

## Sun Valley Summer Spanish Institute • June 15-19, 2009

### **LANGUAGE CLASS LEVELS**

The goal of each class level is to help students master a few key concepts and advance their overall language fluency over the span of the week. Each class will involve a variety of speaking, listening, reading, and writing activities. The small class sizes and immersion format are designed to facilitate active participation and a fun learning environment for each student.

#### **Beginning A**

This class is designed for students new to the Spanish language. If you have never studied Spanish, or if you have the equivalent of a year or less of high school Spanish and you would like a refresher, then this is the level for you. The class will focus on pronunciation, basic vocabulary, greetings, numbers, present tense verb conjugation, basic sentence structure, agreement of nouns and adjectives, and the introduction of the verbs *ser*, *estar*, *ir*, *querer*, *llamarse*, and *gustar*.

#### **Beginning B**

This class is designed for students who have some basic background in Spanish. If you can introduce yourself and exchange common conversational phrases, and if you are familiar with verb conjugations in the present tense, then this is the level for you. This class will focus in more depth on the use of verbs in the present tense, including a review of the differences between *ser*, *estar*, and *hay*; the present progressive tense; and some stem-changing and irregular verb conjugations. The class also will introduce time, weather expressions, and future tense constructions such as “*ir* + a + infinitive verb.”

#### **Intermediate A**

This class is designed for students with some conversational Spanish skills – the equivalent of about one year of college Spanish. If you are comfortable working with basic structures and some regular and irregular verbs in the present tense, and if you are ready to focus on other verb tenses, then this is the level for you. The class will do a thorough, in-depth review of the use of pronouns, including subject pronouns, objects of prepositions, direct and indirect object pronouns, reflexive pronouns, and the use of *se*. The class will introduce the preterit and imperfect tenses.

#### **Intermediate B**

This class is designed for students with the equivalent of two or more years of college Spanish study. If you have a command of the present tense and if you are familiar with past and future verb conjugations, then this is the level for you. This class will focus more intensively on the preterit, imperfect, and future tenses. It will review the use of pronouns and introduce the present subjunctive mood and formal and informal commands. It will incorporate short essays and/or poetry and work toward more sophisticated conversational skills.