



DAWN ACTIVITY LEADER GUIDE

ASTEROID BELT PIZZA

Goal:

Decorate your pizza to look like the inner solar system - including the asteroid belt.

Estimated time:

10-20 minutes

Who to do it with:

Ages: 4-Adult

Numbers: 1 or more!

What you need:

Per participant

- 1 personal pizza (or a family pizza if you prefer)

Per group

- A variety of toppings, such as olives, peppers, sausage, pepperoni.

Advanced preparation:

1. Buy the materials and set them out so people can pick which they want to use for their pizza.

How to do it:

1. Preheat the oven or grill.
2. Explain the layout of the pizza "solar system" and have participants pick a topping to represent the various objects as you go.
 - a. The center is the Sun - represented with a large pepperoni, perhaps?
 - b. The outer crust is the orbit of Jupiter.
 - c. As you move out from the sun you can represent the inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars)
 - d. The finishing touch is to represent the asteroid belt - with a ring of olives?
3. Compare your topping choices with those around you.
4. Cook as directed and eat!

Why do it:

This is a fun way to eat and learn at the same time. Be sure to encourage participants to explain why they used a topping to represent a part of the inner Solar System. For example, the Earth has a lot of water - and so does a mushroom.