2016 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp

The Chinese Bridge Summer Camp is designed to promote communication between Chinese and American young people, deepen the understanding of Chinese language & culture among U.S. high school students and stimulate their enthusiasm for learning Chinese.

This two-week program is structured to enhance understanding between American and Chinese high school students. Through a combination of classroom study and excursions, students will have a unique opportunity to expand their language skills while experiencing China’s rich culture, tradition, and history.

**Dates:** Tentative-July 7th – July 21st, 2016 (Specific agendas will be updated as information becomes available.)

**Activity Locations:** Arrive in Beijing and stay at Beijing Normal University (BNU) for 9 days where students will study Chinese, participate in cultural activities, and see sites around Beijing. We will then travel to Huang Gang, Hubei for a school visit and 3 day homestay with student’s families. The final leg of the trip will be a 3-day stay in modern Shanghai.

**Cost:**

1. Round-trip air ticket- $2,000.00  
2. Program fee - $750.00  
3. International travel insurance $50.00-$100.00  
4. Spending money- $300.00 +

**Costs while in China:**
Travel, entry fees, meals, and lodging are covered by Beijing Normal University). Extra costs incurred by the participants are souvenirs, extra activities (optional), and western meals.

**Camp activities:**
During the program, students will study the Chinese language and culture (paper cutting, calligraphy, brush painting, martial arts, etc.), participate in various sports and cultural activities (informal basketball matches, international student get-togethers, host family experiences, etc.); and visit points of interest and sites of natural beauty in China.
Student Eligibility Requirements:
Student applicants must be currently enrolled in accredited public / private high schools meeting the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen
- Ages 14 to 18 (by July 2016), grades 9-12
- Includes 12th graders who will graduate this summer (2016)
- Includes 8th graders who are going into the 9th grade (2016)
- Excellent academic record and strong interest in Chinese language
- Physically capable of international travel
- Some knowledge of the Chinese language is preferred but not required.

How to Apply:
Print out and complete the OU application form (Another Form from Hanban in China will be filled out later). Include a 2-paragraph letter on why you want to go to China and 2 recommendation letters from teachers.

Submit application materials by mail or e-mail by Feb. 29th, 2016:

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Application and Selection Procedure: The Confucius Institute at OU will review the applications and forward them to the Confucius Institute Headquarters for admission into the program. Hanban will inform OU with the final selection results.

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