

# 2012 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Pilgrims

March 27 – April 2, 2012

## *Roads Less Traveled*

Join us for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of American Pilgrims on the Camino as we return for a very special Spring Break to the lovely San Pedro Center in Winter Park, Florida. The traditional Hospitalero Training begins with dinner on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>; the Annual Gathering opening reception on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> brings everyone together for food, wine and music getting us ready for the first sessions on Friday morning; and the Spiritual Retreat follows the conclusion of the Gathering, beginning the morning of Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The theme for this year's Gathering is *Roads Less Traveled*. Our informative sessions will include perennial favorites like the *New Pilgrim Q&A*, *Hospitalero Q&A*, and *Camino First Aid*. Coming off of last year's successful debuts we will feature reprises of the Shell Blessing Ceremony for new pilgrims and the Academic Panel in which Camino scholars will share their findings on the issue of "authenticity" in the modern pilgrimage. And in response to suggestions from the membership we will offer several new sessions such as *Reading the Camino*, *Camino News from Around the World*, and *Ultralight Packing*. The super-session *Other Caminos* will feature presentations on pilgrimage in the Low Countries, on the Arles route in France, on the road to Fisterra and Muxia, and more.

In addition to regular sessions, we have an exciting line-up of activities including two hands-on how-to workshops—one on travel photography and one on travel writing. Thursday evening's Opening Reception will be followed by a live performance of classical Spanish guitar music in the San Pedro Center chapel. Friday night's entertainment will be provided by you in the inaugural Camino Open Mike Session: with a couple of pictures to illustrate your story, tell us in five minutes about your best—or worst—Camino experience. And, of course, Camino Cabaret returns by popular demand on Saturday night.

This year's Spiritual Retreat will be led by Tom Cook, who will guide participants through labyrinths of the mind and of the spirit as well as the labyrinth located on the Center grounds. In an effort to facilitate participation, the Retreat will begin earlier on Sunday than in the past, and will end around midday on Monday.

Lodging at the San Pedro Center is motel-style in shared doubles or, this year, you may choose to recreate the albergue experience—and save a few dollars—by lodging in the modern bunkhouse. In keeping with the theme of *Roads Less Traveled*, this year's evening meals will have an international flavor, with a Valencian emphasis on Thursday, Portuguese on Friday, and French on Saturday.

All of these activities, and many more, beckon to you to come to Winter Park and greet old friends, make new ones, learn, and share. The intrinsic value and irresistible attractiveness of the Gathering has always resided in the fellowship, enthusiasm, and camaraderie that develops when pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago gather together.

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You may register for one, two or all three of these events. Lodging and meals are available on site and provide a wonderful opportunity to share Camino experiences and questions with your fellow pilgrims whether you have just returned, traveled the Camino long ago or are planning a future trip.

Come share your Camino experiences with other pilgrims, see old friends and meet new friends. For questions regarding registration, please contact [registration@americanpilgrims.com](mailto:registration@americanpilgrims.com). Registrations are available online on the Events page.

We look forward to seeing you in Winter Park, Florida in March 2012

*¡Buen camino!*



**Chapelle de St Europe - Chemin d' Arles**



**Fuenterroble - Via de la Plata**



**Via de la Plata**

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**Pricing Summary**

**Hospitalero Training—March 27-29<sup>th</sup>** \$190

Includes: Training, meals (Tues dinner – Thurs lunch)  
All meals prepared by participants  
Lodging bunk beds (Tues, Wed)

**Gathering—March 29, 30, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Includes: Meetings, workshops, meals and lodging choice

**Member Pricing**

Lodging choices -

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| Shared room/bath (Thurs, Fri, Sat) | \$340 |
| Shared room/bath (Fri, Sat)        | \$270 |
| Bunk lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat)     | \$280 |
| Bunk lodging (Fri, Sat)            | \$225 |
| No lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat)       | \$200 |
| No lodging (Fri, Sat)              | \$170 |

**Non-Member Pricing**

Lodging choices –

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| Shared room/bath (Thurs, Fri, Sat) | \$365 |
| Shared room/bath (Fri, Sat)        | \$290 |
| Bunk lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat)     | \$305 |
| Bunk lodging (Fri, Sat)            | \$250 |
| No lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat)       | \$225 |
| No lodging (Fri, Sat)              | \$195 |

**Spiritual Retreat—April 1-2** \$130

Includes retreat, meals (Sun dinner – Mon lunch)  
Lodging shared rooms/bath (Sun)

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Royalle Shuttle Service (407-256-6306). Lincoln TownCar is \$65 one way, \$125 roundtrip. With 6 or more passengers, the price would drop to \$12 per person - van transportation. Please contact [registration@americanpilgrims.com](mailto:registration@americanpilgrims.com) to possibly connect with other attendees to reduce the cost if you are flying into the Orlando Airport for the Gathering.

Lynx is the local bus service – [www.golynx.com](http://www.golynx.com)

**Directions from Orlando International Airport**

Travel north on 436 (Semoran Blvd) to Howell Branch Road. Howell Branch Road is the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light after passing Aloma Avenue. Turn right on Howell Branch Rd., go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light and turn left. This is Dike Rd. (San Pedro Center is 0.7 miles on your left.)

After driving around an “S” shaped curve, there is a short left hand turn lane into San Pedro Center. San Pedro Center is approximately 12-13 miles from Orlando International Airport.



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