

HOW DOES THIS WORK? Each participating family will choose a country to research, create a display board or other presentation format, and set it up at a table along with any other interesting materials. Families can be prepared to share interesting facts, wear costumes, show photos or drawings of landmarks, play music, lead a quick craft, play a game, give food samples (Always a hit!), share a coloring sheet, etc. Feel free to share as much or as little as you'd like! Science Project displays & experiments are presented in the same manner. Show the community what you've been learning.

Each child is presented with a "passport" upon arrival and they will take turns going around the room to receive a stamp or sticker in their passport at each table after learning about each country.

TIME: Participating families arrive & set up their tables (11:00am). Event begins (12:00pm) - Non-participating families can come at this time to avoid waiting around during set up.

NEXT STEPS for PARTICIPATING FAMILIES:

1. SIGN-UP as a participating family. \$10 per entry. Go to the Payments Page on blackhomeschoolerscfl.com/payments

2. Email: blackhomeschoolers@yahoo.com with your name, country and/or Science Project so you can receive updated information on countries or science projects that are signed up for.

3. Participating families only- Payment Deadline & Deadline for your family's chosen country is February 14th. Please check to make sure your preferred country has not already been taken!

4. PAY PARTICIPATION FEE: \$10 per entry payable online, check or cash. Checks made out to : Black Homeschoolers of Central FL

WHEN YOU SIGN-UP. BHCFL & 4-H member families should sign-up via our private Facebook page.

3. INVITE friends, family, neighbors, and other homeschoolers to visit the fair!

HOMESCHOOLING BENEFITS OF A SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY FAIR*:

- Your family will learn about another place and culture.
- Your student will interact with people of all ages—answering questions, sharing interesting information, and even learning from some of the people attending the fair.
- Family and friends will see that your student really does do something all day (other than drink smoothies in their pajamas) and that there are other crazy homeschooling families out there, too (who also really do something during the day!).
- Non-participating friends & visitors attending the Science & Geography Fair will learn about many different countries and get to view scientific displays and experiments.
- Your students will also learn about (and become interested in) many cultures & countries as they visit the displays of other homeschoolers.
- With your guidance, your student will learn the basics of research and planning as you work together to make this project a reality.

* Taken from www.walkingbytheway.com homeschool blog

I think this will be a great experience for our children - an opportunity to present what they've learned and/or a fun time to "travel" the globe with their peers and participate in a Science Fair.

If your family is NOT hosting a country table, or doing a Science Project, the event begins at 12 pm. We'll see you there! Each child will receive a passport upon arrival. As they visit the other countries and experience what they have to share, they'll receive a stamp/sticker/mark.

A few important reminders for families that ARE hosting a country table:

***Table set-up is at 11:00am, and the event begins at 12pm sharp so please make sure that you're all set up by then. You can arrive as early as 10:00a.m if you need more time to set up.

***Feel free to invite guests to either see your family in action (dad, grandma, etc.) or even other homeschoolers to visit the tables.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO BRING:

***Stickers/stamps (or a pen/marker to write or draw a word or design) - Purpose: To mark the passports of the children who visit your table. Children who get "stamped" in every country will receive a small prize at the end.

***Tablecloth - if you want your table covered

***Extension cord (if you're planning to use a cd player or laptop) because your table may not be close enough to an outlet

***Wall/paint-friendly poster/masking tape or adhesive if you want to hang posters or signs on the wall behind your table. It MUST be something that will come off very easily without damaging the paint or leaving any residue. We will be charged for any damage to the walls, but they make special adhesive that would work.

***Headphones: If you're planning to play music, please bring headphones along if possible (for table visitors to use) so the room doesn't get too loud with everyone's music.

***Reminder: If you're handing out samples at your table, please do not give ANY food or beverage to small children without asking the parent(s) first because we have several children with food allergies

Please let me know if you have any questions! Rasheeda Denning (386)837-6270