

## How to Register

**Step 1:** Visit the FCC web site at

<http://www.main.org/fccaustin>

**Step 2:** Select Culture Camp from the Events page & print the registration materials.

**Step 3:** Mail the application fee and forms to secure a placement.

## Pricing

### Open enrollment

Texas: 3/1/2011 - 4/1/2011

Nationwide: 4/1/2011 - 4/30/2011.

**FCC member price** - \$200/ first child,  
\$175 each additional sibling

**Non-FCC member price** - \$225 per child  
(Note: scholarships may be available on an as needed basis. Contact us for details.)

A **non-refundable deposit** of  
\$35 per child should be mailed with enrollment materials. This deposit will be applied to the total payment, due by June 1st. A camp shirt is included in the registration price.

## Eligibility & Placement

Children adopted from China and their siblings are eligible to participate in this camp. Students will be enrolled in a class based on the grade they will be entering the next school year.

**Pink Bunnies:** Kindergartners

**Green Monkeys:** 1st & 2nd graders

**Blue Pandas:** 3rd & 4th graders

**Orange Tigers:** 5th & 6th graders

**Red Dragons:** 7th & 8th graders.

*High school students are invited to participate as assistant counselors for no fee and should complete registration materials.*

## Leadership

### Camp Co-Directors

**Rowena Fong**, Ed. D, is a professor in the School of Social Work at The University of Texas. She is the Ruby Lee Piester Centennial Professor in Services to Children and Families with professional interests in Asian American studies, Chinese American children and families, ethnic identity formation and socialization, child rearing practices and international adoptions.

**Becky Harding** currently serves as the Culture and Outreach officer for Families with Children from China - Austin, Texas chapter and was Austin ISD's Teacher of the Year. She taught public school for nearly 20 years before retiring to raise two daughters from China.

### FCC Officers

Deanne Brown, Stacey Cone, Denise Davolt, Kim Goodman, Alan Greenberg, Becky Harding and Kathie Tovo

Families with Children from China  
Austin, Texas Chapter and  
The University of Texas School of Social Work  
present

## Chinese Culture Camp



*Gu: to become solid, solidify; strength*



August 8-12, 2011  
9:00am-2:30pm

The Northwest Hills United Methodist Church  
7050 Village Center and Far West Blvd.  
Austin, Texas 78731

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## GoALS

*To empower our Chinese-American children, strengthening their ties to both cultures in sessions teaching Chinese language, heritage and cultural activities.*

*To expand ethnic identity and build self-esteem, helping better prepare our children to respond to prejudice by developing skills for dealing with racism.*

*To kindle new and close friendships, explore mutual adoption journeys, and build a sense of lasting community among children who share similar histories.*

## Content

Adoption journeys and self identity, Asian-American pride project and performance, Sons of China tribe time each day, Asian festivals, Chinese games and songs, Chinese jump rope, chopstick races, Choy Lay Fut Kung Fu lessons, kite building, lion dance participation, mahjong lessons, Mandarin vocabulary, conversation and character instruction, media presentations created by the oldest group, provinces of China and geography exploration, ribbon making and dancing, tea ceremony and tools for combating racism and building tolerance.

**Service project:** Each camper will create a pillow for the Texas Oncology program to assist and comfort patients seeking treatment for cancer during the chemotherapy process.

## Food & Snack

All students will be asked to bring a sack lunch each day. Each family will be asked to bring healthy snacks for one of the mornings to share with their class. All families are invited to a Friday night pot luck end-of camp celebration.

## Teachers

Each class will have adult Asian-American counselors assisting teachers and supervising and nurturing the children. We strive for a 1:5 ratio in all sections.

**Linda Cao** has been an active member of the UT Dragon/Lion Dance Team for over ten years and participates in many festivals and events throughout the Austin area. She and Todd Morton conducted the lion dance demonstration and taught the master drumming class at last year's camp. **Stephen Chao**, a student at Westwood High School, will assist Mr. Gabrillo with the musical preparations. Stephen sings in the Conspirare Youth Choir.

**Xiwei Chen** is the director of The April Rain School of Chinese Dance, founded in 2003. Her students have danced in many festivals and events in the Austin area, and she will again teach Chinese games and songs as she did at last year's camp.

**Stacey Cone, Ph.D.**, is a retired professor of journalism and documentary film producer for the Cable News Network. She has two daughters from China and will co-teach the media presentation portion of the camp with Yvonne Lim Wilson.

**Rick Gabrillo** is currently the assistant conductor of Conspirare and performs with the professional ensemble throughout the year as well as serving as the administrative director of the youth choir. Rick taught at Clint Small Middle School for 8 years where his choral program was recognized statewide for artistic excellence.

**Fursey Gotuaco** is an assistant principal in the Fort Worth area and outstanding theatre director; his students and plays have won many awards and recognitions. Fursey directed last year's camp play production of Stone Soup and this year will teach classes on community building and team bonding.

**Em Hardy, Ph.D.**, is an Austin psychologist/ psychotherapist/consultant with a specialty in adoption, attachment, and bonding. Since obtaining her Ph.D. in psychology from Michigan State University, she has had over 25 years of varied experience, including training with the Attachment and Bonding Center (ABC) of Ohio, and is a registered clinician with ATTACH.org. Prior to moving to Austin, she had an independent practice for many years in Colorado. ([www.emhardy.com](http://www.emhardy.com))

**Sharon Lai** will teach one of the sections of Mandarin instruction as she did at last year's camp. She has taught courses similar to this at the Austin Chinese Church for seven years.

**Kathy Lin** has taught children Mandarin and Chinese culture for over twenty-five years. She enjoys an active classroom and uses the "centers" approach to instruction allowing the children to flow from station to station as they complete the learning process.

**Pat Morgan** is a practicing area therapist and specializes in play therapy and work with children who have trauma and attachment issues. Pat's daughter is adopted from Jiangxi Province.

**Santanu Rahman**, director of the Austin Kung Fu Academy, and has trained in the martial arts for over 20 years and taught for over 10. He has a background in education and Asian-American issues.

**Ruth Tang** is a native Mandarin speaker and has been teaching children and adults of all levels for over 10 years. She teaches at the Austin Chinese Church where she integrates Chinese culture, art, songs and games into her instruction.

**Yvonne Lim Wilson** is the publisher and editor of the online publication Asian Austin. This online news magazine highlights local Asian people, events and issues. Yvonne will be co-teaching with Stacey Cone working with the Red Dragon's on their media projects.

**Joyce Wu, Ph.D.**, teaches piano at The Orpheus Academy of Music as well as informal classes at The University of Texas. She is affiliated with The College of Music Society. Joyce will be teaching the campers about Asian music and instruments.

**Valerie Zhong** speaks both Mandarin and Cantonese and has taught at the Austin Chinese Church for over eight years. She also teaches in the Jarrell ISD's after school language program.