

ASU Chinese Language Summer Camp: From STARTALK to Flagship 2014

“From STARTALK to Flagship: ASU Chinese Language Camp” offers a 15-day intensive residential program for current 8-12th grade students in Arizona to increase their motivation and proficiency level in Chinese through a highly structured theme-based curriculum. During the 15-day program held at the ASU Tempe campus, students will receive intensive Chinese language instruction and participate in fun cultural activities. Language instruction will be delivered through group lessons, individual instruction, and peer mentoring. For cultural activities, students will have hand-on activities to learn traditional Chinese arts, crafts, calligraphy, cooking, and some martial arts. We hope that through this summer camp, high school students will see the value and fun of learning and exploring the language and culture beyond a structured classroom setting and eventually become life-long learners of Chinese language. **Prospective applicants must submit the items on the application checklist postmarked by Saturday, April 5, 2014.** Qualified applicants with Chinese language background may be contacted to schedule a phone interview for placement purposes. Successful applicants will be notified by **the end of April 2014.**

Application Checklist

1. Application Form
2. A copy of your most recent grade report from your current school
3. Two Recommendation Forms from your teachers. One of the forms should be written by a *foreign language teacher* from whom you have taken a foreign language class. Applicants need to mail the Recommendation Forms along with other application materials.
4. Character form if applicable

Address

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Chinese Classes at ASU

All participants are highly encouraged to take one Chinese language class in both Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 to continue their Chinese language learning. Below are some of the ASU classes in 2014-2015:

- CHI 101 First-year Chinese I (5 credits)
- CHI 102 First-year Chinese II (5 credits)
- CHI 201 Second-year Chinese I (5 credits)
- CHI 301 Third-year Chinese (5 credits)

Additional Information

If you have any questions pertaining to the application process or the ASU Chinese Language Camp, feel free to email us at chinesestartalk@asu.edu or visit our website at <http://asu.edu/clas/silc/startalk>.

APPLICATION FORM (Please TYPE or PRINT)

A. Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Chinese Name if Applicable (in Pinyin) _____

Home Address _____
Street Apt# City State Zip

Date of Birth _____ Gender Male Female

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Cultural or ethnic background _____ Citizenship US Non-US

Applicant currently lives with (check all that apply) Mother Father Guardian(s)

Emergency Contact Person: Mother Father Guardian(s)

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

T-shirt Size (Adult): Small Medium Large XLarge

B. Family Data

Mother/Guardian

Name _____
Last First Middle

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Father/Guardian

Name _____
Last First Middle

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

C. Educational Background

Current School District Name (If charter or private, write "charter" or "private") _____

Current High School (including city name) _____

Grade Level in Spring 2014 _____

Names of Referrers: 1. _____ 2. _____

D. Write a short paragraph below explaining why you are interested in participating in this program, what you want to learn during the program, and what you hope to gain from the experience.

E. Language Background Information

1. Native language(s): _____

2. Other language(s)/Chinese dialects spoken or understood well: _____

3. What is your family's native (most dominant) language/Chinese dialect (s)?

Parent(s): _____ Your sibling(s), if any: _____

4. Does anyone in your family speak Mandarin? (Circle one): Yes No

If yes: Who? _____ How well? _____

5. What language/Chinese dialect do you use the most to communicate with your parents?

6. Did you visit or live in China, or Chinese-speaking countries or regions before? (Circle one) Yes No

If yes, how long was it? _____ If yes, how old were you then? _____

7. Have you studied Chinese before? (Circle one) Yes No

If yes, where? _____ how long? _____

textbook(s) and number of lessons covered: _____

grade(s): _____

8. If you have background in Mandarin Chinese, please assess your language skills in the following areas:

	Excellent/native like	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Listening					
Speaking					
Reading					
Writing					

9. Can you write any Chinese characters? Yes No

If yes, what form do you write? Simplified Traditional Approximately how many? _____

If yes, please provide a writing sample introducing yourself and family. The writing sample should be handwritten with a maximum of 500 characters (Download the character sheet). Please be aware that this writing sample is for placement purpose, therefore make sure you write it up this yourself and do not ask for help.

F. Agreement

This application qualifies me for consideration in the "ASU Chinese Summer Language Program: From STARTALK to Flagship: 2014". If I am accepted, I understand that this requires me to continue to study Chinese after the summer program. By signing below, I acknowledge my commitment to continue learning Chinese language either at ASU, a community college, a high school or a Chinese school. If no Chinese classes are offered in my area, I will inform the program director and work out a plan to continue learning Chinese. I also understand that I will not miss any classes, events, and activities held during the 15 day summer camp.

Applicant Signature

Date

G. Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Name _____
 Last First Middle

Address _____
 Street Apt# City State Zip

Cell Phone _____

Home phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

I understand the commitment involved in my child participation in the program and give my child permission and active support to attend this program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

RECOMMENDATION FORM: "ASU Chinese Language Summer Camp: From STARTALK to Flagship 2014"

The applicant named below has applied to attend a 15-day residential summer Chinese language camp. This program is selective and supports only students who are committed to full and enthusiastic participation in the program. Your candid assessment of the applicant will assist us in making the best decision. **Please complete this form, put it in a sealed envelope and write your signature across the sealed area and return it to the applicant before April 5, 2014.**

Applicant's Name _____

Teacher's Name & School _____

How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?

Please rate the student in the following categories.

	Poor	Below Average	Fair	Good	Excellent	Unable to Rate
Motivation /Interest						
Foreign language learning ability						
Participation/attendance in class						
Ability to work with others						
Integrity/Responsibility						
Maturity /Emotional stability						

Additional Comments: Please provide additional comments that might be useful to the selection committee. Since this is a residential program, your comment on student's integrity, responsibility, and maturity are crucial.

Overall recommendation: Strongly recommend Recommend
 Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Teacher E-mail Address

Teacher Telephone Number

Teacher Signature

Date