2014 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp Announcement

The Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware is calling for application to the 2014 "Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School Students". The summer camp is sponsored by China Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters in cooperation with the Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware for Delaware high school students to experience Chinese language and culture in China in the summer of 2014.

Since being launched in 2007, nearly 400 American high school students have been invited to participate in the summer camp in China, which plays a positive role in promoting the understanding of high school students of Chinese language and culture, improving their Chinese level and enhancing the friendship between the youth of China and the U.S.

1. Mission Statement

The "Chinese Bridge Summer Camp for American High School Students" aims to promote exchange between the youth of China and the United States and enhance the understanding of American high school students of Chinese language and culture, thus to stimulate their interest in Chinese learning.

2. Camp Dates (tentative): July 2014

3. During of Camp: Two weeks

4. Arrival and Departure City: Beijing

5. Camp Destination Cities: Beijing and another city (TBA)

6. Camp Activities

During the program, students will be studying Chinese language and culture (paper-cutting, calligraphy, brush painting, tea ceremony, martial arts, etc.), participating in various sports and cultural activities (friendly basketball matches, international student get-togethers, host family experiences, etc.); and visiting points of interest of China's long history and sites of natural beauty.

Students will be divided into smaller groups taking activities in different provinces or cities.
The travel destinations will be arranged and announced by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarter at a later time.

Ratio of chaperons and students is 1:10.

7. Application

a. Qualifications to Apply

Students currently enrolled in credited public/private high schools who meet the following qualities:

(1) U.S. Citizenship;
(2) Chinese is not the first language and less than 3 years of Chinese learning experience.
(3) Student age between 14 and 18 and enrolled in grades 9 to 12;
(4) Excellent academic record, and be interested in Chinese language and culture;
(5) Physically capable of and healthy enough for international travel.

Chaperones are required to meet the following qualities:

(1) K-12 teaching experiences, preference will be given to Chinese language teachers;
(2) A wealth of student management experience;
(3) Have a good knowledge of Chinese culture and current conditions;
(4) Love teaching; being responsible and compatible;
(5) Outstanding communication skills and adaptive capacity;
(6) Physically capable of and healthy enough for international travel.

Chaperones are expected to fulfill the following responsibilities:

1) Assist the Confucius Institute in pre-departure student orientation;
2) Participate in all activities with the students in China; comply to camp policies and regulations;

3) Responsible for managing students in China;

4) Assist students to adapt to new environment and conduct behavioral instruction if necessary;

5) In case of emergency, serve as guardian and main contact person for students;

6) Responsible for conducting and collecting post-camp program evaluations; provide summarized camp evaluation and feedback to the Confucius Institute and/or participating schools if required.

b. Application and Selection Procedure

Qualified applicants need to submit their application form, together with personal application letter and a recommendation letter from schools or teachers to the Confucius Institutes at the University of Delaware.

Chaperones should also submit their resumes to the Confucius Institutes at the University of Delaware.

The Confucius Institute at the University of Delaware will conduct primary selections in accordance with the application materials, identify qualified candidates, and summarize information into a list which will be submitted to Hanban for the final decision. Hanban will inform the Confucius Institute with the final selection results.

c. Application Deadline: March 12, 2014

Please indicate your interest in participation by March 7, 2014. There is no obligation to participate. Further notification will be announced at a later time.
8. **Program Costs**

Students and chaperone teachers are responsible for the costs of round-trip international airfare, international travel insurance and China visa fees. Hanban will assume all other costs for accommodations, local transportation, and group activities and sightseeing for students and chaperone teachers during their stay in China.

9. **Contact**

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