COOKING PROGRAMS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

- Cooking classes are **2 hours long** (about 15 minutes for participant’s arrival and presentation, **1 hour of actual cooking time**), 30 minutes of eating and chatting, and extra 15 minutes buffer time).

- Please be **at least 30 minutes early** on the day of your class, you may come earlier if needed.

- Class size is restricted to **20-30 participants** due to space limitations of the IC’s kitchen.

- Keep in mind that we try to have **high participation** in our programs, so the more people that can be involved in preparing your recipes, the better.

- The IC covers the cost of all supplies. **Grocery shopping** should be done at least one day before the class and items may be stored at the IC. There are 3 options for purchasing the food. 1. You may shop on your own and be reimbursed (you must give us your receipts, signed and dated). 2. You may provide a list of ingredients and quantity needed and the IC Program Coordinator will shop for them. 3. You may schedule a time to meet the Program Coordinator at the grocery store and s/he will pay for the grocery items at check-out.

- Try to **limit the recipe list to 1-3 recipes**. This does not have to be a full meal, rather a sampling of the specific cuisine you are introducing. The budget for the class should be about $150.

- **Alcohol cannot be served, but may be used in cooking your dish.**

- While you are planning the recipe list, it is a good idea to arrange a time to come see the IC kitchen, especially if you have never been here before, in order to review **equipment** and **kitchen basics** to make sure the IC has everything you will need.

- In addition to explaining the cooking, if you can tell any **cultural information** during the class it is always appreciated. People love learning about different ways to serve food, what time people eat in your home country, significance behind a particular dish, traditional clothing, etc. Feel free to bring along any **extras**, but note this is not expected. Examples: slide show (must be very short!!), photo album, music from your country, glossary of food terminology in language of origin, etc. **If you have a new idea** you’d like to add to your cooking program please let us know and hopefully we can incorporate it into the plan!

- We will print a hand-out of the recipe list to be distributed on the day of the class. After the class, we post the recipe on the IC's cooking program web page. **Do not worry** about creating a **perfect draft** of the recipe list; the Program Coordinator will do any necessary edits, formatting, etc.

- **Please give us a rough draft of your recipe list at least one week in advance of your class**, and let us know which method you prefer for grocery shopping.

**Thank you!**