



# 27<sup>th</sup> Palo Duro Jeep Jamboree

Amarillo, Texas

May 14 - 16, 2015

Trail Rating 3 - 7

## NEW FOR 2015

- Participant tires are not to exceed 37" with a combined lift of 6". If you exceed these limits you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree or receive a refund.
- In order to be able to sign-up for your trails, your Vehicle Evaluation form must be initialed by the Event Staff when you get your registration packet.
- The trail sticker given to you at trail sign-ups needs to be displayed on your windshield prior to leaving for trails on Friday and Saturday.
- Each Participant must wear a nametag and wristband from Thursday at Registration through Saturday until the end of the Jamboree.
- Clothing will only be available at the Jamboree and will not be displayed on the website, except for the Annual Event T-shirt.
- JJUSA Annual Event T-shirts are not trip specific. It is the same for the entire season. Some Jamborees do offer Jamboree specific shirts and merchandise for sale during the Jamboree.
- While the Trail Guides do their best to trim back as much brush as possible, we are limited by Federal, Tribal and Private landowners as to how much "trail maintenance" can be performed.

## ALWAYS REQUIRED

- It is mandatory to return a waiver (one per each Jamboree) signed by everyone in your vehicle to the JJUSA office at least two weeks prior to the Jamboree you are attending. A waiver for participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian. [2015-release-and-waiver.pdf](#)
- A working CB radio (hand held is permissible) with adequate antenna is mandatory for all Jeeps attending a Jamboree.
- In order to provide accurate counts to our caterer for event meals and secure the appropriate land permits: All new registrations of vehicles, adding, deleting or changing passengers must be completed **two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. Registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle.

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

This Jamboree is a Classic Jamboree – catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday. All meals are served at the Figure 3 Ranch. Primitive camping is also available on the Figure 3 Ranch.

### THURSDAY, May 14, 2015

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Mandatory registration and trail signups will be held at Fairfield Inn and Suites, 1740 Airport Blvd, Amarillo, Texas 79118. Please refer to “How Do I Get There?” for driving directions. Trail sign-ups will take place during registration and are on a first come, first serve basis. Vehicle evaluation is **MANDATORY PRIOR TO** trail sign-ups. **NO LATE REGISTRATION** on Friday morning. Make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the mandatory General Attendance Meeting.

### FRIDAY, May 15, 2015

7:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.

Depart on your own to Figure 3 Ranch. Please allow about 45 minutes for the drive. Refer to “How Do I Get There?” for directions.

7:45 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

Line up in your trail groups to proceed to our breakfast location.

8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast and **mandatory** General Attendance Meeting.

Be sure to pick up your lunch after breakfast.

9:30 A.M.

Descend into the Canyon with your trail leader in your assigned trail group.

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch along the trail in the Palo Duro Canyon.

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Trail ride.

5:00 P.M.

Depart from Canyon in assigned trail group.

6:00 P.M.

Dinner is at the same location as breakfast.

Be sure you have a full tank of gas before tomorrow's General Attendance Meeting.

### SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.

Depart on your own to Figure 3 Ranch.

7:45 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

Line up in your trail groups to proceed to our breakfast location.

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Breakfast and mandatory General Attendance Meeting.

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Dinner is at the same location as breakfast.

**Prize drawing following dinner.** Participant must be present to win.

Trip & Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x12

Registration questions, adding or changing passengers contact Liz Phillips: [liz@jeepjam.com](mailto:liz@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777x16

## LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

### WEATHER

For a current 10-day weather forecast go to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

### VISITOR RESOURCES

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce 806-373-7800  
Texas Travel Information 800-452-9292

### WEBSITES

Chamber of Commerce  
[www.amarillo-chamber.org](http://www.amarillo-chamber.org)

Tour Texas  
[www.tourtexas.com](http://www.tourtexas.com)

Texas Travel Information  
[www.traveltexas.com](http://www.traveltexas.com)

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Headquarter Hotel  
Fairfield Inn and Suites 806-322-6777  
**Must ask for Jeep Jamboree USA discount rate**

Fairfield Inn by Marriott Amarillo 806-351-0172  
Fifth Season Inn & Suites 806-358-7881  
Ambassador Hotel 806-358-6161

### CAMPING & RV PARKING

Overnight RV Park 806-373-1431  
Figure 3 Ranch No Phone Available  
(For Figure 3 Ranch Camping, please do not arrive before Thursday.)

Primitive tent camping and RV parking is available Thursday - Sunday on the rim of the Figure 3 Ranch. No reservations are needed. Many of the Jamboree participants and trail guides bring their RV's and camp at the Figure 3 Ranch. This is essentially only a place to park your vehicle or pitch your tent and eliminates the 45 minute drive back to Amarillo. Portable toilets are provided. There is no running water.

### HOW DO I GET THERE?

**Driving Directions to Figure 3 Ranch** Take Exit 77 off of I-40 East. Go south on Pullman Road/Hwy 1258. Proceed 27 miles to Cowboy Morning Figure 3 Ranch. Look for the JJUSA sign. Turn into the Ranch at the sign. For those planning to camp on the Figure 3 Ranch property, look for the sign that directs you to the RV parking. Please do not go any further than this point. We will proceed into the Canyon as a group on Friday. Campers are welcome Thursday evening after registration.

**Driving Directions to Fairfield Inn and Suites** Take Exit 76 off of I-40 East. The Fairfield Inn and Suites is located on the east side of Amarillo.

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

Welcome to another great year of off-roading in the Palo Duro Canyon. RV's and tent campers are welcome to set up at the Figure 3 Ranch on Thursday either before or after registration. Signs directing you

to the area for camping will be posted at the Figure 3 Ranch. This is a working cattle ranch. It is important to stay within the posted area and to keep the gates closed when entering or exiting the area. Camping here is primitive. If you would like more camping comforts, look into staying at the Overnight RV Park listed on our accommodations page.

When choosing your camping location, please do not confuse the Palo Duro Canyon, south of Amarillo, with the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. There will be a considerable drive between the State Park and our off-road trails.

Please be sure to have enough fuel for your Jeep. You will have the opportunity in the evening to drive into town to refuel.

The trail in and out of the canyon is limited to one-way traffic, entering and exiting will be coordinated in trail groups. The groups will meet at specified times to enter and exit the canyon. No one will be allowed into the canyon prior to the trail group's entry on Friday morning. Travel time from the top to the bottom of the canyon is approximately 15-20 minutes.

On Thursday evening, during registration, please ask your Trail Leader for his/her cell phone number. If you have a problem finding the Figure 3 Ranch, you will be able to access the cell phone for further directions. Cell phones work well outside of the canyon. Once you have descended into the canyon they will be of little to no use. Communication will be transmitted through CB's once in the canyon.

Weather in the Canyon can change quickly. Please carry medications, a light blanket, snacks and water with you in case of an emergency. In the past, rain has prevented us from exiting the canyon until the next morning. The canyon can be extremely dusty. A bandana is advised to cover your face to help reduce inhaling dust. For this Jamboree, be sure to carry lots of water. It can be very dry and hydration is important. Lip balm and possibly a saline nasal spray should be considered.

### SPECIAL THANKS!

John McLean - Coordinator  
Palo Duro Trail Guides  
The Christian Family  
The Figure 3 Ranch  
Fairfield Inn and Suites

## VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Tow points are MANDATORY! Tow points may include, tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade six/ eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures, draw bars, receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with manufacturers installed clevis or d-ring anchor.

- **Participant tires not to exceed 37" and combined lift of 6". If you exceed these, you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the jamboree or receive a refund!**
- **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**
- **No snowplow frames.**
- **We recommend removing running boards and steps both factory and aftermarket if planning to participate in higher rated trails.**
- **All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willys), must have mandatory roll bars.**
- **Tow strap recommended (with loops—NO METAL HOOKS).**
- **Full-size spare tire or comparable size mandatory! A space-saver spare (donut) just won't do.**
- **Must be street legal with license plate.**
- **CB Radio mandatory!**

Please contact Glenda if you have further questions at [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) or 530-333-4777 ext. 12.

## WHAT TO BRING

- \_\_\_ Basic tool kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ First aid kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ Tire gauge recommended!
- \_\_\_ Ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_ Full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting!
- \_\_\_ Lots of fluids to stay hydrated

**CB radio is MANDATORY!** There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is required that each vehicle to have a working CB radio. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, flashlight, camera/video camera, binoculars, insect repellent, sun block, hat, hiking boots, toiletries & medications, toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal, hand sanitizer, rain jacket and warm clothing.

## TRAIL USAGE AND INFORMATION

### WATER CROSSINGS

Some Jamborees may have water crossings and water holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass if you decide to "go around". It is very important to watch and listen to your trail guide. Please be sure your air intake is disconnected. Your trail guide can help you with this if needed. When driving in deep water, GO VERY SLOW! If your engine gets wet and stalls, DO NOT try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. After the Jamboree, please be sure to reconnect your air intake. For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of "Mark A. Smith's Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving".

### A NOTE ON LAND USAGE

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas, which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year. Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided JJUSA groups during the scheduled Friday and Saturday trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of JJUSA's land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund. Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America's most spectacular backcountry. Also, please note that while we trim back as much brush as possible, we are limited by Federal, Tribal and Private landowners to the amount acceptable by each entity.

### PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!

**Travel responsibly** on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

**Respect the rights** of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

**Educate yourself** by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

**Avoid sensitive areas** such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

**Do your part** by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

## TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to vehicle check prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

**1-2 Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate.** In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).

**3-5 Moderately demanding.** Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**6-7 Demanding.** Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**8-9 Very demanding.** Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**10 Extremely demanding.** Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD with 4-LO (*Not recommended for Jeep Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commander.*)

During registration participants will have the opportunity to discuss the trails, their driving experience and vehicle capabilities with the trail guides. Guides will work with participants for trail placement.

*RAIN MAY INCREASE TRAIL RATINGS 1 OR 2 POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH STREET TIRES.*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS – Before, During, After Your Trip

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE

It is mandatory to return a waiver form signed by everyone in your vehicle to the JJUSA office at least two weeks prior to the Jamboree you are attending. This helps to prevent delays in processing your registration and avoid longer wait times during registration. A waiver for participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

### REGISTRATIONS, ADDING OR CHANGING PASSENGERS:

In order to give accurate counts to our caterer for the meals, pay for land use and permit fees: All new registrations of vehicles, adding, deleting or changing passengers must be completed **two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. We will no longer be able to accommodate onsite registrations or adding

passengers. Please note that registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle.

Event T-Shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your registration. Shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and merchandise will be available onsite and online however quantities and sizes are limited.

## GET CONNECTED

Join the discussion group for just one or multiple Jeep Jamborees on Facebook. This is a great way to start conversing with fellow participants and trail guides before you even get to the Jamboree. Ask questions, share information and photos before, during and after your great adventure. Click on [discussion groups](#) on the Jeep Jamboree USA homepage and join for FREE.

## WHILE YOU ARE THERE

### Name Badges and Wristbands

When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and a wristband per participant. Please wear both of these while at the event. They are verification of registration. Those without a wristband will not be served meals or allowed on the trails.

## WHEN YOU RETURN

Submit your photos to us. Jeep Jamboree USA is proud to continue the Photo of the Month & Photo of the Year Contest. We know many of you take great pictures as you explore America's backcountry while on a Jeep Jamboree; and now it's time to share those photos with other Jeep Jamboree enthusiasts! The best part is, you could win a Jeep Jamboree USA trip for two anywhere in the United States. So if you've been taking pictures at Jeep Jamboree events you might be holding the winning photo – just check your camera! Please visit [www.jeeppjamboreeusa.com/photos](http://www.jeeppjamboreeusa.com/photos) for details on how to submit your photos.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHO CAN I BRING?

Whoever you want! As long as they each have a required seat belt in your Jeep 4x4. Bringing pets is strongly discouraged. If your pet must attend, you must submit a pet waiver prior to event.

### WHERE DO I SLEEP ON A JEEP JAMBOREE?

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Included in this event schedule is a list of accommodations. Be sure to mention you're attending a Jeep Jamboree when making your reservation.

## WHAT DOES THE JAMBOREE FEE COVER?

Your fee covers all necessary permits, land-use fees, experienced guides for the entire trip, three meals on both Friday and Saturday ("Select" adventurers include evening meals only). NOTE: Meals vary. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for special diets or dietary restrictions. Also included is an official Jeep Jamboree dash plaque and access to some of the finest trails in America – several of which are only available through this program. Each Jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes from our sponsors. Sorry, no partial trips are offered or meal only options and no spectators allowed. All participants must be officially registered.

## CAN I BRING MY JEEP LIBERTY, CHEROKEE, COMPASS, PATRIOT, GRAND CHEROKEE, OR COMMANDER?

Of course! All new Jeep 4x4 vehicles with a 4-LO transfer case are Trail Rated® and are tested on demanding 4x4 trails. Your Jeep four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to be in good condition, with good tires, brakes, and seat belts. In addition, we require prior approval for larger Jeep 4x4s, such as Grand Wagoneers and J-Series Pickups. Jeep Jamboree USA reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant whose vehicle exceeds size restrictions.

## COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?

Every effort is made by Jeep Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. Participants are advised to closely follow instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of damage to your vehicle when traveling rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Jamborees with higher difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Participants are required to sign a waiver form.

## JEEP JAMBOREE USA POLICIES

### SAFETY

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity, to avoid specific trails or areas which jeopardize you or your fellow participant's safety or is not authorized for our use, please follow their directions. JJUSA does not authorize or promote any night runs. AS AGREED TO IN YOUR WAIVER, ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO WEAR HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SEAT AND SHOULDER BELTS. IF A TRAIL GUIDE ASKS YOU TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT AND YOU DO NOT COMPLY, VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE, MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

NO OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLE WILL POSSESS OR CONSUME ALCOHOL WHILE ON THE TRAILS. DOING SO MEANS IMMEDIATE EXPULSION. MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

## REFUND POLICIES

We realize that unexpected events such as work conflicts, mechanical problems and illnesses may cause you to cancel your trip. However, we have many business partners that we pay deposits based on a preliminary participant count, therefore in order to limit the impact of cancellations the following penalties apply to your refund should you choose to cancel:

<u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Reservation to 60 Days	\$75
59 days to 30 days	50 %
29 days to 8 days	75 %
7 days to trip date	NO REFUND
Transfer Fee	\$50

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the same calendar year you may do so for \$50 per transfer.

## CHILDREN 5 & UNDER

Children 5 and under are not charged to participate with you in a Jamboree. Complimentary meals for children 5 and under will be provided.

## ONSITE PURCHASES AT JAMBOREE

If you purchase JJUSA merchandise at the event, please be aware that we can accept payment by check or cash only; sorry no credit cards!

## NO C.O.D.S

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance.

## NO PARTIAL DAYS OR MEALS ONLY REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are for the SAME person (driver or passengers) for BOTH days. Passengers may not be swapped; i.e. one person on one day; another person another day. We base our nametags, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (no refunds are given for days not used), nor do we sell a "meals only" option for those who are not on the trail but wish to join participants for meals.

**Due to unforeseen circumstances all trips, events and trails are subject to change or cancellation without advance notice.**

