

Troop 810 - Cultural Fair

Tuesday, October 18th, 2011

Introduction: The history of every community in the United States has been influenced by many different groups: the native American Indians who lived here first, the various peoples who have immigrated to this country over the past 500 years, and those who continue to come to this country today. Each nationality brings its own language and customs. Initially these peoples settled near their friends and family, forming neighborhoods with a predominant single-ethnic heritage. This month's program feature will help Scouts to better understand the different ethnic groups represented in their communities.

Patrol Task: Each patrol will put together a short 10-15 minute presentation highlighting a country from a specific region of the world. The region given to your patrol will be determined at the September PLC meeting. It will then be up to patrol members to choose a country from the assigned region. They can do this during a patrol meeting or by talking amongst themselves via email, phone, etc. Your patrol's presentation should use this basic outline to provide information about a country.

1. Introduction – a quick overview of the country being presented
2. Geography – location, climate, natural resources, area
3. People – population, ethnic groups, religions, literacy
4. Government – type, structure, flag
5. Transnational Issues – any issues with other nations
6. Summary – quick wrap up of what was presented

The majority of information can be obtained from the [CIA - The World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/) (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>). Patrols are encouraged to use other sources of information to put together their presentations. Each member of the patrol should participate in building and presenting information about your country. A poster or tri-fold would make a useful visual aid for your presentation.

After Presentations: Each patrol should bring a food item that could be considered local to their country to share with everyone at the post fair feast. Please bring enough for troop members to sample. Refreshments will be provided. Troop leadership will also present awards for each patrol during the feast.