



2015 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Announcement

The Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware is calling for application to the 2015 "Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School Students". The summer camp is sponsored by China Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters in cooperation with the Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware for Delaware high school students to experience Chinese language and culture in China in the summer of 2015.

Since being launched in 2007, nearly 1,000 American high school students have been invited to participate in the summer camp in China, which plays a positive role in promoting the understanding of high school students of Chinese language and culture, improving their Chinese level and enhancing the friendship between the youth of China and the U.S.

1. Mission Statement

The "Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School Students" aims to promote exchange between the youth of China and the United States and enhance the understanding of American high school students of Chinese language and culture, thus to stimulate their interest in Chinese learning.

2. Camp Dates (tentative): July 16th to July 31th, 2015

3. During of Camp: 2 weeks

4. Arrival and Departure City: Beijing

5. Camp Destination Cities: Beijing and another city

6. Itinerary in China (Beijing Time):

- July 16th: Arrive in Beijing and check in.
- July 17th: Culture activities in Beijing.
- July 18th - July 27th: Travel to different provinces/cities in groups; Take Chinese language and culture classes, communicate with Chinese students and their families.
- July 28th - July 30th: Back to Beijing, and participate in culture activities.



- July 31st, Leave Beijing and arrive in the U.S.

7. Activity theme and visiting provinces/cities

- A. Discover China - Chinese History: Shandong and Zhejiang;
- B. Discover China - Chinese Ethnic Minorities: Jilin and Guangxi;
- C. Discover China - Folk Arts: Beijing, Heilongjiang and Jiangsu;
- D. Discover China - Chinese Kung Fu: Henan

Confucius Institute Headquarters will arrange group plan according to the demand.

Ratio of chaperons and students is 1:10.

8. Application

a. Qualifications to Apply

Students currently enrolled in credited public/private high schools who meet the following qualities:

- (1) U.S. Citizenship;
- (2) Chinese is not the first language and less than 3 years of Chinese learning experience.
- (3) Student age between 14 and 18 and enrolled in grades 9 to 12;
- (4) Excellent academic record, and be interested in Chinese language and culture;
- (5) Physically capable of and healthy enough for international travel.

Chaperones are required to meet the following qualities:

- (1) K-12 teaching experiences, preference will be given to Chinese language teachers;
- (2) A wealth of student management experience;
- (3) Have a good knowledge of Chinese culture and current conditions;



- (4) Love teaching; being responsible and compatible;
- (5) Outstanding communication skills and adaptive capacity;
- (6) Physically capable of and healthy enough for international travel.
- (7) Willingness to participate in all summer camp activities and to comply with camp requirements.

Chaperones are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- 1) Assist the Confucius Institute in pre-departure student orientation;
- 2) Participate in all activities with the students in China; comply to camp policies and regulations;
- 3) Take the primary responsibilities for the safety of students during summer camp;
- 4) Assist students to adapt to new environment and conduct behavioral instruction if necessary;
- 5) In case of emergency, serve as guardian and main contact person for students;
- 6) Responsible for conducting and collecting post-camp program evaluations; provide summarized camp evaluation and feedback to the Confucius Institute and/or participating schools if required.

b. Application and Selection Procedure

Qualified applicants need to submit their application form, together with personal application letter and a recommendation letter from schools or teachers to the Confucius Institutes at the University of Delaware.

Chaperones should also submit their resumes to the Confucius Institutes at the University of Delaware.

The Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware will conduct primary selections in



accordance with the application materials, identify qualified candidates, and summarize information into a list which will be submitted to Hanban for the final decision. Hanban will inform the Confucius Institute with the final selection results.

c. Application Deadline: March 6, 2015

Please submit your application package by March 6, 2015. Acceptance of application and invitation letter for Chinese visa will be issued in April.

9. Program Costs

Students and chaperone teachers are responsible for the costs of round-trip international airfare, international travel insurance and China visa fees. Hanban will assume all other costs for accommodations, local transportation, and group activities and sightseeing for students and chaperone teachers during their stay in China.

10. Contact

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