



Terminada la Semana Santa, Sevilla se prepara para la Feria. La Feria de Abril de Sevilla tiene su origen en 1846, cuando, dos comerciantes de origen vasco y catalán, Narciso Bonaplata y José María de Ybarra, firmaron una proposición pidiendo autorización al Cabildo Municipal para celebrar una feria anual de compra y venta de ganado. Poco a poco la feria perdería su carácter comercial y ganadero convirtiéndose en una fiesta en la que familiares y amigos se reunirían en las casetas para comer, beber, bailar y disfrutar juntos de la primavera sevillana.

Elena Garcia, Coordinadora de Actividades



IBCP Trip to Arcena

The IBCP trip to Arcena is Saturday, April 14th. Trip departure will be from the Puerta del Derecho at 9:00 and the bus will return at approximately 18:30h. If you would like to go on the trip, you must sign up with Alayna during her office hours on Monday or Tuesday or send her an e-mail by Wednesday, April 11th. You will be responsible for lunch on the trip...ask your Señora to prepare you a lunch or you can have lunch at one of the restaurants in Arcena.

Sevillanas...sign up with Luis!

The *feria* is quickly approaching and Luis is willing to give you an introduction to *Sevillanas*. The first lesson will be held on Monday, April 16th starting at 9:30pm for approximately 1 ½ hours and the second lesson on Thursday, April 19th same time. The lessons will take place in the center of town (location and directions will be sent to you). Feel free to invite your intercambio (max 1 intercambio /student). THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS so sign up early! You can sign up for the activity with Luis during his hours in the UPO library or by e-mail luis_ruda@yahoo.es by Friday, April 13th and give him your name as well as the name of your *intercambio* if they will be joining you.

Ponte Guapa para la Feria

If you plan to go to the Feria, and you want to dress for the occasion, we wanted to let you know that Maria Rosa has *trajes de flamenca* for rent. For more information, call 616-65-14-44.

Mid-Semester

You are now more than half-way through the semester...are you where you want to be academically? If your mid-term exam grade was not what you had hoped, you should meet with your professor during his or her office hours so that you can resolve your doubts about the material. Also, please remember the UPO absence/tardiness policies.

Absences: After 3 unexcused absences your final grade will be lowered by ½ a point (Spanish grade) for each day missed (starting with the 4th absence). If you have 6 unexcused absences you will automatically fail the class.

Tardiness: If you are more than 15 minutes late to class, your professor may count that as ½ of an absence. Arriving 30 minutes late may count as 1 absence.

UPO/IBCP Syllabi

If you need electronic copies of your class syllabi to send to your home university advisor (original and/or English translation), send an e-mail to Alayna and she will send them to you via e-mail.

Save the Dates

Students have been asking if they can leave the program after their last final exam....the answer is "Yes". However, keep in mind that the UPO farewell reception is Friday, May 18th. There will also be an IBCP/CIEE End-of-Semester Party which will be held on Thursday, May 17th, likely in the evening. We know that a few of you have final exams Friday morning, but it will be a nice diversion (at least for a short time) from your studies...put these dates on your calendars!

Alayna 's Office Hours

UPO: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:15 to 1:15

University of Sevilla: Monday and Thursday 9:00-5:00, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, Friday 9:00-14:00. You can reach Alayna in the CIEE Academic Office by phone at 954 551 507 or e-mail abrown@ciee.org

Luis ' Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2pm-3pm and Thursdays 10:30-12:30pm (second floor in the library, multimedia)

Important UPO Dates:

April 11th (Wednesday) from 3pm-4pm: Scavenger Hunt with Spanish Students...sign up in the Center for Foreign Studies office.

April 14th (Saturday): IBCP trip to Arcena