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Reception to take community ‘around the world’

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood community members will have the opportunity to take a trip around the world at Nutter Field House next week.

The annual Know Your World Reception, sponsored by the International Student Office is scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

Kay Lowder, Field Studies Program assistant/Host Family Sponsorship Program, said the purpose of the event is to give the community an opportunity to meet international military students who train at Fort Leonard Wood and for people to experience the cultures on the installation.

“I would encourage everyone to attend Know Your World to have the unique experience of meeting people from around the world while sampling delicious food, looking at breathtaking photographs and learning about other countries and cultures,” Lowder said.

“While strolling through the tables at Know Your World people will be introduced to international military students and their Families; have conversations about cultural differences and similarities; see pictures, maps, and souvenirs that provide a link to the student’s counties,” Lowder said.

Speaking with the different students provides the opportunity to meet new people and to learn from them, she said. Many of the tables include hands-on activities and ethnic foods.

“Each year is different, but every year is an awesome experience. This year’s event includes 89 students from 39 countries, each eager to share information,” Lowder said.

For information, contact Lowder at 573.563.0068.

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Editor’s note: This story was written and contributed by Derek Gean, Fort Leonard Wood Guidon, Community editor.

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About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command’s U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army’s largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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