## Student Activities Made Easy: How to Plan and Promote on a Budget



## A variety of activities is key to both student enjoyment and budget











### Local activities

- Utilize your community and university resources for authentic, enriching experiences
- Library, churches, Peach Festival, Fourth of July Fireworks, Little Theater





### On-campus activities

- BCM & Chi Alpha weekly lunches, game & movie nights, international potlucks, karaoke
- Athletic events football, soccer, basketball games, homecoming events
- Wed./Thurs. conversation lunch hour





### Interactive Cultural Experiences in University Classrooms

- ESL students meet with university students in a class
- University students ask about a specific cultural topic relating to course content.
- ESL students have a chance to meet Americans, learn American culture, and practice English.

#### Why do it?

- It usually costs NOTHING !!!!!!!!
- It puts real faces on textbook information
- It helps clear cultural misperceptions

### Art Class at Laboratory Elementary

- In fall and spring, ELS students attend an art class to share folk stories from their culture
- The children illustrate the stories, and ELS publishes a book to distribute to participants





## Cooking Nights with Nutrition/Dietetics Students

### International Family Studies





# Intercultural and Non-Verbal Communication Courses

Aviation- Airport
Planning and
Management





### Establish year-round program

- Keep a record of each course, professor, type of project, and outcome
- Add projects each quarter/semester to establish a year-round calendar of exchanges



### Day, overnight, or weekend trips

- Day Neon bowling, Shopping at The Boardwalk, Safari Tour, Water Park
- Overnight Dallas/Six Flags, Baton Rouge/LSU
   & Laser Tag, Lafayette/Swamp Tour
- Weekend Trips Houston, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Antonio
- Utilize your region's cultural, scenic, and travel locations!





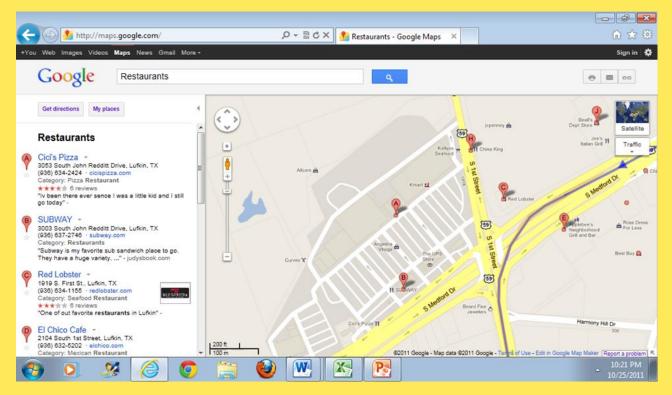






### Planning the route

Google maps- find location dense with restaurant choices



 Google earth- gives you a realistic street view, but requires a software download

### Saving money

- Use discount websites to book hotels -some have group policy or max # of rooms you can book
- Hotels.com- has fabulous membership program where you earn rewards fast







## Prepare to take photos for marketing purposes

- Have a digital camera handy for the exchange time
  - Announce to group you'll be taking photos
- Have any permission forms with you; show photos and get signatures on site- much easier!
- Use photos to promote cultural exchanges; offer photos to others involved so they can promote the event within their department.

### Marketing.....

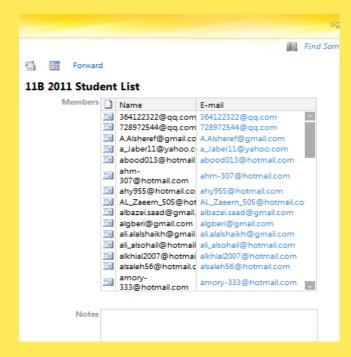
- Wall calendar and print calendar
- Color posters office services



### Promotion and Distribution....

- Email distribution lists copy/paste email column from a database into a group contact list
  - student distribution list
  - community distribution list

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### Budgeting

- Excel spreadsheet with self-calculating features to pre-budget
- Determine ideal amount of students that will cover cost of activities

- We would love your comments, questions, and ideas to share.
- If you would like any technical instructions included in our presentation, please leave your email address on the sign-up sheet in the front of the room.

Have fun planning your student activities!