

**Cemanahuac Educational Community
Summer Programs for Educators
2012**

**"Spanish Skills for Teachers:
Language and Cultural Enrichment"**

Summer intensive two-week seminars for language and ESOL teachers

Program: The Spanish language program is offered for four hours per day in very small classes at each student's exact level. A fifth hour is available four days a week at no additional cost. All students should be prepared to spend at least two hours per day on homework and outside exercises.

At Cemanahuac we believe the language is best taught along with a strong cultural component. The culture of Mexico is fascinating in its Prehispanic richness, perfect for inclusion in any Spanish class in the United States at any level, and with the number of Latinos from Mexico in the United States, it's important for anyone working with them in any capacity to gain an appreciation of Mexican customs and cultures. Afternoon classes focus on the history, foods, arts, and music of Mexico, and full-day field study trips are offered every weekend, along with shorter half-day field study trips on weekdays. There are many ongoing activities with no fee in Cuernavaca each week for teachers. In addition to our current events talks, Mexican history, literature of Mexico, art, and Mesoamerican cultures classes, teachers can visit a social service program we support, VAMOS, to see after-school classes and preschool programs, the colorful public markets, and the busy Zocalo of Cuernavaca. Cemanahuac's field study program is the absolute best in Mexico.

Fees: The cost for the Spanish Skills for Teachers for a two-week program will be \$1238.00 and will include:

- registration
- tuition
- housing, double, all meals
- one all day-field study trip
- two half day field study trips
- textbook, with CD
- dinner at a local sugar hacienda
- walking tour of Cuernavaca
- academic transcript and certificate of attendance

Graduate level credit is available for a reasonable fee from the University of the Pacific's Travel Study Program. Travel Study courses offer educators and related personnel the opportunity of developing a personalized academic program based on independent travels either within the United States or abroad. Each participant has the opportunity of designing a sequence of academic activities based on their pre-determined travel plans. Upon submission of an academic travel plan, the participant develops units of study or audio-visual curriculum aids and materials, i.e., slide presentations, video-tape recordings, etc., based on information, activities, and experiences, resulting from their travels. To enroll or for more information contact:

Dr. Allan Lifson

800.479.1995 or visit www.teacherfriendly.com

Transportation: The public shuttle bus is very easy and even those with little Spanish have no trouble if they follow our written directions. The cost for this should be about \$12 each way for the shuttle bus and about \$4 for the taxi, each way. Full information about the shuttle bus is on our web page.

Schedule: Our current schedule is to start the four 2012 two-week sessions on the following Saturdays, and we ask for arrival and departure on Saturdays, if possible:

June 9, 2012

June 23, 2012

July 7, 2012

July 21, 2012

Registration: Please write to Vivian Harvey, Educational Programs Coordinator, for more information and a registration form.

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Comments from teachers who attended Cemanahuac in 2010 and 2011:

"My Cemanahuac experience was fantastic! I learned so much about the cultures, customs, and history of Mexico. Living with a host family, meeting a variety people during the excursions and being in such small classes at the school provided plenty of opportunities to practice speaking Spanish. I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend, and I would love to go back! Thanks!"

Tanya Sollien, Virginia Spanish teacher

"The school was great at finding classrooms for people at every level of Spanish. My classes were always challenging, yet a ton of fun. Half the time I forgot I was learning and the instructor had to tell us to leave long after the bell had rung. I had some unforgettable experiences and made some lifelong friends."

Ali Knopic, Arizona Spanish teacher

I have thoroughly enjoyed my stay here -- in fact, I extended it for 2 additional weeks. This experience came to me at just the right time in my life and career. I plan to incorporate much of the culture I've learned into our curriculum in the coming years.

Malyka Knapp-Smith, West Virginia Spanish teacher

You can't learn this in a classroom! The mountainous climb to the top of the temple in Teotihuacan, the happy music at the Misa Mariachi, the exquisite taste of paella... I hope to be a vessel between the rich cultures of "the City of Eternal Spring" Cuernavaca, Mexico and the "First in Flight" state of North Carolina, United States. I have listened to Bolero music, admired beautiful artwork at the Brady House, and cheered for the nation's soccer team. As I broaden my own horizons, I hope that I can share my new-found love and insight for the Mexican people and culture with others.

Cristen Letourneau, North Carolina Spanish teacher

I had so many highlights during my stay in Cuernavaca. The biggest was my host family. They were very caring and included me in their daily life. I didn't feel like a foreign exchange student, but a part of the family. I thoroughly enjoyed the classes at Cemanahuac as well. They were challenging and accelerated my knowledge of Spanish. The excursions were a great way to get to know other cities in Mexico and apply what we had learned in class. I felt very comfortable in Mexico and would definitely recommend this program to other Spanish teachers and Spanish students of all levels.

Lauren Davis, Ohio Spanish teacher