



The World in Us

CULTURAL DISCOVERY CAMP: AROUND THE WORLD IN 7 DAYS

FOR STUDENTS: Are you a 1st-5th grader who dreams of traveling the world? Would you like to become a polyglot and speak languages from across the globe? Then join us this **winter break** for our completely **free, virtual culture camp**, where we'll immerse ourselves in the languages, histories, and practices of various international cultures! We'll create mini-passports, multicultural crafts, and presentations that will help you build a foundation of cultural awareness and global citizenship.

FOR PARENTS: It can be a daunting task to keep your elementary schoolers entertained from home for two long weeks of winter break. The World in Us' virtual culture camp hopes to alleviate some of these pressures and engage kids in live, daily cultural awareness education. Not only will your children build friendships with peers from across the world, but they'll also establish a foundation of cross-cultural communication skills that are needed to thrive in today's ever-diversifying, ever-globalizing world.

FAST FACTS

- Dates: **Sunday, December 27 - Sunday, January 3**
- Grade: **1st-5th** (elementary school)
- Location: **100% virtual** (conducted via Zoom and Google Drive)
- Times: Morning and Afternoon sessions every day except Jan 3 (morning only)
 - Morning session: **10 am - 11 am PT**
 - Afternoon session: **2 pm - 3:30 pm PT**
- Cost: **Free**
 - We are grateful for our financial support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs and the University of Iowa's International Writing Program.

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ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

- Location and Attendance: Students from anywhere in the world can join! We only ask that you attend **at least 4 of our** scheduled sessions in Pacific Time (PT). We understand how uncertain schedules can be right now, and we know our international participants may have time zone discrepancies; thus, we are flexible with attendance.
- Materials: We will use common school supplies such as pencils, markers, and paper for our craft activities. Some afternoon activities will be kid-friendly cooking workshops, for which ingredients and recipes will be released beforehand. To accommodate students of all ages and skill levels, each culture will also have at least one non-cooking workshop.
 - For example, our Chinese culture class will host both a cooking activity (creating moon cakes using pie crusts and bean paste) and a non-cooking activity (making paper lanterns) in the afternoon. Students will attend the activity that they prefer and are most comfortable with.
- Previous Experience: No previous cultural, language-learning, or travel experience required! Students need only to come in with a curious mind open to new perspectives, cultures, and possibilities.
- Internet Access: We will use Zoom and Google Drive for lessons. In addition to stable internet connection, students will need access to and familiarity with these platforms.

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Across the span of one week, students will learn about 6 cultures from across the world (1 culture per day + 1 program introduction day + 1 program conclusion day). Learning for each culture will be divided into a morning introductory lesson and a hands-on afternoon activity.

Throughout the camp, we will provide optional asynchronous resources and follow-up activities, such as additional cultural recipes to cook and presentations about specific cultural issues. For students unable to attend the day's lesson and afternoon activity, the meeting will be recorded and made available. (We're a lot more fun in live time though!)

Communication with parents will be maintained primarily through email and an optional Facebook Group; kids are encouraged but not required to join a class Discord chat.

- Morning session: **Culture Lesson, 10-11 am PT**
 - Each culture will be introduced with an interactive presentation encompassing the culture's geography, food, language, and more.
 - The first and last days of the program will serve as special orientation and conclusion sessions in the morning rather than cultural lessons.
- Afternoon session: **Cultural Immersion Activity, 2-3:30 pm PT**
 - Each culture will include an immersive, hands-on activity such as cooking recipes from the culture, creating holiday cards in the culture's language, and making arts and crafts related to the culture.
 - Because we provide a different afternoon activity every day, the length of afternoons sessions will vary. Most of our afternoon activities take about 1 hour, but some may take up to 1.5 hours or as little as 45 minutes.

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REGISTER HERE

Advance registration through [this form](#) (also linked in the footer throughout this document) is required to participate in this free camp and access all our necessary Zoom links, activity instructions, communication channels, etc. After signing up through the form, our team will follow up with you via the email you provide in the form to further describe camp procedures, materials, and policies, as well as to

ABOUT US

The World in Us is a student-led organization seeking to eliminate cultural ignorance from its roots and cultivate the next generation of global citizens through youth-for-youth education. Our international volunteer team has a passion for cross-cultural understanding and has years of experience working with elementary-aged youth; our curriculum and organization have also been informed by teachers, nonprofit leaders, and students of all ages.

We aspire to use friendship-first learning to bridge the cultural inequities that divide us today and create a more globally minded, culturally accepting future. As culturally diverse teens ourselves, we believe we are uniquely situated to help close the gap between the cultural ignorance of today and the promise for change of tomorrow. More information about us and our mission can be found [in this doc](#).

CONTACT

Email us at team@theworldinus.org or direct message us on our [social media](#) with any questions, concerns, or feedback.

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