



ROBERTS ELEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

October 20th, 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

The International Festival is a time for the families of Roberts Elementary to come together to celebrate diverse cultural and geographic backgrounds of the students. It is a family festival where people have opportunity to meet and educate each other on their culture.

When? Friday, October 20th, 2017, 3:30-6:00 PM.

What is this year's theme? Discoveries of the world

What will happen on the day of the Festival? The day starts off in the morning with the Parade of Nations that is usually conducted by teachers. In the afternoon, the school grounds will be decorated with countries' displays. Each country usually has a tent / marquee and 1-2 tables provided by the committee and a display with the information related to this year's theme of the Festival. There will be also various outdoor performances by students and guest performers.

Do I have to represent the country I am from? No. If you would like to represent a country that you have visited, or just interested in, you are welcome to do so. If several people have signed up to represent a country they can do it together as a team.

What should my country table look like? Each country will be provided with a 10 feet x 10 feet tent / marquee and 6 feet long table to decorate in accordance with the theme of the Festival (maximum 2 tables per country are allowed due to limited space). A banner with the country's name will be also provided. Include a display or poster with facts about your country and information about the theme, food samples and relevant artifacts. Setup time for the tables will be 12:30~3:00 PM on the day of the Festival.

How many food samples do I need? Plan on having 300-500 bite size samples of food and/or drinks. The committee will provide small sample cups and spoons (if needed) to serve your food or beverage. We recommend that you get as much donated as possible. The Committee will provide you with donation letters for sponsors. If you have difficulty

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getting donations and would like to be reimbursed for expenses, please keep all your receipts and contact the Committee during the final meeting after the festival.

How do the students learn about my country besides coming to the Festival? One of the most rewarding parts of participating in the Festival is to go into a classroom and teach students about your country. You can make a presentation in your child's classroom during the week of the Festival. Plan on giving a 10-20 minute presentation. Many teachers are very excited about this and can also have their students make crafts that you can use to decorate your booth. Please contact the committee if you would like to go into a classroom.

I know a great musician/ dancer /performer that could perform something at the Festival. Fantastic! We would love a professional performer to come and perform on the outdoor stage. We can offer a time slot between 3:30-5:30 PM. Please coordinate with the Outdoor Stage Coordinator.

I have signed up to represent a country but I am by myself and need help. We will try to make sure that no one has to do their booth by themselves. We would like you to enjoy the Festival as much as everyone else and will try to find you a helper to assist with set-up and allow you to take breaks from working the entire Festival. The help request forms will be available from the committee.

I do not want to do a country but still want to help. There are a lot of other jobs to fill for the successful running of the Festival. Pizza and soda sales, set-up and clean-up, helping "single person countries" and the Outdoor Stage Coordinator are all ways to help.

Is the International Festival a fund raising event? No. The International Festival is a community building event only and has a limited budget from the Roberts PTO. We also make money through pizza and soda sales on the day of the Festival. However, these revenues are not sufficient to cover all our costs, and we greatly appreciate sponsorship from individuals or businesses.

Any meetings for the volunteers? Festival Committee and volunteers meet in the cafe weekly starting from the 2nd week of school on Friday, September 8th in the morning. Even though the meetings are not compulsory, please take advantage of this time to ask your questions or meet at school with other members of your participating country. If you would like to be reimbursed for your festival related expenses, please keep all your receipts and contact the Committee during the final meeting after the festival.

If I have questions or need a form? The Festival forms will be published on the Roberts Elementary Internet site <http://www.robertspto.org/>. Important reminders will be available from the website and the Roberts Front Page newsletter.

I need to contact people in charge of the Festival. Contact details are at the bottom of this page.

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