



¡Fiesta mañana!

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Camp Emergency Number

In the event of an emergency, first call **911** and then **612-208-PLAC (7522)**.

Health Concerns

In an effort to keep all of our campers healthy, please leave all peanut products at home. If your child has a life-threatening allergy or other health concern, please discuss it with his/her Classroom Facilitator.

Fiesta is tomorrow!

Continue to check the website for camp details.

Fiesta Schedule

New this year, *Fiesta* will be held on **Friday at 6:00 pm** at the **Lakeville South High School Gymnasium** located at 21135 Jacquard Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044.

- Set up/Ticket takers arrive at **4:15 pm**
- Dancers arrive by **5:00 pm**
- Doors open at **5:45 pm**

Campers do NOT need tickets and dancers will sit with their class during the performance. Parents, Facilitators and Alumni WILL need tickets. **Full Belly Happy Heart** food truck will be on-site after the performance!

New Promotional Project

As everyone knows, fewer campers are coming to *La Semana* each year. In an effort to recruit more families to the amazing camp we all know and love, this year's videographer (and fellow *La Semana* parent) would like to produce a short promotional piece. We need campers, alumni, and parents to tell us (and other adoptive families) what *La Semana* has meant to you and your family. Please stop by the library after camp on **Friday** to share your thoughts on camera. Also, please send any photos you'd be willing to share of your family enjoying outside activities this week (hotel pool, mall, zoo, etc) to michael@voxpathvideo.com or upload them to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/OVrBK9iYGD75zrsT50sw>. In addition, please let PLAC president Louis Brendemeuhl know if you do NOT want your child to appear in such a promotional piece. **Thank you!**

Fiesta DVD Order Forms

Fiesta DVD order forms are at the camp welcome desk to fill out. If you want a DVD, please come fill out an order form. Note that DVD's were not included in the camp registration price.

- \$35 for the DVD
- \$10 for digital (link to the same content contained in the DVD)
- \$40 for both

Amigos (Jr. Teens)

Alumnos Panel Update: Parents of Amigos should know that the adoption panels being held at Base Camp feature adult *La Semana* Alumni and are run by an adoptee who is a professional social worker. Campers can ask questions about adoption that are answered by fellow adoptees—all in a safe, confidential environment. We want all Amigos to know that what is said in the room during the panels will not be shared outside the room. This is to encourage candid conversation and adhere to values of confidentiality and anonymity. However, we want and encourage Amigos to share what they learned in these panels with their parents and close friends—without revealing the identities of those who shared. Please let your child know that we encourage them to share what they learned with you!

- The full Amigos Base Camp schedule is available on the camp website.
- Consider bringing a lunch and snacks on Friday. There will be pizza at 3 pm on Friday and the bus will go directly from Base Camp to *Fiesta* at 5 pm. There will be a food truck on-site after Friday's dance performance!
- Wear closed toe shoes and your orange shirt each day to Base Camp.

Senior Teens

Food for purchase will be available at Base Camp or All Saints through Friday. (Pizza on Friday is an Amigos only event. We apologize for the confusion.) Feel free to bring a lunch or snacks from home as well. Families are on their own between camp programming on Friday (3 pm) until meeting for *Fiesta* (5 pm @ Lakeview South High School). There will be a fabulous food truck on-site after the *Fiesta* performance.

REMINDERS: No phones during programming (9 am -3 pm). Campers are not allowed to drive themselves during programming.

Pack-up Volunteers

Friday Afternoon: Meet at the volunteer table in Murphy Hall at **1:00 pm**. Saturday Morning: Meet at the back of the church y 8:00 am. We should be done by 11:00 am.

Reminders

7th Grade Graduation: Event will be Friday at 1:15 in the Specialty Room (under the church sanctuary).

All Volunteers: Turn in your buttons and lanyards at the volunteer table. If you keep your button after camp, we end up making a new button for you, and since you don't actually need it, that's a waste of our time and resources. PLEASE be sure to turn in your buttons!

Camp Store: Remember the *La Semana* camp store is open every day! Come to the cafeteria to check out our amazing selection of Mexican treats (available for .25 and .50) and *La Semana* merchandise. And don't forget to visit the online camp store as well.

Friday Closing: All Saints will close at 3:30 on Friday afternoon. See you at *Fiesta*!

Updates

Flag Ceremony: Have you ever wondered how flag carriers are chosen? Each year we try to include all of the flags of the Latin American countries important to people attending camp. A few years ago we started including all of the current year's high school graduates in the flag ceremony. This gives each camper at least one opportunity to be in the flag ceremony. For countries not represented by a graduate we look at who has not carried the flag of their country in the past, or the past few years. The challenging part is identifying who has connections to Latin American countries other than campers born in Latin America. If a camper or volunteer has a connection to a Latin American country you would like us to know about as the flag ceremony is planned, send an email to the Camp Chair and your information will be passed along to the person planning the flag ceremony. Sometimes the camp participants with a connection to a country choose not to carry a flag, but we still want to include that flag, so if your child really wants to carry a flag, any flag, let us know! If an Alum wants to be sure their flag is not forgotten, let us know. If you are graduating high school in 2020 and want to Emcee the program let us know too. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Flag ceremony special this year!

Crafts: Crafts has done some purging! We have some supplies that we no longer need. If you're a teacher, involved with scouts, youth groups, etc. and could maybe use what we no longer need, please stop by the craft room and see what we have available for you to take!

Volunteers Needed This Year: We can still use more volunteers to help with *Fiesta* on **Friday** and packing up camp on **Saturday**. Stop by the volunteer table and let Joan or Mari know if you can help with either of these!

Volunteer for Next Year: If you'd like to volunteer for a Tier A or B position next year please complete the volunteer form. Visit the *La Semana* web page or stop by the volunteer table in the cafeteria to fill out an application. Applications will be accepted until August 2nd. <https://lasemana.org/la-semana/virtual-office/>

COSTUME UPDATES:

K-7 Girls:

- Plain, white cami
 - Plain, black (or white) close-fitting shorts
 - Plain, black, Mary Jane shoes with short heel
- (**Except** girls in grades K, 1, 5, 6A **and 7B**)

K-7 Boys:

- Plain, white, short-sleeve t-shirt
 - Plain, white, long-sleeve, button-down shirt
 - Plain, black, close-fitting, lightweight shorts (like jersey knit gym shorts)
 - Black dress shoes with heel (and black socks)
- (**Except** boys in grades K, 1, or 5 **and 7B**)
- Black pants for boys in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 7A, 7D
 - White pants for boys in grades K, 1, 6B, 7B, 7C

Many boys have reserved pants or button shirts from camp. **Note that we are now out of boys' shoes to borrow.

All campers before arriving:

- Change into shorts & cami/t-shirt
- Use the restroom
- Apply make-up
- Leave all purses, bags, backpacks, water bottles, yearbooks, etc. in your car or with the adult(s) with you

All K-7 campers upon arrival:

- Meet classroom facilitators in the gathering area
- Leave street shoes in the shoe jail for your class
- Facilitators will escort campers to costumes and help with accessories
- Campers will sit with their class

Immediately after your dance:

- Hang up skirts
- Place laundry in appropriate bucket (If you're not sure, ask!)
- Facilitators will help with flowers, and accessories
- Put street shoes back on
- Facilitators will escort you back to your seat
- Enjoy the rest of *Fiesta*

Parent Education Schedule

FRIDAY

9:30 am *Tips and Tricks for Parenting the Adopted Child*
with Melissa Nichols, MA LMFT

LIFE Session Overview

The overall objective of *La Semana* is to celebrate our children, their family, adoption and the Latin American culture; the curriculum each of the K-7 grades Life program mirrors these goals.

LIFE Topics by Grade Level:

K-1 Celebrating Diversity

2nd Celebrating Families

3rd Celebrating Individuality

4th Celebrating Me

(Thursday, 9:05 am, parents join in making a LIFE booklet)

5th Celebrating Heroes

6th Celebrating Self-Esteem

7th Celebrating Connections

Please direct questions to Jamalee, Parent Volunteer LIFE Coordinator at life@lasemana.org.

Girls Hair:

K/1 Down

2/3 Two Low Braids

4 Half Pony

5 Low Pony

6A Down

6B Down

7A Two Low Braids

7B Down

7C Down

7D Bring clean brush & comb from home, labeled with name. Bring black pony binders. Wear hair down to Fiesta. Dance Ayudantes will do the braiding and a scarf will be provided from camp.

Lost-and-Found: A Lost-and-Found table has been set up near the main entrance at All Saints. All remaining items after camp close on Friday will be brought to *Fiesta*. Check it out if you are missing something!

Reimbursement: Forms are available at the welcome table.



Parking -All Saints: Please DO NOT park behind the church or near the bell tower. The church needs this space on Friday. Thank you!

Parking -Lakeville South: For *Fiesta*, upon exiting Jacquard Avenue at Lakeville South High School, stay to the right to enter the North Parking Lot. See map.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: We are **thrilled** to have **Full Belly Happy Heart** food truck on-site after the dance performance at *Fiesta* this Friday! Plan to stay and enjoy their menu including Mexican and Peruvian tostadas and more! Menu link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/179He_KSDh77Fn_wQnYi_yS1qI9xJPH_tnC2p0XUcTDo/edit

For more information:

<https://lasemana.org/la-semana/2019-camp/>

¡Hasta pronto!

Newsletter: If you have information for the newsletter, please send the blurb to Kendra (newsletterlasemana@gmail.com) by **11 am** to be included in that day's newsletter.