

# **Cultural Heritage Night at Merion**

## **FAQ's**

### **What is Cultural Heritage Night at Merion?**

Cultural Heritage Night Merion is a free event that highlights the countries, cultures and family traditions that make up Merion Elementary School's diverse population.

In 2013, thirty one participants displayed the art, crafts, music, traditions, costumes and foods of their countries and cultures.

### **When is Cultural Heritage Night at Merion?**

Cultural Heritage Night at Merion is Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 6 PM - 8 PM.

### **What is a "table host"?**

A table host coordinates the items that will be displayed on a 6' or 8' table, and also coordinates the food that will be served (if any). A table host can work alone or with a team of helpers. The table host is usually the point person for a certain country, culture or family tradition. Table hosts coordinate the set-up, staffing and clean up of their table.

### **What is a "helper"?**

A table helper assists the coordinator by supplying items for display or food to be served; a table helper can also staff the table and help with set-up or clean-up.

### **Is there other help needed for this event?**

There are lots of ways to help:

- Greeters: Greeters stand at the front door at the beginning of the event to welcome event participants.
- Runners: Runners help Cultural Heritage Night committee during the evening to help ensure that the event runs smoothly. For example, a runner may be called upon to deliver extra paper plates to the Germany table if it runs out.
- Set-Up: Help set up the event on the day-of. Set up starts at 4 PM.
- Clean-Up: Help clean up after the event from approximately 8 PM - 9 PM.

### **Is it mandatory to serve food?**

NO. You can host a table without providing food.

### **Can we wear traditional costume(s)?**

YES! If you have traditional costumes, feel free to wear or display them.

For 2014, we are working on an International Costume Parade! Contact John Yi at (John Yi) [jjy@sju.edu](mailto:jjy@sju.edu) for more details.

### **If I provide food, how many people will attend?**

In 2013, more than 500 people attended the event. HOWEVER, you are not expected to feed dinner to 500 people. Small, sample-sized tastes are best. You are asked to provide whatever you are comfortable with.

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## **If I provide food, do I have to provide plates and forks, etc?**

You must bring your own serving utensils. Cups and plates will be provided for you by the Cultural Heritage Night committee (c/o the Merion HSA). You will need to let the committee know what types of utensils, etc., you will need.

## **I'd like to bring food that needs refrigeration/freezing. Are there refrigerators/freezers available for our use?**

Access to refrigerators/freezers is very limited. Please contact Cultural Heritage Night committee for more information.

## **I don't have much time. How elaborate do the tables have to be?**

A basic table can be put together in about an hour or so, with a little help from internet research. A table could have the following items:

- sign with the country or culture or family tradition it represents,
- a flag representing the country or culture!
- some general information about the country (population, size, etc.) or culture or family tradition!
- one or two interesting artifacts, crafts, photographs, traditional costume, etc.

## **I have lots of time and I want to make an exciting table. What are the limits?**

You may bring food, music, a computer to display a slide show, interactive games, pottery, textiles, folk art, crafts, instruments, and just about anything you like. Whatever you bring needs to fit on one or two 6' or 8' tables. You must let the committee know if you are bringing electronics, and as most tables only have access to one or two electrical outlets.