina Camp Staff & Pack Leaders (counselors) will be in the luggage loading and check-in area to direct and assist you. Please note that once you have checked in, your luggage will be loaded separately. **You are permitted another small bag (purse, drawstring bag, backpack, etc.) for the bus, if you require anything between check-in and arriving at the campsite, such as your wallet, phone, medication, etc.** The bus ride is about 50 minutes. We will load onto the charter buses and depart from the TAMUK campus around 9:30 am on August 12th. Transportation to and from Camp Zephyr is included in your registration!

Parking on Campus

Parking is free on campus during the weekend of Javelina Camp if you park in the Student Rec Center Parking Lot.

Vehicles parked in tow-away, handicapped, or restricted areas are subject to ticketing and/or towing by UPD. Please remember to LOCK YOUR CAR. UPD will be patrolling; however, Javelina Camp will not be responsible for theft or loss.

More information can be found on the Transportation website,

<https://www.tamuk.edu/upd/parking.html>

Buses will be returning to campus around 5 PM on the last day of camp.

If you are living on campus, you will be able to stay in the dorms after camp before the first day of class, free of charge. If you are a commuter student, arranging overnight accommodations the night before/after camp will be your personal responsibility. **Javelina Camp does not provide or coordinate any housing accommodations before or after camp.**

Returning to Kingsville

The buses will return to campus around 5 pm last day of camp. **We encourage anyone who will be picking up a student to plan to arrive no later than 5:30 pm.** Please make arrangements in advance if you need to be picked up.

At-Camp Information

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to:

- Two (2) small or medium bags OR
- One (1) large bag AND
- Pillow and blankets/Sleeping bag in a trash bag labeled with your name, if they do not fit in your suitcase.

Please note that participants may have to walk with their luggage to a location when getting off the bus at camp. Please take this into consideration when packing for Javelina Camp. A packing list is included below.

If your luggage is misplaced AT camp, please locate a Javelina Camp staff member who will assist you in locating it. If luggage is misplaced AFTER camp, please contact the Javelina Camp office at (361) 593 - 2760 or email us at tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu to assist you in locating it. If you lose any items at camp, you will be able to pick them up at the Javelina Student Engagement Center the **following two**

weeks after camp. If you cannot pick up lost items on these days, please email tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu

Packing List

Required

- Refillable water bottle
- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and shoes for 3 days of camp (Check weather for Sandia, TX)
- Pajamas for 2 nights of camp
- Pillow (bring in a large plastic trash bag if the pillow will not fit in your luggage)
- Bed linens/sheets and a blanket or sleeping bag
 - These are not provided at camp, so please bring your own!
- Towels (For swimming and showering)
 - These are not provided at camp, so please bring your own!
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Medicines (Allergy medicine, Advil, Pepto, prescriptions, etc.)
- Underwear and socks
- Shower shoes
- Closed-toed shoes (Mandatory for all outdoor activities...Crocs do not count!)

Recommended Items for Camp

- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Phone charger
- Ear Plugs and/or eye mask (for sleeping in cabins if you're a light sleeper!)
- Money for soft drinks & snacks & the camp store
- Your own snacks & drinks ***Please do not bring any snacks containing nuts**
- Umbrella or rain gear
- Water flavor enhancers if you don't like water from the fountain
- Open mind and a smile!!

****Please note that snacks will be provided, in addition to meals each day.**

Please ensure that you bring any medications that you take regularly with you to camp. If there are any over-the-counter medications (Tylenol, Claritin, Pepto-Bismol, etc.) that you think you might need while you are at camp, please bring them with you. Please store all medications in your luggage and do not leave the medications out in the open. If you need medication to be refrigerated, this needs to be noted in the registration form for camp. We will accommodate refrigerated medicine.

We are outside during the day in Sandia, Texas. Seasonal allergies tend to flare up during the summer, so please plan accordingly. There is a nurse on-site to help with any minor situations at camp.

Attending Camp

All students must attend Javelina Camp in its entirety. In the event of an emergency, a student may have their emergency contact pick them up at Camp Zephyr. For the safety of all campers, students who arrive at camp with a contagious illness will be asked to leave Javelina Camp and find transportation home at their own cost (if applicable). A refund will not be given in such a situation. If you know you have a contagious illness on the morning of your Javelina Camp check-in, please call the office to notify us of your absence.

Policies

Please note that all State and Federal Laws as well as Texas A&M University-Kingsville rules and policies, apply upon arrival at Javelina Camp check-in. Javelina Camp rules and policies also apply and are listed in the behavior agreement you acknowledged during registration. If any of these rules and policies are violated, you may undergo disciplinary action from Javelina Camp and/or Texas A&M University-Kingsville, as well as removal from Camp Zephyr grounds at the expense of the participant and without a refund.

Participant Behavior Agreement

As Javelinas, it is imperative that we hold ourselves to a higher standard. Behavior expectations for Javelina Camp go beyond the policies of the organization and align themselves with the mission and values. As a participant, guest, or member of Javelina Camp, I agree to display decency, appropriateness, and acceptable conduct, and understand that if I violate this behavioral expectation, I may be immediately removed from Javelina Camp at my own cost.

In addition to being removed from Javelina Camp/membership, alleged policy and behavioral violations may be reported to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Student Conduct Office, Offices of the Dean of Students, other campus departments, and/or local law enforcement. Furthermore, any violation of Javelina Camp policies and behavior expectations may affect my future participation with the Javelina Camp organization.

I verify that by registering for Javelina Camp, I agree to the Javelina Camp Standards Regarding Disorderly Conduct, and that my participation is contingent upon following these guidelines.

The following acts are considered violations of the behavioral expectations of Javelina Camp, and may result in my removal from Camp and referral to the appropriate authority:

- *Criminal mischief, reckless damage or destruction to property, structures, equipment, or vehicles, and theft.*
- *Disorderly conduct or breach of the peace, such as use of abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language or gestures; indecent exposure or public lewdness; or displays that tend to incite a breach of the peace; or creating by chemical or other means a noxious and unreasonable odor in a public place.*
- *Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.*
- *Other prohibited items: illegal drugs, alcohol, ANY form of tobacco/nicotine products, knives, guns, skateboards, fireworks. Possession of these items on camp property is subject to confiscation and grounds for ejection from the camp.*
- *Injury, reckless conduct, or terroristic threat that would indicate intent to do bodily harm to oneself or others.*
- *Enticement or solicitation of a child; Violations of the Safe Sanctuary or Safe Camps Policies*
- *Sexual harassment, either verbal or physical.*
- *Other conduct that interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with a planned program.*
- *The use of fire starter devices or pyrotechnics is prohibited unless used in organized programs that have been approved by Camp Zephyr. In no case will open fires be allowed in or near structures or unprotected areas.*
- *Cutting, breaking, or otherwise defacing trees, shrubs, or other native plants is prohibited.*
- *Pets are not allowed on the campgrounds.*

Emergency Information

For emergencies, please call the Javelina Camp Office at (361) 593 – 2760. You may also email tamuk.javelinacamp@tamuk.edu

Again, welcome to the Javelina family. Our staff has been eagerly awaiting your arrival for months now, so we are beyond excited to see you at camp!