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: olives, peppers, sausage, mushrooms, pepperoni.

Advanced preparation:

1. Buy the toppings and set them out so people can choose what 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.