

Camp Communication – July 27, 2022

La Semana 2022

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Welcome to La Semana 2022!

This document will provide you the information you need to be ready for a successful camp experience.

Summer always brings road construction! Check the MNDOT website for information: www.dot.state.mn.us

I-35W MN River Bridge Construction details can be found at <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wbloomington/>

Covid protocols: There has been a recent surge of cases within the area. We highly encourage mask wearing when indoors for the benefit of our immunocompromised campers and families. **If you or your camper feels sick, we ask that you stay home.** If you have been exposed to Covid-19, please test negative before returning to camp and wear a mask.

If you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 10 days, please adhere to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) guidance and remain isolated for the first five days and wear a mask around others for the next five days following isolation. We ask this for the safety of our campers and volunteers.

Parent Events UPDATE: Cooking today was so much fun! Thank you to all volunteers and parents who attended.

Thursday: Join us for a special alumni panel for parents. Connect with a few of our great alumni volunteers about the panel process, their experiences, and what camp means to them. Led by Spencer Corrigan. **Best Western Bloomington (1901 Killebrew Drive)**. Check with the front desk to be directed to meeting location. **4:30-5:30pm**.

Specialty: Join our fundraising team! On Thursday of Specialty campers will be working with Common Hope to raise money for education in Guatemala by participating in a Walk for Hope.



2022 Country of Focus: Guatemala



Important Announcement:

For Safety: Everyone at Base Camp must have a name badge on at all times.

Volunteers: Volunteers receive their name badge at check in table

Visitors: All visitors must sign in at the camp welcome & information table to get name badge.

Campers: Wear your t-shirt with your name on it all week.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, call 612-208-PLAC (7522).

Camp Welcome & Information

Need help? The camp welcome & information table is located near the main entrance.

We have collaborated with Common Hope to set up a webpage for information and donations. La Semana families, click below to learn more and sponsor your camper to help us meet our **goal of \$2,000**. Remember, PLAC has said they will meet up to this amount!

<http://give.commonhope.org/LaSemana>

Lost and Found: Please check for missing items at the check in table. There is also a box for items you find.

What to Bring:

Wear comfortable closed-toe athletic shoes, warm-weather clothes, sunscreen, a refillable water bottle and bug spray.

- Please note that Basecamp does not allow any open toe shoes for activities.
- Lunch from *El Burrito Mercado* will be available at Basecamp. Campers are welcome to partake or bring their own bag lunch.
- Mask

2022 Service Project UPDATE: Thank you for the donating t-shirts to our service project! We do not need any more. You are welcome to bring more supplies to donate:

- Basic clothing/undergarments (t-shirts, men's boxers, women's underwear, socks, sweatpants,)
- Summer items (sunscreen, sunglasses, umbrellas)
- Hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand sanitizer, bring your hotel provided items!)

We will have bins out all week for supply donations.

Lunch: This year we will offer all campers and volunteers lunch from El Burrito Mercado. Hot lunch will be available onsite Wednesday and Thursday of camp.

Thursday: Pork tamales, rice and beans

Friday: Bring your own lunch

Lunch will be free of charge however we encourage and appreciate any donations during lunch. As a reminder, we will **NOT** serve lunch Friday. Please bring your own lunch to eat during our fiesta celebration. Light snacks will be provided during Friday programming.

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Alumnos: We are so excited to welcome our Alumni back to camp this year! All Alumni are invited to attend:

- Alumni BBQ after camp on Thursday July 28th. *Not PLAC sponsored*

Contact alumni representatives Julianna Ondrey at Ondreyjuliana@yahoo.com or Matthias Dewane at Matthiasd18294@gmail.com with questions. If you haven't already, join "PLAC - Los Alumnos" group on Facebook to stay up to date on updates and events during and after camp!

Fiesta Friday Celebration: We will wrap up our week with our Fiesta Friday celebration! This will include a variety of fun activities for our campers throughout the camp day from 9:00am to 1:00pm when checkout will take place.

After 1:00pm our chaperones will no longer be responsible for your camper, please check them out at this time. We will, however, continue our celebration with DJ, ice cream truck, and more!

Parents, campers will be performing the dances they learned this week during this event! Make sure you're there to watch, grab some ice cream, and celebrate a great week!

Drop Off/Pick Up

- **Do NOT arrive BEFORE 8:20 am unless you have permission from your volunteer area chair or the camp chair.**
- All campers, volunteers and visitors must enter through the main door.
- All campers must check out with their chaperone when leaving camp. If leaving early, a parent must notify a camp official in advance.

Classroom facilitators cannot allow a child to leave without an authorized adult. Let your classroom facilitator know if anyone other than a parent is allowed to pick up your child.

Behavior Expectations for All

- All campers, parents and volunteers must follow the rules outlined in the Code of Conduct (Link to 'Code of Conduct' provided below)
- Ayudantes who are having difficulty fulfilling their assignments will be talked with and a parent/guardian will be contacted. (Please refer to Ayudante Discipline under the Ayudante section of the website for further info)
- Please respect all campers and presenters. Each child will receive a yearbook at the end of the week. You may not post any photos containing images of MINOR campers or Ayudantes without PARENTAL permission.

Visitors

- Visitors are more than welcome during our social events on Tuesday evening during our kickoff or on Friday afternoon during our fiesta event.
- Upon arrival, visitors must check in at the camp welcome & information table and wear a nametag throughout the day. Visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, call 612-208-PLAC (7522) or 911 for medical emergency.

Information for Volunteers: Name tags must be worn all week. All volunteers check-in and pick up your name tag at the volunteer check in table BEFORE going to your assigned volunteer position. Please return your name tag at the end of camp on Friday.

The volunteer table can assist you with any questions about your assignment.

DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:20 on Thursday – Friday unless you have been instructed to by your chair. Please supervise your children before you check them into their group at 9am. It is very difficult to change positions. For the brief week of camp, we encourage all volunteers to remain in the position for which they have been assigned (and agreed to). Please refrain from any position changes unless it's absolutely critical.

We are counting on your pledge to volunteer in this role. If you do not fulfill your volunteer role at camp you will need to be charged the full price of camp. Every position is important for the camp to be successful for you and your child(ren). The more attention we give the children during this week at camp, the more enriched their experience - and yours - will be. If you have questions or concerns about your role as a volunteer, please contact Mari Creque at volunteers@lasemana.org.

Photo Opportunities: Although we will not be able to have a yearbook this year, there will be plenty of opportunities for photos. Please remember, any photograph taken of campers or Ayudantes requires parental permission before taking the photo and especially posting.