

## **Ayudante Information for La Semana 2008**

**July 28 through August 1**

**All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville, MN**

An exciting week is in store for you at La Semana this year. A lot of your time will be spent with the younger campers who treasure you as friends and role models. Your participation in camp activities with them makes their camp experience even more meaningful and fun. You will also have many opportunities to spend time with your friends and peers. Thanks to the feedback you provided at the end of camp, there are some changes incorporated this year.

### **New this year ----**

**Teen Breakfast:** There will be a teen breakfast every morning from 8:30 to 9 AM (before camp starts). On Monday and Friday, the breakfast will be in room 108 (small teen room). On Tuesday through Thursday, it will be in the north end of the cafeteria.

This is a pot luck event by teens for teens– you are assigned to please bring the following:

\_\_\_ 1 gallon of fruit juice    \_\_\_ 12 donuts    \_\_\_ 12 bagels    \_\_\_ 2 tubs of cream cheese

\_\_\_ Monday    \_\_\_ Tuesday    \_\_\_ Wednesday    \_\_\_ Thursday    \_\_\_ Friday

**Teen Soccer Game:** We will have a soccer game for interested senior teens on Monday from 3-4pm on the south field of All Saints.

**Valley Fair Day:** On Wednesday, senior teens can spend the day at Valley Fair amusement park (see enclosed information sheet and permission form).

This year we are fortunate that one of our parent volunteers, **Kate Hathaway**, a psychologist, will take the role of “special needs/inclusion coordinator.” Her job is to help identify areas where additional guidance or assistance might be helpful – both with the younger campers and for you in your work with classroom facilitators and fellow Ayudantes. The intent is to all work together to make the week feel even more welcoming, inclusive of all, and positive. Kate will work out of our teen room area and be available to help us with suggestions and as our own teen/camper resource person. If you want to contact her with questions before camp her email is [hatha001@umn.edu](mailto:hatha001@umn.edu).

During camp the main teen leaders to contact for questions will be Sherry Stern, Jenny and Michael Merdinger, Gary Jurek, Kate Hathaway and Kerry Noyes (Mon-Wed). A big thank you goes to all our parent leaders. You can find their names as well as directions to the camp and updated camp information at [www.lasemana.org](http://www.lasemana.org).

**Volunteer Certificate-** This year we would like to recognize our dedicated Ayudantes by giving you a certificate for 18 hours of volunteer time helping our La Semana campers. Please come by the teen area on Friday at the end of camp to receive your certificate.

**Teen/Alumni Task Force-** Parents, teens and alumni interested in being on a task force this year to evaluate the teen/alumni programs please contact our next camp chair, Melinda Greer. Watch the LaSemana website or Camp Daily Newsletters for more information. Alternatively you may send an email to [lasemana@gmail.com](mailto:lasemana@gmail.com) and you will be contacted when task force meetings are planned.

## **Ayudantes Schedule for the Week**

Your Ayudante and optional class assignments are on the labels below. Please let Sherry Stern know of any problems immediately as it is very difficult to make changes once camp begins.

*Please bring a bag lunch Monday, Tuesday and Friday.*

### **Monday:**

**8:30am- Orientation in Room 108 (Small Teen Room)** You will sign the updated code of conduct so please read the enclosed copy.

**9:00 am- Go to your Ayudante Assignment-** Classroom Camper Get to Know You Time

**9:30am- Flag Ceremony-** Please sit with your assigned classroom during the ceremony.

**Immediately After the Flag Ceremony -** First period assignment.

**10:45 am-**Second period assignment.

**11:30am-2:45pm** Ayudante assignment.

**3:00- 4:00pm** Optional Ayudante Soccer Game outdoors on the south field.

### **Tuesday:**

**8:30am** Breakfast and Announcements - North end of the cafeteria.

**9:00-10:30am** La Semana Alumni Panel on Careers and If I'm 18, Then What?

**10:30am- 2:45pm** Work in your Ayudante assignment.

### **Wednesday:**

**8:30am** Breakfast and Announcements - North end of the cafeteria.

**9:00am Bus Trip to Valley Fair** (see enclosed information sheet)

### **Thursday:**

**8:30am** Breakfast and Announcements - North end of the cafeteria.

**9:00am** First period Class

**9:45am** Second period class

**10:30am-2:45pm** Ayudante assignment.

### **Friday:**

**8:30am** Breakfast and Announcements – **Room 108 (Small Teen Room)**

**9:00am** Report to your ayudante assignment and sit with them during assembly

**Immediately After the Assembly-**First period Class

**10:30am** Second period class

**11:15am-2:45pm** Ayudante assignment.

**6:00pm-** Fiesta at Lakeville South High School

**8:00 -11:00pm Ayudante Party** in Lakeville- Watch for details during camp week. Past La Semana teens who want to attend need permission from Sherry Stern (952) 471-0646 prior to the party. Parents willing to help with the party are needed, please contact Sherry.

## La Semana Code of Conduct

In order to ensure the safety and well being of everyone in the camp community, the following rules will apply to all campers from kindergarten through high school graduates:

- Campers are expected to participate in all activities and programs at camp and to be with their group or at their assigned places unless permission is granted from an adult in charge.
- Campers should give proper attention to personal cleanliness and dress appropriately. Campers will wear a camp tee shirt at all times. If campers are deemed to be wearing inappropriate attire they may be sent home, asked to change, or instructed to wear more appropriate attire on subsequent days.
- All classroom assignments are final.
- All participants in La Semana and PLAC are expected to treat each other in a respectful manner at all times, including the months outside of camp. Disrespectful, threatening, or hurtful behavior of any type directed toward another camper or PLAC member, or failure to correct inappropriate behavior, may result in exclusion from camp, immediate removal from camp, or other disciplinary action.
- The following are prohibited at camp: hats worn inside the building, use of cell phones, music players, game machines, video or DVD players, weapons or items that look like weapons, non-prescription drugs, illegal substances, tobacco, alcohol, gambling, stealing, hazing, conduct that is disruptive, insubordinate, discriminates, harasses, lies, denigrates or endangers anyone, public displays of affection and any items, symbols or gestures related to gangs, illegal drugs, sex, or violence.
- All participants are expected to promptly report violations of the Code of Conduct to an adult leader of their assigned area.

All Saints Catholic Church, instructors, volunteers and directors and members of this organization will not be held responsible for any accident or losses, however caused, and agree to release all parties involved from any claim, lawsuit or damage, which may arise as a result of or by reason of such loss or accident. I understand that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all participants.

I give my permission to be photographed and/or videotaped, knowing that such pictures, images and audiovisuals may be disseminated to the general public.

**I have read and agree to the La Semana Code of Conduct. By signing this Code, I am pledging to adhere to the rules outlined here.**

**I understand that if I do not adhere to the Code of Conduct that disciplinary activity may be taken. I may be asked to leave camp without notice and I will be expected to provide or arrange for transportation at that time. Alternatively I may be excluded from camp now or in the future. My continued participation may also be conditioned on the attendance of my parent or another responsible adult at camp with me.**

(Please fill out and mail the Valley Fair permission form on the reverse side.)

## Valley Fair Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Ayudantes are invited to a **free trip to Valley Fair** on Wednesday, July 30th. Meet at 8:30am at the cafeteria's north side and we will board the bus about 9:00am. If you choose to drive yourself, there is a \$10 parking fee per vehicle. The attached form must be received by **July 17**, otherwise, you may need to pay normal admission of \$36.95 a person.

**Clothing:** You are required to wear a top, shorts and shoes at all times inside the park.

**Food** - You may bring money to purchase lunch or bring food from home. Food brought in must be left and eaten on their picnic site outside the Valley Fair entrance (your hand can be stamped for re entry.)

**Waterpark:** Whitewater Country Waterpark rides are included in the admission price. Bring appropriate swimwear and a towel for the waterpark and a plastic bag to keep your towel and clothing dry. Cut-offs (denim or khaki), full or capri-length pants and undergarments are not considered appropriate swimwear. Transparent clothing of any type is not permitted and swimsuits with exposed rear/side metal rivets or zippers are not allowed. Valleyfair has the sole discretion to determine what is appropriate and reserves the right to refuse admission or ask anyone who is not in compliance with the rules to leave the park. For further information check the website [www.valleyfair.com](http://www.valleyfair.com).

**Games and Challenge Park attractions are optional and require separate fees.**

**Ayudante Leaders-** During the day you can locate adult helpers at Stadium Pizza and Grill (by the Looping Starship).

**Bus Departure 2:15pm at the Carousel near the front gate.**

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### Valley Fair Permission Form

Print Ayudante Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  I will take the camp bus to and from Valley Fair.

I will go to Valley Fair by bus, but arrange my own transportation from the park.

I will arrange transportation to and from Valley Fair. (Parking is \$10 at the park.)

I choose to work at my Ayudante assignment and **will not attend** Valley Fair.

Print Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Permission forms need to **arrive by Thursday, July 17** to ensure a free entrance ticket and bus ride. Send completed form to Sherry Stern, 2715 Pence Lane, Excelsior, MN 55331. Teens whose permission slips arrive after the deadline will have to pay park entrance fees and arrange their own transportation.