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Limited attendance at Aug 23 flag ceremony!

Sponsors,

We have received updated guidance on the upcoming Flag Ceremony on 23 Aug that affects your in person participation:

As a result of the regional spike in COVID-19 transmission, Senior Leadership decided to limit live attendance for the International Flag Ceremony to the International Military Student (IMS) participants, their authorized accompanying family members, and the US participants officiating the ceremony. Remaining students, staff and faculty will view the ceremony over CCTV feeds throughout the campus, and those off campus/off the installation, including sponsors, may view via a Facebook Live feed on the Army

University Facebook page. It begins at 9:30 a.m. and should be available for viewing any time after that.

In addition, we now have new links and phone numbers for members to participate:

- **Link 1:** <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/5537d5d2ff7b45658d48af30d4278e18>
- Phone: +1-571-392-7650
- PIN: 374 673 5586

- **Link 2:** <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/f75eeac9029840b28e1391d3a620e899>
- Phone: +1-571-392-7650
- PIN: 289 266 0596

David M. Bornn Jr
International Field Studies Program Chair

Fall Food Fairs Canceled Due to COVID

Sponsors,

The Fall Food Fairs have been canceled in accordance with the new COVID Guidance published by the CAC CG and Deputy CG. Those sponsors that were assigned to that event, we apologize for the inconvenience. We will not be re-scheduling the Fall Food Fair later, nor can we have multiple sponsor families attend one of the current remaining two sponsor events. Again, with the COVID restrictions in place we thank you for your understanding through these complex and challenging times!

We do plan to still execute our ***Know Your World*** events with sponsors attending, however, we will not have any food at the two events in 2021-we will have to see what 2022 brings. We are also still planning to have the Holiday Dinner Dances, but those as well may be cancelled if the restrictions are not lifted prior to the events (by mid-November).

The Fall International Hall of Fame scheduled for 7 OCT is now a Virtual Event Only-Link will follow closer to the event

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Contingencies Due to COVID

The Summer Field Studies Program (FSP) is closing and we are transitioning to the Fall FSP. We are planning for the best, but preparing for any contingencies that may arise due to changes in health protection conditions, initial COVID issues when classes start and of course, National/State/Local COVID actions that may arise. Our job is to mitigate as much risk as possible, follow the directives from the Command and ensure we are fully in compliance with local and national policies regarding COVID. This will not be an easy road, but we will keep you up to date as soon as we can to ensure you fully understand the challenges and constraints as they are presented. We will look at each event and make determinations based off the previous criteria if they will be conducted.

We have already done more this year for this Cohort than the last year and will work diligently to have events if at all possible. Things are changing daily and we will work all the potential courses of action prior to making any specific determinations either way. We appreciate your patience, understanding and creative support to our IMS even with the ongoing local challenges. Please do not take the restrictions for large groups as a one size fits all for your interactions with your IMS. If you and your IMS are vaccinated, and take the proper protocols we do ask that you stay engaged with your IMS as the system works its way through our new normal here at Fort Leavenworth.

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Stay Connected with your IMS

If you are comfortable (no Covid concerns) meeting with your officer, continue to do so. In

the case where sponsors are or may become uncomfortable meeting in person, continue connecting with your officer in other ways (e.g., FaceTime, Zoom, Google Meet, text, email, phone, Messenger, WhatsApp).

If you are unable or unwilling to connect in any form with your officer, please let me know right away so we can assist or make a reassignment to another sponsor.

Thank you, again, for being part of this wonderful sponsorship program!

Sharon K. Valasek

Calendar

Note: this updated calendar reflects the cancellation of Fall 2021 Food Fairs.

Date	Event	Place	Time
8/23	Flag Ceremony: Classes Begin	Online only for Sponsors	9:30 a.m.
9/6	Labor Day Holiday	-	-
9/17	Fall Food Fair Group 1 (Afghan – Jordan)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	Canceled
Sept ?	Know Your World presentation: Canada	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
9/24	Fall Food Fair Group 2 (Kenya – Yemen)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	Canceled
10/11	Columbus Day Holiday	-	-
10/13	Know Your World presentation: Sweden	Eisenhower Auditorium, Lewis and Clark, Fort Leavenworth	3:45 p.m.
11/24–28	Thanksgiving holiday	-	-
12/3	Holiday Dinner Dance #1 (Afghan – Jordan)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
12/10	Holiday Dinner Dance #2 (Kenya – Yemen)	Frontier Conference Center, Fort Leavenworth	6:00 p.m.
12/18 – 1/3	Winter Break	-	-
01/15	Martin Luther King Holiday	-	-

