

¡HOLA CLUB DE ESPAÑOL!

We are so excited to kick off this quarter strong, it was great seeing so many new faces at our Bonfire Social on Wednesday! This is our first official copy of the Spanish Club Newsletter where we'll share club updates, volunteer opportunities, member spotlights, event details and information, and anything Spanish Club related! :)

SCHEDULE: REST OF SPRING QUARTER 2023

Below you will find dates and times for our meetings and events for the rest of this quarter! Make sure you are signed up on Shoreline and on our GroupMe to receive all communications and event details! All members are welcome to attend any and all club events!

WEEK 4

Classroom Meeting: Girvetz 1115
6:30-7:30pm on Wed 4/26 --
Come hang out, study, and practice Spanish!

WEEK 5

Cinco De Mayo Celebration: Come join us in IV on **Friday 5/5** to celebrate with catered tacos and other delicious treats! (Time/Location TBA)

WEEK 6

Study Jam: Girvetz 1115 **6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 5/10**
Tackle midterm season with this Study Jam – come study Spanish with friends and practice your skills with the rest of the club (or just study!)

WEEK 7

Study Jam: Girvetz 1115 **6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 5/17** --
Come hang out, study, and practice Spanish!

WEEK 8

Letter Writing Activity: Girvetz 1115
6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 5/24 We are writing letters (in Spanish) to students in Guatemala through Dream Volunteers (a non-profit striving to provide equal education opportunities).

WEEK 9

Study Jam: Girvetz 1115 **6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 5/31** --
Come hang out, talk in Spanish, and practice your skills with the rest of the club!!

WEEK 10

Finals Study Jam: Girvetz 1115 **6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday 5/31** -- Tackle finals season with this Study Jam in our classroom space – come study and practice Spanish!

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Have any ideas to improve Spanish Club? Share them here so that we can help serve you as best as possible with our club activities!  Link here: <https://forms.gle/zttpGEc5JvmVnbZQ8>

Are there any cool ways you've been able to use your Spanish recently that other members of the club might be interested in? Share them here, so that we can tell the whole club! Link here:  <https://forms.gle/gwKjC8V8CZfMyDnF9>

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

We had our first bonfire social this past week and had so much fun chatting in Spanish and discussing plans to go abroad to Spain, Mexico, and other Spanish-speaking countries. Come join us and meet new people who are passionate about learning and teaching Spanish!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOSIE!

You may be wondering, how can I use my Spanish to get involved with the community? Well, about a year ago, I was wondering the same thing, so I took the time to seek out opportunities where I could apply the language, and I'm here to share them with you! For anyone that is interested in the medical field or just wants to learn more about it, I recommend applying for a volunteer position at either Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH) or Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital (GVCH). I have been working as an Emergency Department volunteer at SBCH for almost a year now, taking just four hours of my time every week to help the ED staff with all they do for the public, and I get to use my Spanish skills almost every time I go in! Have you ever been to the hospital? If so, do you remember feeling scared or anxious? For the Latino/Hispanic population in Santa Barbara and Goleta Valley, many may not know a sufficient amount of English or would prefer using their native language when in an anxiety-provoking environment, like the hospital. If you look up "Volunteer Opportunities at Cottage Health" and click the first link, you will be redirected to the Cottage Health website, which contains volunteer application links, however, I will also link the resource below. Another opportunity provided by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center at UCSB is "Interpreting in Our Local School," which allows Spanish-speaking students who have completed SPAN 25 to apply for an interpreting position. With this position, you would be assigned a few parent-teacher conferences at the various elementary schools in Isla Vista, Goleta, and Santa Barbara to interpret for the conversation between the parent and the teacher.

This is an incredible opportunity to practice your Spanish, as well as give back to your community and help in whatever way you can. I have enjoyed my experience with the IHC Interpreting program, allowing me to learn more about the schools in our community and practice my Spanish skills all at the same time! If you look up "IHC Interpreting at UCSB" and click the first link called "Interpreting in Our Local Schools," you'll be redirected to the IHC website with information about this interpreting opportunity and how to apply, however I will link this below as well!

Get yourself involved! It is amazing to be able to speak two languages, and if you're ever looking for extra practice, these opportunities and many more will allow you that.

Cottage Health Volunteering:

<https://www.cottagehealth.org/donate/volunteer-cottage-health/>

IHC Interpreting: <https://ihc.ucsb.edu/public-humanities/interpreting-in-our-schools/>

