



## Around the World - Cultural/Country Booth FAQs

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All Information can be found at the [ATW CampusNet page](#)

**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2026

**Location:** Spangler Gym

### General Booth Questions (See Day Of Reminders on the Last Page!!):

**1. When are the booths on display for Around the World?**

Around the World (“ATW”) is a Potomac community event, and the cultural and country booths are a major highlight. On Friday, April 10, during the school day (9am-2:45pm), Potomac students will tour the booths. In the evening starting at 5pm, the doors will open to the entire Potomac community and booths will be on display until the conclusion of the event around 7:30pm.

**2. How many booths are there typically?**

Each year, there are between 40 and 50 booths!

**3. What does a typical ATW booth look like and offer?**

There are no specific requirements for the booths, but elements may include the following:

- A trifold display with information about the country/culture
- Culturally relevant items on display
- Educational and/or fun activity to engage kids (e.g., quiz questions (lift a flap with a question for the answer, spinning wheel, trivia questions, writing names in different language on bookmarks)
- Optional small “swag” items (e.g., stickers, pencils, erasers, bracelets) that are representative of country/culture which can be passed out all day to students
- Optional food representative of the country/culture (served in the evening only)

Check out [photos](#) of last year’s booths for inspiration! (Password: PantherPride)

**4. How do I sign up for a booth?**

You can sign up by completing this [form](#). This link can also be found on the ATW CampusNet page.

**5. What should we do if multiple families would like to host the same country or cultural booth?**

The more the merrier! You could collectively host the booth. For communication purposes with the ATW planning committee, **please have one parent serve as the primary POC for your booth.**

**6. Are there any specific criteria for the types of food that can be served?**

There are no specific criteria. **Please label items containing nuts or other common allergens.** Food can be kept warm in aluminum chafing dishes, which will be provided by the school. Small appliances such as electric cookers and microwaves are not allowed to be kept at a booth.

**7. Can catered food be served?**

Catered food items or food from a local restaurant can absolutely be served. In the past, multiple families representing a particular country or cultural booth have teamed up to share the cost of catering food. You can consider reaching out to families who cannot attend ATW and/or host a booth this year, but would still like to participate/support a booth. Store packaged snacks are also a good option.

**8. How much food should we serve?**

You may serve however much you would like to serve and are able to manage. Note that portions can be cut smaller/bite sized. 75-100 small servings is suggested.

**9. What supplies are provided to booth hosts?**

The school will provide country label stickers to each booth, for students to add to their "passports" during class visits during the day. The school will also provide four handheld flags for the Parade of Flags for student participants. For those booths serving food, the school will provide chafing dishes, serving spoons, large plates, small plates, plastic forks, spoons, knives, and napkins. For those who requested access to a power outlet, the school will provide extension cords.

**10. Do any of the supplies need to be returned?**

Yes, please return the hand held flags and unused country label stickers. Co-chairs will walk around collecting the items or you can leave them at your table at the end of the event.

**11. Does my booth need to be supervised by someone the entire time during the school day on April 10th?**

Yes, every booth must be covered by an adult (or team of adults taking turns) during the school day, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This is because students come to tour the booths throughout the day. With an adult present at the booth, it's a much more meaningful learning experience for the students. Day-of volunteers will be available to help cover your booth. **Please email up to five bullet points about your booth to the ATW Co-chairs and**

**any instructions regarding how to pass out swag if quantities are limited (e.g., one sticker per child).**

### **Day-of Reminders for Around the World:**

- Booth set up can begin on Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 1pm-9pm and on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 7am until 8:30am.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided to day-of volunteers.
- Food deliveries for the ATW evening program can take place on Friday, April 10 from 3:15pm-5pm. Deliveries must enter through the front/main Spangler entrance.
- No access/parking is allowed behind Spangler gym (behind the tennis courts).
- Each country/cultural table(s) will be labeled with a large **RED** sticker - please look out for this!
- Country label stickers, hand-held flags for the Parade of Flags and booth talking points (no more than 5 bullets supplied by the booth hosts) will be placed on your designated table. **Please remember to return the flags and unused country label stickers.**
- If you requested a power outlet for your booth, you will have access to one via an extension cord.
- You may give out “swag” or something to give the students that is representative of your booth’s country/culture. If you choose to give away swag, please review all content (e.g., messages on stickers, pencils, erasers etc...).
- Hairspray, facepainting, fake tattoos, henna or anything that will disrupt students' appearance are not permitted.
- No food is permitted during the day. Food will be served in the evening starting at 5:45pm when the Parade of Flags and introductions conclude.
- Booths must be removed/taken down immediately following the event at 7:30pm on Friday, April 10.
- **Please be mindful of Potomac staff who will be helping with set up and clean up. They are there to support event logistics. Please be kind and respectful.**