



## American Pilgrims on the Camino Offers Bay Area Training For Volunteer Hospitaleros July 23-25, 2010

¡Hola, Peregrinos!

Pilgrims often return from Spain yearning to keep their experience alive and looking for some way to give back to the Camino. Many pilgrims find satisfaction in working as a volunteer host at one of the albergues along the way. The only requirements for being an hospitalero are making a pilgrimage to Santiago and attending an approved training.

The training offered by American Pilgrims is recognized by the major association in Spain that trains and assigns volunteer hospitaleros to many albergues on the Camino Frances and the Via de la Plata.

In the past, American Pilgrims has offered hospitalero training only once a year in conjunction with the Annual Gathering. Starting this year, we are bringing trainings to local communities where there is an interest. We would like to offer this opportunity to Bay Area pilgrims this year--right on your own door step.

If there is adequate interest, the training will take place starting at 5:30 pm Friday, July 23rd and finishing on Sunday afternoon, July 25th. Attendees must be a current member of American Pilgrims on the Camino.



To make the training as inexpensive as possible, we are looking for people to host out-of-town pilgrims while they attend the training. We are also looking for a suitable low-cost venue ~ a meeting place that can accommodate 20-30 people, with kitchen facilities. The final cost per participant will depend on the venue and the number of trainees.

There are several ways you can participate:

- ◆ Attend the training
- ◆ Offer housing to one or more trainees
- ◆ Do both: take the training and host a trainee
- ◆ Help locate a suitable venue

In order to determine the feasibility of offering a Bay Area training session, we need a response from at least 15 people by May 15th. If this is you, or if you have any questions or ideas about a suitable low-cost venue, contact [lin@lingalea.com](mailto:lin@lingalea.com).

For more information about American Pilgrims on the Camino membership and hospitaleros, go to:

- ◆ [American Pilgrims Membership](#)
- ◆ [American Pilgrims Hospitaleros](#)

## You're Invited!

At the conclusion of the program on Sunday afternoon, friends and local pilgrims are invited to join us for tapas and *bebidas* as we celebrate both the commissioning of the new hospitaleros and the feast day of St. James, a national holiday in Spain.

Space will be limited, so please notify us of your interest and make plans to submit your registration as soon as possible by contacting [lin@lingalea.com](mailto:lin@lingalea.com). We will be sending out a followup email with more information shortly after May 15. Meanwhile, We look forward to sharing this special event with you!