

100+ Programming Ideas

Country-focused Programming

Country Cultural Nights (i.e. Turkish Night, Venezuelan Culture Night, etc.)

Language Programming

Spanish/French/German/etc. conversation hour/lunch/table

Holiday Programming

African Heroes Day

United Nations Holidays (Int'l Day of Peace, UN Children's Day, Human Rights Day, etc.)

Chinese/Taiwanese/Korean New Years

St. Patrick's Day

Guy Fawkes Day

Independence Days

Christmas/Winter Holidays Around the World

Easter Around the World

Valentine's Celebrations Around the World

Esperanto Day

Thanksgiving/Canadian Thanksgiving/ Liberian Thanksgiving

Halloween/Day of the Dead Party

Mardi Gras/ Carnaval

Black History Month Celebration

Kwanzaa

Hanukkah

Religious/Spiritual Programming (collaborate with Office of Religious Life, campus religious groups, etc)

The Basics of Buddhism

The World of Islam

Confucianism

Artistic/Creative/Educational (collaborate with Art/theatre departments, local talents)

Shodo Calligraphy

Persian Calligraphy

Jewelry Making (beads, hemp, embroidery thread, etc.)

Pottery making/painting

Kite Making (Kite Festival)

Origami

Sign language

Sharing U.S. Culture

Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
Easter Egg Decorating
Easter Egg Hunt
Thanksgiving celebration
President's Day
Tailgating
March Madness
Super Bowl

Demonstrations

Japanese tea ceremony
Parade of Flags
Fashion Show of Cultural Attire

Political topics

Human Rights
Minority Issues
America's Role in the World
HIV/AIDS (World AIDS Day)
The Environment/Pollution (Earth Day)
The United Nations
Islam in the Post 9/11 World
Homeland Security
Native American issues/culture
Health care

Music Around the World

African drumming
Native American drumming
Student recitals

Guest speakers

Ambassadors
Scholars
Performers

Activity-Based Programs (collaborate with P.E. dept., health, fitness center, etc.)

Recreational/intramural sports/activities
Tai Chi
Kung Fu
Judo
Karate

Cricket
Squash
International Games (Yute- from Korea, etc.)
Dancing (Latin- salsa, merengue, Flamenco, Int'l Folk, Turkish, Native American, Hula, Greek,
Japanese, ballroom, etc.)
Capoeria

Community Service (lots of grant \$\$\$ available)

Habitat for Humanity
Community/Campus Clean-ups
Soup Kitchens
Programs with School Children
Outreach tutorial programs
Humane Society

International Fun Nights

International Trivia
Karaoke
Themed Battle of the Sexes or Family Feud
Talent Show
Ice cream social
Pizza party
Board Games (Twister, cards, etc.)
Coffee Hours
Movie Nights (be sure to check copyright laws first)
Cooking classes/Microwave cooking
Poetry reading/sharing
Formal dances (Global Gala)
Pool Party

Field Trips

Cities
Farms/Amish communities
Native American celebrations
Local festivals
Museums
Theater
Hiking/Caving/Skiing/Camping/Canoeing
Sporting events (college or professional)

Career Related Programs

Peace Corps
Foreign Service

Back from Abroad – Now What? Best practices in alumni relations, engagement
and recruitment in Education Abroad
Laura Braun * Kara Pike* Laura Semenov* Tracy Rundstrom Williams
NAFSA Bi-Regional Conference, Puerto Rico, October 2012

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Teaching English as a Second Language
International Internships

Every few years

Leap year celebration

Olympics celebration

Election-related programming