

2014 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for Arizona High School Students (Application Deadline/Wednesday/March 5, 2014)

1. Program Objectives

To promote exchange between the youth of China and the US, and enhance the understanding of US high school students of Chinese language and culture. The 2014 Chinese Bridge-Summer Camp for U.S. High School Students will take place in China from July 17 to August 1. This year, the Confucius Institute headquarters/Hanban will invite 800 American high school students and chaperons to participate in the summer camp.

2. The ASU Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute at ASU assists the CI Headquarters/Hanban to receive and pre-screen applications from high school students in Arizona and recommends candidates to the CI Headquarters/Hanban for final approval.

3. Dates and Cities

- The 2014 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is a 2-week program, starting on July 17 (Thursday) and ending on August 1 (Friday).
- Arizona students will stay in Beijing and one of the following provinces or cities for Chinese language classes and Chinese culture experience: Tianjin, Henan, Shandong, Hunan, Zhejiang, Yunnan, Jilin.

4. Application Eligibility

- American citizens
- GPA: 3 or above
- Grade 9-12 high school students, aged 14 to 18, (including 12th grader who are graduating this summer or 8th grader who will be in 9th grade in August 2014)
- Interests in the Chinese language and culture
- Non-Chinese learning background and have studied Chinese for less than 3 years
- In good health and capable for international travelling

5. Program Activity

A. Grouping of Activities

Various Confucius Institutes (classrooms) campers will be grouped to go to the provinces and cities to take Chinese language and cultural classes. The venue and personnel grouping will be arranged by Hanban

B. Content of Activities

- * Chinese class: According to the students' Chinese level placement, students will be placed into various Chinese language classes.
- * Camp Activities: Engage students with different kinds of Chinese cultural activities.
- * Student exchange programs: Visit secondary schools, partner with Chinese students for discussion; and visit Chinese families.
- * Sightseeing: Combine the camp theme; visit famous local tourist attractions.
- * Graduation examination: Administer YCT exam before the end of the summer camp.

C. Logistics and Security Managed by Hanban

- Provide Chinese-English bilingual personnel for all activities;
- Provide healthy and safe conditions of accommodation, two students share a single room (one single room for each chaperon).
- Each school will have an on-site nurse/doctor and facilities are equipped with first aid kits.
- Provide healthy and safe food to students. Food will meet special dietary requirements such as vegetarian or food allergy.

6. Fees

The participants will be responsible for the round-trip international airfare from Phoenix to Beijing, international travel medical insurance, China visa application fee and other expenses such as gifts and souvenirs for China trip. CI Headquarters/Hanban will cover the costs in China including domestic transportation, tuition, food, accommodation, and group activities.

7. Application Fee

Each applicant will pay \$200 application fee which will be used to cover international airfare for chaperons who will be with the campers throughout the program. ***This fee will NOT be refunded once the application is approved by CI Headquarters/Hanban.***

8. Application Procedure

1. Completed application form
2. A current transcript (unofficial copies is accepted) from your current school
3. A typed personal statement of at least 500 words of why you are interested in participating in this summer camp and what you hope to gain from this experience. Type your **name** and **current grade** in the upper right-hand corner of paper.

4. Two recommendation forms or letters completed and signed by your teachers, counselors or school administrators in your current school. (refer to page 4 of this application)

All the students are required to submit the application materials in *one packet* to the Confucius Institute at Arizona State University. The application packet should include a complete application form, a typed personal statement and two school recommendation forms. *The deadline to submit the application is Wednesday, March 5.*

9. Application Deadline

March 5, 2014 (drop-off in person by 5:00 PM)

Please mail the application package together with **a check of \$200** to:
ASU Confucius Institute
P.O. Box 871202
Tempe, AZ 85287-1202

**Please write the check payable to:
Arizona State University**

8. Contact

For questions, please contact Fannie Tam at fannie.tam@asu.edu or (480) 965-7179.

