

Dear Ayudantes and Parents of Ayudantes,

My name is Colleen Elftmann and I am chair for Ayudantes this year at La Semana.

I am contacting you in regard to registration and the cap placed on Ayudantes. As many of you know or found out through trying to register, we had to cap Ayudantes; which created a wait list. The reason for the cap and the wait list is a lack of numbers for K-7 campers. With a lack of numbers for that population, we need less volunteers, Alumnos and Ayudantes. At this point we might only need no more than 20 Ayudantes in the classrooms.

The board is working on ways to incorporate as many Ayudantes as we can at camp. This may be in form of being a floater, kitchen/food assistance, office duties, set up/tear down, fiesta assistance, job sharing, etc. We also need parent volunteers so we can have Ayudantes work within that job. For example, we do not have any parent volunteers for the camp store. Without a parent volunteer we cannot open the store. If we had the store, we could place a few Ayudantes as assistants/helpers.

As we move forward we look for your patience and flexibility. It is great problem to have so many Ayudantes who look forward to coming back to camp to volunteer as camp leaders and helpers. Please know we doing our best to have all of join us during the week. If you have ideas or thoughts for next year and the years to follow please feel free to contact the Vision Team, Louis Brendemuehl [plac@lasemana.org](mailto:plac@lasemana.org).

Sincerely,  
Colleen Elftmann