

# Highlights of the International Exchange Program

## **1. Expected program dates:**

Students from Taiwan will visit Valdosta between **February 25 and March 6, 2011.**

**Note:** The Taiwanese delegation is invited to support the annual Azalea International Folk Fair, which has been deemed by a resolution passed by Georgia Senates and Representatives as the state international fair. They will represent Taiwan for a cultural exhibition and presentation for the Folk Fair's two-day school field trip programs on March 3 & 4. They will also participate in the Fair's three major events on Saturday, March 5 for

- (1) The 6<sup>th</sup> annual World Culture Folk Dance Competition
- (2) World Geography: Are You Smarter than a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader hosted by Dr. Michael Noll
- (3) The Science Challenges 107 hosted by Dr. Brian Gerber

After Valdosta, they will continue their trip to Orlando, FL from March 7 – 10.

Participants from Valdosta is planned to visit Taiwan between **June 2 - July 2, 2011.**

**Note:** This length of duration is tentative and can be shortened depending on the interest of teachers and students. The AIFF organizing committee is flexible with the schedule and open to the participants' inputs.

## **2. Proposed Numbers of Participants:**

Both LCS and Chia-Yi City School Systems: 10 - 15 students & 2 – 4 teachers

## **3. Program Costs:**

**None** to both LCS and Chia-Yi City Schools Systems.

All participants either from Lowndes County Schools or ChiaYi City Schools all need to pay expenses on their own. **Budget up to US\$2,200** for the trip.

Members of the Azalea International Folk Fair serve as **pure volunteers** in coordinating this IEP project. Our involvement is **a pure labor of love**, viewed as an honor and a privilege to serve the LCS community. AIFF members participate in the program also have to cover all of their own expenses paying the same way as the participating teachers and students.

## **4. IEP participants will cover their own expenses in the following items:**

(a) US\$1,400 - \$1,500 for airfare between Atlanta & Taiwan.

For Taiwan Delegation: (b) \$500 for 4-day field trip to Orlando

(c) \$200 for personal expense and meals at Orlando and shopping

### **For Valdosta-Lowndes County Delegation:**

(b) 6-day field trip to Central Taiwan: \$250 with most of the meals included

(c) 6-day field trip to Northern Taiwan: \$250 with most of the meals on participants' own as the variety is huge to choose from.

(d) Suggested personal expenses of \$300 include (but are not limited to) shopping for clothing, additional foods outside of the provided meals, souvenirs and personal care. The amount of allowance is totally up to the parents and students.

## **5. Host Families:**

Teachers from both school systems (Chia-Yi City Schools and Lowndes County Schools) and universities (Wu-Feng University in Chia-Yi City, Taiwan & Valdosta State University)