



热辣滚烫，潮玩一夏 ——记华府亚洲烧烤美食节

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2024年6月29日，一个暑意炎炎的周六，华府亚洲烧烤节在Rockville市中心广场拉开帷幕。受主办方的邀请，华府青年(Capital Youth Outreach Club, CYOC)参加了这次烧烤节。作为

大华府地区有名的青年义工组织，CYOC不仅为本次烧烤节带来了朝气蓬勃的小义工，还精心布置了自己的展位，成功地向社区宣扬了CYOC的活动和主旨、展示了CYOC小义工们的踏实务实的团队精神和积极向上的个人风采。

因为活动现场比较大，布置任务繁重，所以周六早上9:30，多位小义工就提前来到烧烤节现场开始准备。大家分工明确，有条不紊，一边布置调整展台，一边在搭建游戏设施。小义工们齐心协力，效率很高，不一会儿CYOC的展位就装饰的有模有样了。最先映入眼帘的就是被红、蓝、白三色气球装饰起来的主展台，昭示着CYOC小义工们洋溢的青春和满满的活力。在展台两侧挺立着CYOC的旗帜，最是醒目。展台后面更是亮点多多，就是CYOC为配合本次烧烤节主题精心策划的各种游戏活动，有吃的，有玩的，极具特色，深

受小朋友们的喜爱。光玩乐项目就有儿童保龄球、套圈、投沙包、儿童画、掷篮球和蹦床。在游乐现场旁边还有自制爆米花和棉花糖，奶香四溢。

临近中午时分，烧烤活动正式开始，伴着欢乐激昂的音乐，来的人也越来越多。现场气氛就像炎炎夏日的温度，热辣滚烫但热闹非凡，和烧烤主题分外搭配。CYOC靓丽的展台和多彩的活动尤其吸引小朋友们的眼光，前来参加活动的家长和孩子络绎不绝。游戏现场气氛十分火热，小朋友们的欢声笑语此起彼伏，俨然是一个孩子们的世外桃源。CYOC还特别设置了积分兑换环节，小朋友们可以根据在游戏中获得的积分兑换对应等级的奖品。小朋友们开心的玩过各自喜欢的游戏后，还能拿到精致的奖品，品尝到浓香的爆米花和香甜的棉花糖，令他们意犹未尽、流连忘返。为了活动的顺利进行，现场

CYOC的小义工们忙的汗流浹背，不亦乐乎。他们有的在游戏现场维持秩序、调节氛围；有的在为小朋友们准备和兑换奖品；更多的是冒着炎炎烈日在展台前分发CYOC宣传单，向大家详细介绍CYOC及其组织的活动。小义工的认真和努力吸引了越来越多的家长，他们纷纷过来询问了解。更有家长被小义工和活动所打动，当即决定为孩子注册，使得他们成为CYOC的一员，活动现场成了一个纳新现场。最令人惊喜的是，CYOC的小义工们不仅吸引了孩子和家长，还吸引了马里兰州公使一行人的莅临。公使先生对CYOC组织的活动以及小义工们的贡献表示感谢和肯定，并在现场与大家亲切合影留念，把本次活动拉上了高潮。

本次烧烤节吸引了大量的市民参加，活动现场人群涌动，热闹非凡。欢乐的气氛从中午一直延续到傍晚时分，活动圆满结束！



CYOC的小义工也从上午9点多一直服务到下午5点多。虽然很辛苦，但经历了夏日酷暑的洗礼小义工们在热辣滚烫的氛围里面，收获满满，潮玩一夏！

Popping Fun at the Asian BBQ Festival

Ruichen Feng, June 30, 2024



As a member of the Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC), I volunteered at an Asian BBQ festival in Rockville this Saturday. It was a summer gathering event for the community, featuring BBQ, beers, and food, along with free music and kids' activities. We arrived before the festival officially started to set up our CYOC booth to introduce our organization to the public. We also hosted the festival's "kids' zone," which included a basketball game (supplied by my family), a bouncy castle, a ring toss game, a paint table, and more. Several parents, including my mom, ran a stand selling popcorn and cotton candy.

While looking around, I saw one of my friends from Chinese

school working at the popcorn machine, so I decided to join him. The machine was confusing at first, but I eventually figured it out. After the festival officially began, the host made some announcements, we received pizza and meat skewers for lunch. Soon, people started arriving to buy tickets and concessions. Not many people visited my station, likely because it was right next to the cotton candy stand. We changed our sales strategy to a promotion: buy two cotton candies, get a free popcorn. This helped increase popcorn sales since cotton candy was very popular. As a result, we got some business over time. Most of my time there was refilling the popcorn machine and serving popcorn. It was rewarding to make the business

better and to see all the kids having fun in our kids' zone.

Around 6:00, the festival started to wrap up, and most people had left. I helped collect and dispose of trash and also packed up and cleaned our area. As our car drove away, I reflected on all the people I served, their happy faces, and their enthusiastic energy. Volunteering at the Asian BBQ festival was a great experience that taught me the value of community service and teamwork. It felt amazing to contribute to an event that brought so much joy to the community. I realized that even small actions, like making and selling popcorn, can make a big difference in creating a fun and memorable event for others.

