

# 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: 3/1/2012 - 4/1/2012

Nationwide: 4/1/2012 - 4/30/2012.

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

**Non-FCC member price** - \$235 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 and Becky Harding, MA

### Camp Assistant Directors

Deanne Brown and Dianne Harwood

### FCC Officers

Deanne Brown, Stacey Cone, Ph.D., Denise Davolt, Kim Goodman, Jena Goodridge, Alan Greenberg and Becky Harding

## Teachers

Linda Cao & Todd Morton

Yang Cao

Heidi Zhou Castro

Tiffany Chen

Xiwei Chen

Rick Gabrillo

Fursey Gotuaco,

Sarah Han

Em Hardy, Ph.D.

Wendy Kuo

Sharon Lai

Amy Lam

Selma Lan

Kathy Lin

Rob McCallum, Ph.D.

Cindy Maguire, Ph.D.

Pat Morgan, LPC

Lucia Markert

Robyn Stringfellow

Ruth Tang

Alisan Turner

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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 6-10, 2012

9:00am - 2:30pm

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

## 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

Daily T'ai Chi, Adoption Journeys, Asian-American pride collections, Chinese zodiac, Sons of China Tribe time, Chinese cooking, Asian festivals, Chinese painting, games and songs, chopstick races, learning about Asian dragons, exploration of the five elements, kite building, lion dance participation, mahjong lessons, Mandarin, martial arts, provinces and geography of China, traditional Chinese dancing mashed with American hip-hop, tea ceremony, traditional Chinese etiquette, robotics as well as tools for combating racism and building tolerance. Large inflatable playscapes will also be available during recess one day during the camp.

In partnership with *Mei* magazine, a quarterly publication with special emphasis on issues specific to Chinese adoptees, some campers will be writing and creating contributions to this magazine.

## 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.



## Counselors

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.

## Curriculum

**Asian Study** - To provide language in a pragmatic setting, a sampling of Mandarin combined with an Asian food preparation element will highlight each age group's class. In addition, some of the classes will explore traditional festivals as well as provinces of China. The older students will learn the fundamentals of kite building and mahjong.

**Asian Active** - Each class will engage in their own Asian theme activity. The youngest children will sing Chinese songs, the 1st and 2nd graders will learn a traditional Chinese dance as well as current American styled dance, the 3rd and 4th graders will learn martial arts and the 5th and 6th graders will explore lion and dragon dancing while the oldest group studies robotics. These presentations will be shared at the Friday night dinner for our community.

**Adoption Journey** - Working with the book *Kids Like Me in China* by Ying Ying Fry, professional therapists Em Hardy, Ph. D., and Pat Morgan LPC, guide the students in age appropriate activities as they share their adoption stories and experiences.

**Service Project** - Dell Children's Medical Center will be the recipient of our camp service project this year. Under the leadership of Carrie van der Wal, each student will contribute a part of the Asian-themed artwork, which will be given after the camp's conclusion to the hospital.

Carrie will be assisted by Dr. Rob McCallum and Dr. Cindy Maguire, directors of Creative Art Start.



*"I wish Chinese Culture Camp was everyday!"*  
- Bunny Camper

*"Volunteering for the camp was a highlight for me. My time working the coffee bar gave me the opportunity to have an hour-long conversation with Laney's Mom, Jane, and it has changed me. I reconnected with other parents that I had not seen in awhile and met some new parents who have inspired me to think about being the mother of an adopted Chinese teenager in a much more creative way."*  
- Linda Nenko Breining, parent

*"...You changed lives...You have positively impacted the lives of these youngsters and made the kind of impression that can resonate in the soul of kids for the rest of their lives."*  
- Camper Parent

*"I don't think I can put into words just how much this camp has impacted me. I can't believe I got the chance to meet some of the most wonderful kids I've ever met."*  
- Camp Counselor