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## Pre-camp Communication

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### La Semana 2022

[www.LaSemana.org](http://www.LaSemana.org)

Tuesday, July 26th – Friday, July 29th 9:00am to 3:30 pm

Hosted at Base Camp

6202 Bloomington Rd, St Paul, MN 55111



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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](http://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/>

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**We are excited to see you all at camp this year. Please read on to find out what you should know before coming to camp.**

### Hotel Information

A block of rooms have been reserved at Best Western Plus. Mention La Semana when making reservations. Call or visit the [Bloomington Best Western](http://Bloomington Best Western) website to make reservations.

**Address:** 1901 Killebrew Drive, 55425 **Phone:** [\(952\) 854-8200](tel:9528548200)

### 2022 information

We are so excited to have over 80 campers this year. Planning volunteers are working on the details for a great week including Guatemalan cooking classes, animal visits, music, dance and more.

### Tuesday Kickoff

Our Tuesday Kickoff will begin with camper and volunteer check in from 4:00-5:00pm. The flag ceremony and dinner will follow, beginning at 5:15pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

La Semana friends and families who aren't able to attend camp this year are welcome to join us during our Tuesday night dinner. Stay tuned for details.

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### 2022 Country of Focus: Guatemala



### Important Announcement:

**For Safety: Everyone in the building 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.

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## 2022 Service Projects

This year campers will be building supply bags for The Bridge for Youth out of Minneapolis. Bring a t-shirt to craft with (no holes, no profanity) and if you want, 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 and t-shirt donations.

Additionally, campers will work with Common Hope to learn about and raise money for education in Guatemala by participating in a Walk for Hope. We will have a webpage setup for information and donations and will also have a setup at camp for donations.

Learn more about our service projects at our Tuesday back to camp dinner!

## Drop Off/Pick Up

- **Do NOT arrive BEFORE 8:20 am on 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 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.**

## What to Bring:

**Wear comfortable close-toed athletic shoes, warm-weather clothes, sunscreen, a water bottle and bug spray.**

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

## 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 addressed and/or 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. 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. 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 from 4:00-5:00pm before the opening ceremony on Tuesday.

DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:20am on Wednesday-Friday unless you have been instructed to by your chair. Please supervise your children before you check them in with 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](mailto:volunteers@lasemana.org).

## Photo opportunities

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

**Stay tuned for more information coming soon, we can't wait to see you at camp!**