

Spanish Language Village



El Lago del Bosque



Spanish cheers resound through the courtyard before the evening meal.



CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

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Spanish Infusion

Life at *El Lago del Bosque* is infused with Spanish. Participants become “villagers” and live in the language and culture from the moment they wake up – participating in small language learning groups, cultural and camp activities, sports, dance, song – to the close of the day. Counselors from the United States and several Spanish-speaking countries engage with villagers and share experiences using vocabulary repetition and actions to increase understanding and retention.

El Lago del Bosque Programs:

- One-, two- and four-week Summer Youth experiences, including high school and college credit options
- Credit Abroad in Spain or Argentina
- Family Weeks and Weekends
- Adult Spanish Week for ages 18 and older
- Weekend Program for Spanish language students and their teachers
- Spanish language teacher seminars
- Master of Education in World Language Instruction

Where

Spanish Language Villages are held at four sites: Bemidji, Minn. (culturally and architecturally authentic site); Callaway, Minn.; Marine on St. Croix, Minn.; and Savannah, Ga.

Facts about Spanish language and culture

- Spanish speakers number 364 million worldwide.
- United States has 28 million Spanish speakers, the fifth highest number in the world.
- The largest group of native Spanish speakers reside in Mexico.
- Spanish is the official language in 20 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
- Dialects vary from country to country, with the most notable differences between Spain and Mexico.

The Alphabet

The Spanish alphabet has 26 letters of the modern Latin alphabet, and includes special characters such as the double ‘l’ and ‘r’.

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El Lago del Bosque activities:

- basketry
- pottery
- canoeing
- singing
- cooking
- soccer
- dancing
- tile making
- journalism

All activities conducted in Spanish.

