



¡Buenas tardes!

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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.

Ask your camper about today's Market Day!

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.

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 **Wednesday** or **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@voxpovideo.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)

Amigos had a great first three days! Monday was a volunteer day at Feed My Starving Children. The students packed an amazing amount of food that will be sent to Uganda. The FMSC program asks for donations to pay to keep the program running (food purchase, lights, building) and a \$500.00 anonymous donation was made in the name of *La Semana*. Today we checked out amazing vendors at Market Day. Note that the full Amigos Base Camp schedule is now available on the website.

- The day begins and ends at All Saints every day EXCEPT Friday. Campers will be bused from Base Camp to *Fiesta* on Friday.
- Specialty country cuisine will be available for purchase at Base Camp on Tuesday – Thursday. Consider bringing a lunch and snacks on Friday. There will be pizza at 3 pm on Friday and the bus will go directly to *Fiesta* at 5 pm.
- 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.) Feel free to bring a lunch or snacks from home as well.

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

Recreation News: **K - 7th Grade** Parents: On Thursday, please bring a white, prewashed t-shirt, bandana or pillowcase for your child to tie-dye in the Recreation Tent.

Crafts: If you have old magazines to donate, Crafts would appreciate it! Drop them off in the craft room. We ask **7th graders** to bring hammers labeled with their names on Thursday. We will have some hammers available but are in need of more.

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

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.

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!

Volunteer This Year: We have an **urgent need** for someone to store one of the PLAC dance trailers. This position is eligible for a Tier A discount in next year's *La Semana* registration. If you have an extra garage space available and could consider taking this trailer, please stop by the volunteer table this week to get more information. We also need additional help with *Fiesta*. If you can help with *Fiesta*, please stop by the volunteer table and let us know!

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/>

COSTUMES:

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, or 6A)

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)
- 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

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

THURSDAY

9:15 am Parent Panel

1:00 pm Teen/Young Adult Panel

FRIDAY

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

Attention 7D Girls and Parents

Please see the video posted online at the link below for how to braid your hair Friday. You may want to practice in class.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/p7griqag1gw7scv/Guatemalan%20Braid%20Video.MOV?dl=0>

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.

Reimbursement: Forms are available at the welcome table.

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. The newsletter will be sent to each family via a daily email, and will appear on our website.

For more information:

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

¡Hasta mañana!