

Dear Parents of La Semana Junior Teens,

We have a very exciting week of activities planned for junior teens this summer, beginning July 28!

**Monday:** Camp starts at 9:00 a.m. Junior teens should check in for orientation at the Commons, in the center of the lower level of the school. The teens will then go to the flag ceremony with all of the campers. Following the flag ceremony, the teens will alternate 2 classes: Climb Theater, focusing on role modeling and team building, and a Latina Police Officer, discussing legal issues related to our Latino teens. Lunch will follow; please pack a bag lunch for your teen. In the afternoon the teens will attend the classes they have chosen (dance, crafts, cooking, Quince, etc.). Parents who are interested in learning about the history and traditions of Quince Años coming of age ceremonies in Latin American countries are invited to attend either of the 2 Quince classes on Monday afternoon, in the small teen room (across the hall from the cafeteria).

**Tuesday:** The teens are going on an **extended day** trip to Camp Ihdhapi, a YMCA camp located in Loretto, Minnesota (different from last year's camp), with a focus on self-esteem and team building. The teens should arrive at All Saints by **8:30 a.m.**, as the bus will leave the Church **promptly** at **8:45 a.m.** Please make sure that your teen wears comfortable clothes for outdoor physical activities (including tennis shoes), brings sunscreen and bug spray, and packs a bag lunch with **extra snacks and water** since we will be outside the entire day. We will return to Lakeville between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. **You will need to pick your teen up after camp ends in the Church parking lot at 6:00 p.m.** Enclosed is a *Medical Review and Informed Consent* form that must be completed, signed, mailed and **received by Brenda Hartman (1771 North Albert Street, Falcon Heights, MN 55113) by no later than Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** for your teen to join the group on Tuesday.

**Wednesday:** The bus will leave the Church in Lakeville **promptly** at 9:00 a.m. to go to Grand Rios Water Park (in Brooklyn Park) for the day. This is an indoor water park so the weather will not effect our day. Swimming suits are required for the pools. Your teen may also want to bring a beach towel, toiletries to take a shower, a plastic bag to carry home wet items and dry clothes for the bus ride back. Please pack a bag lunch and/or send money if your teen would like to purchase food on site, play games or rent a locker (lockers are coin-operated and require 4 quarters each time they are opened). We will return to camp by 2:45 p.m. Enclosed is a waiver form that must be completed, signed, mailed and **received by Brenda Hartman (1771 North Albert Street, Falcon Heights, MN 55113) by no later than Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** for your teen to join the group on Wednesday.

**Thursday:** The bus will leave the Church in Lakeville **promptly** at 9:00 a.m. for a service project. The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen (**closed-toe shoes** are required for all teens going to Feed My Starving Children). The 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Neighborhood House in St. Paul, where they will participate in a variety of projects including the food shelf. All teens will return to camp by 12 noon, in time for the Latino lunch being served by La Semana in the cafeteria. No bag lunch will be necessary on Thursday. In the afternoon the teens will attend the classes they have chosen (dance, crafts, cooking, Quince, etc.). WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ACCOMPANY US ON THE THURSDAY MORNING SERVICE PROJECTS. IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP OUT, PLEASE CONTACT SHERI AHL AT [ahlhaugen@comcast.net](mailto:ahlhaugen@comcast.net) OR 612-827-3831. In addition, if you or your teen is interested in making a donation to either of the junior teen service project organizations, those donations may be personally delivered to the organization on Thursday.

***If you are late and miss the bus to any of the above activities, you will be responsible for transportation. Directions and web sites for each organization are on the back.***

**Friday:** The teens will be on campus all day today. Following the morning assembly for all campers, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade teens will have two different presentations: a hip hop artist and a video and discussion related to teen adoption issues. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade teens will have a class preparing them to become ayudantes next year. Please pack a bag lunch to be eaten at camp. In the afternoon the teens will attend the classes they have chosen (dance, crafts, cooking, Quince, etc.).

**TUESDAY, JULY 29 (Bus leaves Lakeville promptly at 8:45)**

YMCA Camp Ihduhapi • 3425 Ihduhapi Road • Loretto, MN 55357 • 612-822-CAMP (2267)

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

I-494 west; exit at US-12 west (exit 19B toward Wayzata); take Carlson Pkwy. Exit on left toward Linner Road; merge onto US-12 west via the exit on the left toward Wayzata; proceed 9.6 miles, and turn right onto Baker Park Rd/CR-29; continue on Baker Park Rd., which after .8 miles will become CR-19; after 3 additional miles, turn left onto CR-11 and proceed .8 mi.; turn left onto Ihduhapi Road and proceed .7 miles to the camp.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 (Bus leaves Lakeville promptly at 9:00)**

Grand Rios Indoor Waterpark Hotel, 6900 Lakeland Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428 (763) 566-8855

[www.grandrios.com](http://www.grandrios.com)

I-35 north; stay in left lanes for the MN-65/I-94 west exit (toward downtown) and exit onto I-94 west; continue on I-94 west for 12.5 miles; take exit 31 to merge onto CR-81 north; after .6 miles, turn right at 71st Ave. North and then right at Lakeland Ave. No.

**THURSDAY, JULY 31 (Bus leaves Lakeville promptly at 9:00)**

8th and 9th Graders to: Feed My Starving Children, 18738 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 763-504-2919

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

FROM 494: Go west on Highway 5 to DELL ROAD. Turn left (south) on Dell Road. Take the first right onto LAKE DRIVE EAST. Take the 2nd right into our parking lot. During rush hour, it's faster to go west on Highway 5 to Highway 312. Take the DELL ROAD exit. Turn left onto Dell Road (north). Turn left onto Lake Drive East (the last left before the stoplights for Highway 5). Turn at the second right into our parking lot.

10th Graders to: Neighborhood House (at the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building), 179 Robie St E., St. Paul, MN 55107 (651) 227-9291

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

FROM THE NORTH: Take 35E South to 52 South and take the Concord Street exit. Take a RIGHT onto Concord/Cesar Chavez. Take a RIGHT onto Ada Street (1 block before the stop light). Take a LEFT onto Robie Street

FROM THE SOUTH: Take 35E North to 494 East to 52 North and take the Concord Street exit. Take a LEFT onto Concord/Cesar Chavez. Take a RIGHT onto Ada Street (1 block before the stop light). Take a LEFT onto Robie Street.

FROM THE EAST: Take 94 West to 52 South. Take the Concord Street exit. Take a RIGHT onto Concord/Cesar Chavez. Take a RIGHT onto Ada Street (1 block before the stop light). Take a LEFT onto Robie Street.

FROM THE WEST: Take 94 East to 52 South. Take the Concord Street exit. Take a RIGHT onto Concord/Cesar Chavez. Take a RIGHT onto Ada Street (1 block before the stop light). Take a LEFT onto Robie Street.

**For junior teens going into 10<sup>th</sup> grade:** To recognize their transition to serving as Ayudantes in the coming year, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade junior teens attending La Semana this year are invited to join the Senior Teen Party on Friday night following the Fiesta from 8 to 11 pm. More information will be available during camp week. All PLAC 10<sup>th</sup> Graders also have been invited to celebrate the Quince Años Coming of Age Ceremony on Saturday evening. Invitations with details have already been mailed to all 10<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**Special Needs/Inclusion Coordinator:** New this year, Kate Hathaway, a psychologist, is taking the role of La Semana "special needs/inclusion coordinator". Her job is to help identify areas where additional guidance or assistance might be helpful for campers of all ages, including the teens. Our intent is to all work together to make the week feel even more welcoming, inclusive of all, and positive for all campers. Kate will be around in the teen room from time to time during the week and will also have designated time on Thursday and Friday when she will be working exclusively with junior teens. Please contact her before camp at [hatha001@umn.edu](mailto:hatha001@umn.edu) with any questions or concerns that you might have that would help in planning for the week.

**Code of Conduct:** A copy of La Semana's newly revised **Code of Conduct** is on the reverse side. Please review this carefully with your teen so that camp will be a pleasant experience for all, including the younger campers and our many adult volunteers. All teens will be asked to sign the revised La Semana Code of Conduct on the first day of camp. Any violations of these behavior expectations may result in your teen's immediate discharge from camp (if your teen is asked to leave, regardless of where we are, you will be asked to come and pick up him or her) and/or jeopardize your teen's enrollment in future years.

Please check the La Semana website, at [www.lasemana.org](http://www.lasemana.org), periodically for any final updates, changes or additional information. New information may be added before or during camp week.

We look forward to having your teen at camp. Please call us if you have any questions.

Sheri Ahl  
Junior Teen Chair  
(612) 827-3831 (home)  
(612) 991-8610 (cell, during camp)

Brenda Hartman  
Junior Teen Coordinator  
(651) 603-2751 (home)  
(651) 357-4681 (cell, during camp)

Randi Vietoris  
Junior Teen Coordinator  
(651) 436-7565 (home)

**P.S. Please do not forget to complete, sign and mail the enclosed *Medical Review and Informed Consent* form for your teen to go to Camp Ihduhapi on Tuesday and the waiver form for your teen to go to Grand Rios Indoor Waterpark on Wednesday. **These completed forms should be sent as soon as possible, and must be received by Brenda Hartman by no later than Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.** Please complete, sign and mail the forms to:**

**Brenda Hartman  
1771 North Albert Street  
Falcon Heights, MN 55113**

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.**