

How to Register

- Step 1:** Visit the FCC web site at <http://www.fccaustin.org>
- 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

Enrollment

March 1, 2013-April 1, 2013

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

Non-FCC member price - \$235 per child

Note: Full and partial scholarships may be available on an as-needed basis.

Contact us for details.

A non-refundable deposit of

\$35 per child is required to be mailed with the enrollment materials. This deposit will be applied to the total payment, due by June 1, 2013. If possible, paying the full tuition when registering would be greatly appreciated.

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 the online registration materials by May 1, 2013.

Leadership

Camp Co-Directors

Rowena Fong, Ed.D and Becky Harding, MA

Camp Assistant Directors

Deanne Brown and Dianne Harwood, MA

FCC Officers

Deanne Brown, Denise Davolt, Jena Goodridge, Alan Greenberg, Becky Harding, Bethany Morrison and Abby Turner

Teachers

Bob Boyko, *Austin Taiko - drumming*

Yang Cao, *Mandarin & Food*

Linda Cao, *Lion Dancing*

Heidi Zhou Castro, *YNN News - Media Project*

Xiwei Chen, *April Rain Dance - Bunny Dance*

Meggie Chou, *Chinese with Meggie*

Claire Dubiel, *Chinese Yo-Yo*

Martha Durham, *Austin Taiko*

Fursey Gotuaco, *Empowerment*

Em Hardy, Ph.D., *Adoption Journey*

Wendy Kuo, *Orpheus Academy of Music - Dumplings*

Selma Lan, *Marvelous Mandarin - The Monkey King*

Kathleen McDonagh, *Service Project*

Pat Morgan, LPC, *Adoption Journey*

Todd Morton, *Lion Dancing*

Melanie Chung-Sherman, LCSW, *Adoption Panelist*

Minta Stohrer, *Origami & Food*

Robyn Stringfellow, *Mandarin & Food*

Chris Tong, *The International Shaolin Wushu Center*

Thanh Tran, *Journalism*

Tracey Vickery, *IQuest Global Enrichment Center - Power Point/Karaoke*

Iris Wong, *IQuest Global Enrichment Center - Power Point/Karaoke*

Leng Wong, *Lucky Chaos Theatre - Improvisation*

Joyce Wu, Ph.D. *Orpheus Academy of Music - Dumplings*

Alice Yi, *Canyon Grill Icehouse - Ping pong*

Contact

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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 5-9, 2013 9:00am-2:30pm

Summit Elementary School

12207 Brigadoon Lane

Austin, Texas 78727

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

Special Features

* Sons of China Tribe time daily at lunch - the gentlemen of the camp may choose to eat lunch together under the poster of Bruce Lee

* Daily recess periods on the multi-age playground in addition to a one day special recess with large inflatable obstacle course and slide

* Some of the classes will be reading and engaging in related activities with the books *China A B C's* by Schroeder, *Lissy's Friends* by Lin, *True China* by Friedman, *Lin Yi's Lantern* by Williams and Lacombe, *Ms. Frizzle's Adventures: Imperial China* by Cole and Degen.

* Each participant is given a logo camp shirt with The Year of the Snake on the front.

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.



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.

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 Yo-Yo techniques, Taiko drumming, creative play featuring The Monkey King, origami, kite making, ping pong, improv with Asian themes and Contemporary Chinese music, writing for publication and more.

Asian Active

Each class will engage in their own Asian-themed activity for the week of camp. The youngest children, The Bunnies (entering kindergarten) will learn and perform a traditional Chinese dance. The Monkeys (1st and 2nd graders) will learn to perform with the Chinese Long Dragon while the Pandas (3rd and 4th graders) will be introduced to the Shaolin Wushu martial art. The Tigers (5th and 6th graders) will learn the art of Lion Dancing, while the oldest class, The Dragons (7th and 8th graders) will create a media project.

Ethnic Identity Activities

Adoption Journey

Taught by professional therapists Em Hardy, Ph.D., and Pat Morgan LPC, these classes guide the students in age-appropriate activities as they share their adoption stories and experiences. The 1st graders read *Star of the Week* by Darlene Friedman, while the 2nd graders read *Kids Like Me in China* by Ying Fry. The Pandas read *The Three Names of Me* by Mary Cummings. The younger campers are introduced to the WISE Up method as well. In the older classes, panels of high school, college and adult Asian adoptee's share their experiences and engage in question and answer sessions with the students. The oldest class will screen the film, *Somewhere Between* and have the opportunity to skype with either the young women in the film or the director, Linda Goldstein Knowlton. The Asian American pride portion for all of the classes will feature materials and video that focuses on the contributions of Andrew and Peggy Cherng, Mazie Hirono, Maya Lin, Dat Nguyen and the Chinese American railroad builders.

Community Outreach

Service Project

Under the guidance of FCC parent Kathleen McDonagh, all of the campers will create sack lunches of non-perishable food items. These bags will be donated to a local school to give to students who may need to supplement their meals on the weekends if they receive free or reduced lunch during the school week. We are calling the project Kids Helping Kids.



" On a scale of 1-10, it was a 20."
- a camper

" ...just being around these kids and their eagerness to learn new things that are so second-nature to me makes me realize how blessed I truly am. Becky quoted UT's 'what starts here changes the world,' and to be honest, I think that quote easily and very aptly applies to this camp. And I can only see it getting better and better each year! "
- camp counselor

" My daughter has been in different camps and this is the only one where she's always sad when it's over. "
- camper parent