



IDEAS FOR CELEBRATING ASIA DURING GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK (November 11-17, 2007)

Geography Action! is a yearly conservation and awareness program designed to educate people about our natural, cultural, and historical treasures. A major component of this program is Geography Awareness Week (GAW). Every year since 1987, when U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed legislation establishing the third week in November as Geography Awareness Week, the National Geographic Society has promoted the importance of geography to the public and to schools throughout the United States and in Canada during GAW. Each year a different theme is highlighted and approximately one and a half million students participate in activities related to the week. The theme this year is the teaching and learning of Asia.

Here are some ways to take part:

Inspire Kids to Get Global!

Give kids the power of global knowledge! To learn how a coalition led by the National Geographic Society is taking action to inspire parents and educators to expand geographic learning in school, at home, and in the community, go online to www.MyWonderfulWorld.org

Sample Geography Awareness Week Activities

- Monday – Literacy Day - Reading can take you to the most amazing places! Work with your school, county, and city libraries to display books about Asia and all of its countries. Invite the students write their own book about an aspect of Asian culture that they find fascinating.
- Tuesday – Post-Card (Poster or Bumper Sticker) Contest Day - Make a postcard (poster, bumper sticker) that demonstrates a particular aspect of a country in Asia. Establish some simple guidelines and select the class' favorite postcard', by consensus. Attempt to secure local prizes for all student entries!
- Wednesday – GIS Day 2007 - Learn more about Geographic Information Systems. Check out their site at <http://www.gisday.com> to get more information about activities and lessons related to GIS and Geography Action!
- Thursday – Guest Speaker Day – Invite someone to your class who can educate your students about Asia. Ideas for speakers include: storytellers, musicians, or returning Peace Corps volunteers.
- Friday – *Celebrate Asia Day*- Host a celebration in your classroom, your school, or your community and invite families and friends to participate! Games, crafts, student research projects, native foods and dress can all be part of the fun.

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