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The Brazos Valley Worldfest Education Competition

The Education Committee for Brazos Valley Worldfest has developed a very informative and timely competition for students and adults in the Brazos Valley. Different categories of age groups will be asked to share their culture through digital stories. This competition is open to public, private and home school students as well as offering an adult category.

Digital Storytelling is the modern expression of the ancient art of storytelling. Digital stories meld photographs, drawings, video, music, narrative and voice together to create a multimedia narrative that can be biographical, fictional or documentary.

The Brazos Valley Worldfest Education Competition will challenge students and adults to share their culture through digital stories.

- Tell a story about your family customs and traditions
- Interview a foreign student or visitor and tell about another culture
- Relate a story about Brazos Valley history and culture
- Share a folk tale from another culture
- Design a book trailer reviewing a book about another culture

Students today live in a multimodal world of technology. To assist you in planning a submission or in encouraging your students to participate, the Office of International Outreach is offering a Digital Storytelling Workshop on June 26-27. Please visit <http://www.brazosvalleyworldfest.org/education.html> or email Ms. Martha Green at mgreen@ipomail.tamu.edu for more information on the upcoming workshop or the educational competition.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a fun way to give back to the community and learn something new in the process? Volunteering for Brazos Valley Worldfest may be what you're looking for!

To organize a community-wide festival of this scale, 100-200 volunteers will be needed. There are many committees available to allow you to participate in your area of interest.

Some examples of volunteer duties include: assisting performers at the stages, working with the education competition planning, help vendors set up morning of the festival, assist with parking, work the merchandise sales booth and many others.

Our volunteers do not need to have experience in organizing a festival, just a desire to participate and learn about the diverse cultures in our community. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kim Fox, kfox@tamu.edu or (979) 862-6700.

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International Facts

Did you know?

- The Great Wall of China is 4,163 miles long (6,700 kilometers).
- Toronto's name was derived from a Mohawk word meaning "poles in the water," a reference to an old fish weir in the area.

Volunteer Committees Need You!

- Stage/Entertainment
 - Sponsorships
- Opening Ceremony
 - Education/Crafts
- Displays/Culture Booths
 - Storytelling
- Vendor/Concession
- Logistics (i.e. parking, waste management)
 - Merchandise Sales
 - Floater
 - Volunteer chair
 - Kid's Village
 - Marketing