

April 23: International Festival 2006

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The International Festival is organized jointly by the International Student Office, International Student Association and the Mankato Area Community at Mankato East High School every year during the spring semester. A large number of participants from the farthest corners of the world are always anticipated.

The event will start with a speech from the Director of the International Student Office, followed by another guest speaker. A flag parade will signal the official start of the event, which will include such items as a show of martial arts skills from students of a local club to singing, dancing, and cultural video. The songs and dances show a beautiful mix of different cultures, and sometimes concentrate on core elements of their culture. The enthusiasm and performances show the hard work of the participants, and constitute a big part of the event. There will also be a fashion show.

Food will be an essential part of the events, and some people come just to eat and taste various food items rich with spices and healthy ingredients. All country representatives have food stalls encircling the ballroom where the event is held. There are also some professional cooks who come to present their traditional food items and try to make a business from it. The country representatives who are usually the student organizations also have a separate stall where they sell some traditional culture items. The event will come with amusements for guests and convey a common message of peace, harmony and friendship. It will also give an opportunity to local people to experience foreign cultures under a single roof without having to go anywhere.

For more information, please contact the International Student Office at (507) 389-1281 or e-mail at iso@mnsu.edu.

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