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TO: CSLSA Delegates and Board Members

Subject: 2005 Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service

In the fall of 2004, the proposed Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service was introduced and has gained significant momentum. In the recent months the Imperial Beach Lifeguard Association (IBLA) has continued working with Las Salvavidas de Tijuana to solve logistics and planning and answer any questions that may arise. Along with this memo there will be a sign-up sheet circulating the room. Please fill it out with your agency and email address if interested in the program and you will be placed on the mailing list.

Questions that will be discussed in today's meeting include:

- Legalities/Liabilities
According to Las Salvavidas de Tijuana there are no legal issues that have arisen thus far at Las Playas with either the volunteer or paid staff. Furthermore, the IBLA will have a required waiver for any lifeguard wishing to participate in the program.
- Location
The main tower is located at Las Playas de Tijuana approximately ¼ mile south of the border. The guarded area of the beach is 4 miles total and includes two small towers and two in-service trucks. Trucks are strategically located to include all areas of the guarded beach and perform frequent patrols. A map/directions will be provided for all volunteers.
- Arrival Time/Duration of Stay
For all volunteers arrival time is around 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Depending on the day's crowd, volunteers and paid staff will stay until 18:00 to 21:00 hours. The length of the work day will solely depend on the crowd and ocean conditions.
- Equipment - Personal/Provided
All volunteers are expected to bring red uniforms (shorts or bathing suits - one or two piece) and fins. We are currently in the process of sustaining a sponsorship to furnish volunteers with uniforms in the program. Rescue cans/tubes can be provided but due to the limited amount of equipment may not be available. The IBLA suggests bringing your own rescue can/tube.

Other issues still to be covered:

- Border Crossing/Personal Vehicle Liability Insurance
- Fees
- Volunteer Housing

Kind Regards,
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