

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The event is free, thanks to the generosity of numerous sponsors.

Tax deductible contributions will be gratefully received. Donations may be sent to Marc Fang, 020 SSC - 1108 Fremont Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the festival. Individuals, families and groups are welcome to help for a few hours during the festival or throughout the year. Ask how you can help on the following committees.

- Hospitality
- International Headquarters
- Publicity
- Security
- Food

COME CELEBRATE

..... the richness of the people of Central Wisconsin. Your participation is vital to the achievement of the goal of this event. For additional information, contact:

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The Portage County Cultural Festival is made possible through the generous donations of time and resources by hundreds of people who

are committed to promoting cultural diversity.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR VENDORS

There is no registration fee but participants need to pay for table(s) and **space**. Due to the increased number of participants and space limitations, the maximum number of tables per reservation is four.

Non-profit Organizations:

\$20.00 per table for the first 2. \$30 for each additional table.

Commercial:

\$40.00 per table for the first 2. \$60 for each additional table.

Exhibitions only:

\$10 per table - maximum of 2

Reservations and registration fee received by March 15 will be guaranteed a place.

Reservations with payment received by January 15, 2004 will be given a \$10 discount off the total fee.

THE EVENT IS FREE

..... and open to the public, thanks to the generosity of numerous sponsors, and food and crafts will be priced very reasonably. The whole purpose of the gathering is to break down stereotypes and reduce apprehensions.

http://www.portagecountyculturalfestival.org/



. . .to participate in an exciting event

THE
PORTAGE
COUNTY
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 24 2004 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH), 1201 North Point Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481



WHAT IS THE PORTAGE COUNTY CULTURAL FESTIVAL?

This all-day, free event celebrates the richness of the many cultures in Portage County through the sharing of:

- food
- entertainment
- · exhibits and sales of arts and crafts
- games
- · hands-on activities.
- historical visual displays.

More than twenty sub-cultures that make up the population of Portage County will participate in this event.

WHY HAVE THE PORTAGE COUNTY CULTURAL FESTIVAL?

The Portage County Cultural Festival:



brings together the people of the Portage County area to celebrate the richness

of its many cultures.

- provides excellent opportunities for children and adults of Central Wisconsin to learn about other cultures, and perhaps learn some new things about their own
- is fun and educational for all involved.

"We've all come to Portage County from different places. While we may not always understand one another, we can at least learn to appreciate one another and learn the universal language of the smile," say organizers from area schools, churches, and community agencies.

HOW IS THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATED?

- **EDUCATION**
- hands-on craftcultural games
- folk tales and storytelling
- hands-on genealogy search
- simple learning experience from exhibitors
- interactive audience participation

ENTERTAINMENT

The festival's entertainment features both amateur and contracted professional artists. The program consists of half-hour and hour-long segments of:



- music
- dances
- martial art demonstrations drama

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The goal of the Children's Corner is to provide such hands-on cultural experience as

- Folk
 Dances
- Hmong bracelets
- Peace badges
- Japanese art of origami
- African rain sticks
- Native American games and multicultural books
- Hair braiding

EXHIBITS

Display and sale of educational and cultural exhibits folks will take place in the SPASH Field House.

- Education is a vital component of this event. Each booth with a passport stamp is asked to interact with guests by answering questions about the country they are representing.
- Attendees will bring their filled passports back to the "International Headquarters" for validation. It is important to have your booth well staffed.
- If you are selling cultural artifacts, please keep in mind, as you price your items, that the mission of the festival is to promote cultural awareness.

FOOD

- Authentic ethnic food from around the world is featured.
- Patrons are able to sample more than 50 varieties of food.
- All food vendors are required to attend a food sanitation seminar sponsored by The Portage County Health Department. Date, time and place of the seminar will be announced.
- SPASH's kitchen is available for heating food and storing food in the coolers.

Food vendors are encouraged to participate in this event not as a profit-making venture but as a mission to promote cultural awareness. The food committee can assist you with determining the amount of food to prepare.

