

My Wonderful World Family Geography Night

Geography is an essential element of a 21st century education.

- Teaching kids about geography today can help them succeed tomorrow
- Geography is not just maps. It's much more: cultures, commerce and environments
- Our globally connected world has made geographic knowledge more fundamental to education than ever

Despite this, our kids don't know enough about the world. We want to give our kids the power of global knowledge.

My Wonderful World Family Geography Night is a way of engaging children and their parents in an interesting and educational series of geographic activities. These 'events' can be set up in a common area, such as a gym or library, or each can be located in a different room in the school.

The Kansas Geographic Alliance has created a kit to help you plan and prepare for a family-fun evening. The kit includes:

- ❖ How to Get Started
- ❖ Hints for a Successful Evening
- ❖ Summary of events, materials, connection to standards (see below)
- ❖ A CD containing the following printable files (all in MS Word unless noted)
 - Copies of the My Wonderful World PSA (video and audio)
 - **Event Folders** for setting up and running each of 12 events.
 - **Publicity Folder** containing sample advertising materials
 - **Geography is Everywhere:** (additional ideas for families to practice geography at home)
 - **Did You Have Fun?** Participant Evaluation form
 - **Geo Tickets** for completing each event
 - ❖ Maps needed for events 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12
 - ❖ 24 each of *My Wonderful World* **stickers**, *My Wonderful World* **bookmarks**, and *My wonderful World* **postcards**
 - ❖ One *My Wonderful World* **poster**
 - ❖ 3 beach ball globes and 5 NGS maps for door prizes
 - ❖ Follow-up form (Return for more geography materials for your school)

To get started: Order a "My Wonderful World Family Geography Night" kit from the Kansas Geographic Alliance to get complete directions and many materials for your Family Geography Night. **The kit is FREE except for the cost of postage.** To order a kit for your school, use the following form.

My Wonderful World
Family Geography Night
Kit Order Form



Contact Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Proposed Date for My Wonderful World Family Geography Night:

I understand that the contents of this Kit are designed to be used to engage families in geographic activities, and that one of the goals of My Wonderful World is to make students, parents, and educators more aware of the importance of geography. I agree to do all in my power to meet these goals.

Signature of Contact Person

Date

Signature of School Principal

Date

Please send this form, along with a check made out to the Kansas Geographic Alliance for \$5.00 to cover the cost of postage to:

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