

La Semana 2022

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Hosted at Base Camp

6202 Bloomington Rd, St Paul, MN 55111

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/>

We can't wait to see you tonight! Read our camp newsletter to make sure you're prepared for a great week!

Schedule Information:

Tuesday, July 26:

Welcome dinner and flag ceremony 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday July 27:

Camp programming 9:00am to 3:30pm

Thursday, July 28:

Camp programming 9:00am to 3:30 pm

Friday, July 29:

Camp programming 9:00am to 1:00pm Fiesta celebration 1:00pm to 4:00pm

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.



**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.

Tuesday Welcome Dinner: We will kick off the start of La Semana tonight! Check in for all volunteers and campers from 4:00-5:00pm at Basecamp followed by the Flag Ceremony at 5:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

To our La Semana friends and families who could not join us this year at camp, we invite you to join us for our welcome dinner! If you are not registered to attend or volunteer at camp this year, any good will donation per person is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

There will also be items for purchase from the camp store and common hope marketplace. The camp store will accept card only and common hope with accept cash and card.

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. 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.

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

What to bring this week: Wear comfortable *closed-toe* athletic shoes, warm-weather clothes, sunscreen, a refillable water bottle and bug spray.

- Mask
- T-shirt and any supplies to donate to service project
- Lunch
- Please note that no open-toed shoes will be allowed for Basecamp activities

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.

Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas with salsa verde, rice, and beans

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.

Parent Events: This year we have two great parent education sessions planned for you.

Wednesday: This year we extend the Specialty fun to parents and volunteers! Join us during the last hour of camp Wednesday for a wonderful Guatemalan cooking demonstration from Amalia Moreno-Daamgard! Learn new Latin American inspired dinner and non-alcoholic beverage ideas! Basecamp Leadership Center 2:15-3:15pm.

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. Basecamp meeting room, 4:30-5:30pm.

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

- Alumni Top Golf from 8:00pm to 10:00pm Wednesday night
- Alumni meeting from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm Wednesday at the Best Western Bloomington (1901 Killebrew Drive)
- 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, this is when you will be able to see the dance routines campers learned during the week.

We will **not** serve lunch this day, so we ask all campers to bring their own lunch to camp. We will provide snacks to compensate for the late lunch hour.

Service Project: This year campers will be building supply bags out of t-shirts for The Bridge for Youth out of Minneapolis. Bring at least 1 t-shirt to craft with (no holes, no profanity) and if you want, supplies to donate:

- Basic clothing/undergarments (**Adult** size 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 and t-shirt donations.

Drop Off/Pick Up:

- **Do NOT arrive BEFORE 8:20 am Wednesday-Friday 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.

Chaperones CANNOT allow a child to leave without an authorized adult. Let your group chaperone 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
- Ayudantes who are having difficulty fulfilling their assignments will be talked with and a parent/guardian will be contacted.
- Please respect all campers and presenters. 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 welcome dinner or on **Friday afternoon** during our fiesta events.
- 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 on Tuesday 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. Volunteers should check-in at their volunteer spot before the opening ceremony on Tuesday.

DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:20 on Wednesday-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.

Schedules and group assignments: This year we will not be posting schedules and group assignments prior to camp. In order to maintain the safety and privacy of our campers and volunteers, these schedules and assignments will be distributed to campers and volunteers during check in. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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.

Make sure to check our website and Facebook page for further updates. We can't wait to see you at camp!