

In the spirit of sharing what is unique and special about the places that we all come from United Space School hosts a Culture Faire on the first weekend of each session.

Culture Faire Guidelines

FOOD ITEM

- Every student will prepare or provide a food item that is native to their country. You may either prepare this dish solo, or with the other students from your country. The board and host families provide sweets/desserts. We ask that students share a savory or main dish item. If you have a national dessert from your country that you choose to make, you must also provide a main dish.
- Ensure that you have the recipe to bring with you. You will also submit this recipe as an assignment that includes a list of ingredients as we want to notify others who may have allergies. If you have never cooked this dish before, practice at home is recommended. 😊
- Once a host family is assigned, check with them to see what ingredients are common here in the US and what ingredients you might consider traveling with. For example, don't expect to find Vegemite easily in the US.
- Check with your airline if you decide to bring ingredients to ensure that it is okay to travel with your selected food items.
- You will be making enough for all students, mentors, and host families to have a small portion. This should accommodate 50-75 people. If making a pastry, baked good, or meat you may cut it into smaller portions. For example, rather than making an entire meat pastry/pie, make small individual pastries/pies. If making a stew, salad, or soup a large pot is adequate.
- When considering what to make, think about what spices and flavors are most unique to your area of the world and culture. You want others to have a taste of your home.

CULTURE PRESENTATION

- Every student will share a special performance to represent their country's culture.
- Students may choose to partner up with others from their country and collaborate.
- Whether performed as an individual or with a partner, the time allotted for each country's performance is 3-5 minutes.
- Acceptable Ideas would be: sing a song representative of your culture or made popular in your country; play a piece of music on an instrument, act out a short skit or portion of a play from a popular author in your culture, dance, share a culturally enriching story or poem.
- Ask yourself, would your country and elders be proud of how you are representing them?
- Unacceptable ideas: sharing a professionally produced tourism video, reading story or poem in a language other than English that is of personal favorite (not culturally relevant).
- If choosing to play music on an instrument other than a piano or guitar check with either your host family or Criss Butler to see if obtaining that instrument is possible. Please allow adequate time for this to happen.
- If you need recorded music to accompany a performance, please ensure your mp3 or YouTube link is provided as soon as possible.
- No PowerPoint slides will be accepted. We want to see and hear from you, not watch slides.
- This is about showcasing your culture and sharing something that makes you and your country and culture unique.

You are required to submit the food you are making and the details regarding your presentation as one of the Preparatory Lessons