

Families with Children from China—Austin, Texas Chapter presents:

## Parent-to-Parent: A Series of Summer Gatherings

*We offer this metaphorically appetizing Pu Pu platter of educational and social assortments as a sampler to our members for the summer. Some of these programs could meet again if the first effort reflects a desire for more. Questions may be directed to the leader of the session or to organizers of this series [Becky Harding](#) or [Stacey Cone](#).*

*ENJOY!*

### Book Club

The first Wednesday of every month (June 1, July 6, and August 3) starting at 6:30pm with the location decided that week and emailed to participants. Abby Turner has been leading this book group of adoptive moms for over ten years and welcomes new members in reading *True Grit* by Charles Portis for June with July's book being *Ape House* by Sara Gruen.

Contact: [Abby Turner](#)

Cost: Free to anyone to join and you buy your own dinner

### Talking about How to Talk about Birth Parents

Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 4pm–6pm

Austin Kung Fu Academy (7739 Northcross Drive, Suite G 78757)

Pat Morgan, LPC, and Diana Heath, both parents of daughters from China will lead a discussion for parents interested in learning more about when, where and how to bring up this subject with their younger children.

Contact: [Pat Morgan](#) to register for the gathering.

Cost: Free to members and \$7/each to non-members

### New in Town?

Sunday, June 12, 2011 starting at 5pm

Central Market on 4001 North Lamar (at the playscape and outdoor deck area)

Join FCC president Kim Goodman and member Dianne Harwood as they host families who have recently relocated to Austin. We'll share tips on surviving the summer heat, pronouncing Burnet Road and finding a great local water park. You don't have to be new to join this family play date just know that the event is designed to welcome new families to our community.

Contact [Dianne Harwood](#) to RSVP so we know to expect you and yours.

Cost: Free to everyone and each family buys their own dinner

### Mahjong Made Simple

Friday, June 17, 2011 from 7pm–9pm in the home of Rowena Fong, Ed. D.

Learn the basics of how to play recreational Chinese mahjong in this session that will host two tables taught by Dr. Fong. Limited to 7 people

Contact [Becky Harding](#) to register for the event.

Cost: Free to members and \$7/each for non-members

### **Fear not the Middle School Experience**

Tuesday, July 5 starting at 7 pm and meeting in the cafe of Central Market on North Lamar. Linda Nenno Breining will lead a discussion about the options of public, private and magnet middle schools as well as discussing the elements of the transition for both parents and child from elementary to middle school. It should be a great discussion.

Contact [Linda Nenno Breining](#) at to register for the evening.

Cost: Free to members and \$7/each for non-members.

### **Mayborn Museum Field Trip**

Saturday, July 9 meeting at 11am

Mayborn Museum (on the Baylor University campus in Waco)

Check out the [museum](#)! Approximately an hour north of Austin and immediately off of I-35 on University Parks Drive, this museum has a little something for everyone. Younger children might enjoy the 16 interactive discovery rooms and older kids might find touring the exhibit: "Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science" interesting. A covered tent is available in the picnic areas so we can eat lunch together.

Contact [Deanne Brown](#) to be added to the roster.

Cost: FCC has received a group discount for tickets for the general museum at \$3/child and \$5/adult plus an additional reduction for the Egyptian portion costing \$1/child and \$4/adult. To receive these rates, email Deanne and she will keep the list to give to the museum. Families can arrive at anytime that day and then mention they are with our group to receive the discount.

### **Mandarin 101**

Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 4 pm to 6 pm in the home of Kellena Page.

We are fortunate to live in a city with many, many options for learning how to speak, read, and write Mandarin yet sometimes these choices can be overwhelming. The idea of this gathering is to spend some time talking about what schools and programs are available with Kellena Page and Cheryl Bonfils-Rasmussen who have a lot of knowledge of these educational offerings. In addition, if you have a language program that is really working for you and your family, please come and share in the discussion as well. The more information, the better!

Contact [Kellena Page](#) to register for this event.

Cost: Free to members and \$7/each for non-members

### **Chinese Cooking with Dorothy Huang**

Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the home of Stacey Cone.

Learn to make pot-stickers (pan-fried dumplings), stir-fried beef with broccoli, salmon with black beef garlic sauce and steamed rice taught by chef and cookbook author Dorothy Huang.

Co-hosted by Stacey Cone and Alan Greenberg, this event is limited to 12 people.

Contact [Stacey Cone](#) to register.

Cost: \$40/person due that evening includes all materials and food.

