



Fun and Games with CYOC at the Asian BBQ Festival

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On June 29, 2024, people gathered at Rockville Town Center to start a new tradition: The Asian BBQ Festival. This event was not

only a celebration of Asian cuisine and culture, but a collision of cultures as people from all races came to try a taste of Asian food.

The Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC) played a pivotal part in the festival, by organizing, designing, and running the Kids'

Zone. Before the event, CYOC volunteers put countless hours into deciding the games, rules, and prizes of the events in the Kids' Zone.

On the day of the festival, over 50 volunteers showed up, eager to help people have an enjoyable time at the festival. There were many games, such as the ring toss, basketball, cornhole, miniature bowling, and bounce house. There were also scrumptious popcorn and cotton candy machines, further contributing to the lively

atmosphere.

During the event, Minister of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States of America Quan Jing visited CYOC's main tent. After learning about CYOC's goal and background, Minister Jing highly praised it. CYOC also gifted a CYOC shirt to Minister Jing, which he happily accepted.

Overall, CYOC's first

ever fundraiser was a major success. Not only did CYOC raise money for future volunteer efforts, but it also left many kids and parents delighted.



Cultures, Foods, and Play!

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Last Saturday (June 22) I volunteered to perform at Worldshine and this Saturday (June 29) I volunteered to help out with the Asian BBQ Festival, different people came to eat our culture's food, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, and Thai. These festivals often feature live music, cultural performances, and activities for all ages. They provide a fantastic opportunity to experience

the rich and diverse flavors of Asian cuisine in a festive and communal setting. It smelled like the kitchen exploded with greatness.

We CYOC hosted the Kids Area of the Asian BBQ, there's tickets, a bouncy house, ring toss, bowling, etc. I woke up at 7:00 a.m just to get there. We had to meet there at 9:30 a.m. I was a mess, my mood was low, the thing I wanted the most at that time was to have a bed right in front of me. As we got set up, I saw different stands setting up too. Boba, skewers, etc. I didn't get to see all of them because I was helping out everywhere, from the basketball

arcade machine, to setting up the table sheets. As we got set up I could visualize people and kids coming in and having plenty of fun. Different volunteers were in charge of the prizes, from lollipops and chips to LED lights and stuffed animals. We didn't start off with a good number of people, but as the day went by more and more visitors came with their children to have fun and win some prizes. I got shifted in charge of the prizes to in charge of money because I was very concentrated on my job (according to adults there). I was shocked and

happy when I got shifted. I was taught how to record down the money we receive and give out tickets. The sun shined right next to me, it was so hot there I felt like passing out. I worked until like 4:00 p.m. and got some boba for my sister and I. I kept giving out tickets, walking back and forth, and receiving money. At the end of the day we earned more than \$500. That's a lot. I got lamb and chicken skewers at the end of the day to thank the volunteers. I enjoyed volunteering expected for the fact that it was hot enough to burn me to death.

