



Folklife Festival 2013

Hungarian Heritage Roots
to Revival

Festivals are celebrations where groups of people go to have fun together with others.



The Folklife Festival happens every year on the National Mall and celebrates a different country or culture.



This year, the Folklife Festival is about Hungary. Hungary is a country in Europe.



Hungarian people sometimes call themselves Magyars. I will see many Hungarians or Magyars at the Festival. Some may be wearing special clothes, or costumes, from their country. These people may want to share information about special things in Hungary with me.



The Hungarian language sounds very different from English. I may hear many people speaking Hungarian at the Festival. It is OK if I do not understand what they say, but I may learn some new words in Hungarian.

Üdvözöljük!

Means

Welcome!

I may hear music and see people dancing at the Festival. Hungarian music may sound different from most music I have heard. The musicians may play stringed instruments that make sounds like violins, fiddles, or guitars. There may be Hungarian dancers performing special dances.



There may be Hungarian food and drinks to try. They may taste different from foods and drinks I have had before. It can be fun to try new things. I may find a new taste that I like.



There may be people making things. I might see people carving wood. I might see people cooking food. I might even see people making musical instruments.



There might be things I can touch. I should wait for the Festival participant to tell me that this is OK before I touch anything. Some things may be fragile or sharp. The Festival Participant can tell me which things I may touch and which things I should not touch.



The Folklife Festival will be outside on the National Mall. It is important to wear clothes that are comfortable for the weather.



There might be crowds of people who also want to see the Folklife Festival. If it is too crowded, I may want to go to a quiet place like the “Take A Break Tent”/Participant Hospitality or the first aid tent.



There are many things about the country Hungary that I may see and learn at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

