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Georgia Southern University Brings the World to Statesboro for 9th Annual International Festival

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University partners with community to showcase art, music, culture and food



The Georgia Southern University Center for International Studies will host the 9th Annual International Festival on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is an effort to bring food, culture, music and fun to the community.

Georgia Southern University will bring the world to Statesboro during the [9th Annual International Festival](#) on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Regional Park, 888 Georgia Highway 24. The annual festival, hosted by the [Center for International Studies](#), is a celebration of culture, music, art and food from around the world. Admission to the festival is free and open to everyone.

Activities include a Global Village where students from area middle, high and charter schools pick a country and create an educational display that showcases that nation. The students get their ideas

and information from Georgia Southern's Global Ambassador Program. An ambassador from the country the students select visits their school to give a presentation, answers questions about customs and culture and offers advice on creating a booth. Georgia Southern has students from more than 90 countries.

"The schools compete each year and get so excited about this," said Angie Threatte, coordinator for international programming and events. "Last year, Brooklet Elementary School beat out the middle and high schools! They won for representing Egypt and they were so excited. Their faces will be something to see when we do the Global Village Award Presentations on the World Stage at 12:15 p.m."

The "It's a Small World" area provides free international arts and crafts activities for children. There will also be musical and dance performances on the World Stage throughout the day. Plus, there will be an International Food Court and World Craft Bazaar where people can buy dishes and products from around the world.

For more information visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/intfest. The International Festival is a collaboration between the Bulloch County Board of Education, the Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Department, the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Statesboro-Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce.

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