Summer Bridge Program in China for American High School Students
2017 Orientation
(Defining Expectations)
What is the program about?

• Visiting and seeing China first hand
• Enhancing Chinese language skills
• Learning about Chinese culture
  – Song
  – Art
  – Dance
  – Sports / Martial Arts

Being a good ambassador!!!
Basic Schedule

• 2-3 days in Beijing for orientation and sightseeing
• Travel to Wuhan

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• Language and cultural classes
• Sports & Recreation
• Sightseeing in Wuhan
• One day family stay (not overnight)
• Practice for performance?

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• Return to Beijing for student and professional performances (?) sightseeing & closing ceremonies
Wuhan

- Population: 12,000,000
- On central China plain
- On the Yangtze River
- Most prosperous city in central China in late 1800’s
- Now known as the political, economic, financial, cultural, educational and transportation center of central China.
Pictures of Wuhan
Weather in July: Hot
Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)

- Founded: 1952
- Ranking: #10 in China
- 5 National Key Labs
- Faculty: 3,448
- Staff (main campus): 7,659
- Students: 70,000?
Pictures from HUST
WSU Students at HUST
Schedule on Site

• Language Classes (according to placement)
Cultural Activities
Tai chi, Kung Fu, Music, Dance, Painting, Calligraphy
Sightseeing in Wuhan
Sightseeing in Beijing
Accommodations at HUST
2017 Dates

• Program: July 1-15
• Will leave DTW July 1 TOGETHER
• Return July 15 TOGETHER
Student eligibility

**Highly Preferred**
1. American citizen
2. High school student (ages 14-18; grades 9-12)
3. Non-Chinese background and < 3 years of Chinese
4. Have great interests in Chinese language and culture
5. Healthy enough for international travel*

**Less Preferred**
- < 9 grade
- Heritage students
- Students who have been on this program before
- Students who have been to China before
- Children of chaperons
Student should be:

• Enthusiastic
• Respectful
• Punctual
• Hardworking
• Obedient at all times
• Genuinely interested in learning Chinese and learning about China

• (trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent)

• Gracious to hosts
• Willing to try new foods and new experiences
• Excellent representatives / ambassadors of the U.S., Michigan & DETROIT
Numbers

Minimum: 20 students; Preferred: 30 students
1 chaperon per 15 students from WSU-CI
Hanban will make final decisions on students and chaperons
Chaperon eligibility

1. Respect and understand Chinese culture;
2. Good at communication and adaptable to new environments;
3. With K-12 teaching experiences;
4. Highly experienced in student management;
5. Healthy enough for international travel;
6. Under 50 years old.
7. Chinese language ability preferred
Chaperons also need to perform the following duties:

1. Assist Confucius Institutes/Classrooms in pre-departure training for students;
2. Participate in all summer camp activities with students and comply with requirements;
3. Take the primary responsibilities for the safety of students during summer camp;
4. Help students adapt to the environment and provide guidance for them;
5. Accompany students in emergency situations and provide help to contact their families;
6. Collect students’ feedbacks and hand in reports to Confucius Institutes/Classrooms.
Where will our students go?

Sightseeing, orientation and closing ceremonies in Beijing
About 9 days at assigned site

- 2016- Wuhan
- 2015 Guilin
- 2014 Jilin
- 2013 Henan
- 2012
- 2011 Shandong
- 2010 Henan
- 2009 Jilin
- 2008 Beijing
Where will they stay?

- At a Campus Hotel
- Probably spend one day with a local family
What is Hanban?

• Chinese Language Council International
• Made up of 11 different ministries in PRC
• Sponsors all Confucius Institutes worldwide
Over 400 worldwide in 100 countries
Over 100 in the US; 4 in Michigan
• Sponsors Hanban Summer Bridge Camp
This is NOT a Wayne State Program!

• WSU-CI Staff work voluntarily
• No pay is earned for recruiting students
• Hanban (Confucius Institute sponsor) does not view us any more favorably
So why do it?

Why I do it:

Why I may never do it again:
Communication between Parents

- Parent Group Meeting
- Exchange email addresses
- Parent Internet / Website Communication
Communication

• Students will have some email access (not gmail)
• No facebook or Youtube
• Chaperons can text parents w/ daily summaries
• Some groups have set up a webpage
• Skype may be available, but 12 hour time difference makes this difficult
The Fiasco of Purchasing Plane Tickets
Procedures for Purchasing Tickets

- Designate Travel Agent
- Request exact arrival and departure dates with courteous landing times
- Provide number of passengers and all info
- Accept pricing and request hold
- Contact all parents via email to purchase tickets within 24-72 hours via credit card
Must Have Valid US Passport (visa is stamped in passport)

Expiration date must be at least six months after end of trip
Documents to prepare:

- Passport
- Copy of information page of passport
- Program Application
- Medical Waiver Form
- Copy of Health Insurance Card
- Visa
Visa Application

- 2 passport photos
- Passport (with at least 6 months beyond stay)
- A copy of the information page of your passport
- Have at least one blank page for the visa stamp
- Letter of invitation (provided by HUST)
- Credit Card Payment ($265?)
- Visa application (done online)
- Chinese consulates are also now requiring a flight itinerary and hotel confirmation for applicants. The hotel must match the hotel(s) listed on the application form.

A separate visa session will be planned for those accepted. Questions include contacts and contact information in China. Some questions are confusing & answers must be precise and checked over before group application is sent.
Children 18 and Under

• All minors traveling to China must provide a copy of their birth certificate in addition to the other visa requirements specified in these instructions. Other conditions apply:
  • The parents of the minor must provide a copy of each parent’s US Passport
  • If the parents are not U.S. citizens, they must provide a copy of their U.S. Status
  • If the parents are not accompanying the minor on the trip, both parents must provide a notarized consent letter that states the child has permission to travel. To access a sample consent letter follow this link: http://abriggs.com/forms.php?formname=ParentalConsent.pdf or type the address into your browser
  • On page 4 of the application, both parents must complete and sign sections 4 and 5. Above the signature at section 4.3 the parents must write the minor’s name as it appears on the passport.
Review: Documents for Visa

- Read, sign & return medical waiver forms
- **SIGNED** passport
- Completed and **SIGNED** visa application
- Two passport pictures
- Payment for Visa
- Flight Itinerary
- Hotel confirmation
- Proof of medical coverage
Chinese Language Testing

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017  3-5:30 PM  or
Thursday, Feb 16, 2017   3-5:30 PM

195 Manoogian
Detroit MI 48201
Oral exams in 194 (about 5 minutes)
Written exams in 195 (about 30 minutes)
HUST officials will make all final acceptance decisions within 1-2 weeks
What to bring

- Passport/visa
- Money belt
- Washable, quick-drying clothes (or buy inexpensive quick-dry polo shirts in China)
- Cool but *modest* clothing
- Walking shoes / sandals (water proof!)
- Athletic Shoes
- Sports/athletic wear
- A towel
- One pair of dress clothes (dress or shirt & tie)
What to bring

Toiletries
• Deodorant (not readily available)
• Q-tips
• Sun screen / aloe vera (2-3 oz.)
• Pepto Bismol / Imodium AD (Cipro if recommended by doctor)
• Adaptor if bringing cell phone, electric razor, laptop (can be purchased cheaply in China)
• World phone or one that takes a sim card (Text messaging is very cheap—calling is not!)
What to bring

• Tissue packets (no toilet paper in restrooms)
• Camera

Money for souvenirs & incidentals ($100-350)

Credit card for emergencies helpful
Souvenirs

Something American, Detroit or Michigan related

Nicer gifts for host families (e.g. t-shirts, a picture book, caps that are not green! No clocks!!)

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What not to bring

• Large suit cases
• Liquids or creams over 3 oz.
• Knives, razors or sharp objects
• Heavy or slow-drying clothes
• Too much clothing!
• Make up, perfume

• Remember: You may need to hand wash your clothes probably every evening! All clothes are hung to dry.
• Avoid bringing more than a carry-on size bag and back pack.
Giving Gifts

- Gifts are brought when visiting someone’s home
- Gifts are often presented before leaving to those to whom you feel grateful (e.g. teachers)
- Present gifts with *two hands* to superiors
- Gifts are often put aside and opened in private
What to expect

• Squat toilets (paper put in waste basket)
• Blisteringly hot weather
• Crowds
What to expect

• No drinking fountains (must boil water or drink bottled water)
• Family style eating
What to expect

• Less privacy; esp. regarding personal items
• Sudden changes in plans
• Impromptu visits and meetings
• Staring
Avoid

• Being late!
• Heavy political or religious discussions
• Criticism about Chinese food & culture
• Off-color jokes or comments
• Being excessively loud
• Insisting on individual desires
Repatriation

• Must follow all rules!

• *NOT a place to test teenage boundaries!*

• Chaperons may send unruly students home at their parents’ expense—about $4000-$5000.

• Parents must sign consent that chaperons have the authority to send children home for breaking rules
Cultural Tips

• Stand when an older person enters the room
• Give and accept items with two hands
• Praise food and aspects of Chinese culture
• If complimented, disagree (Do not say, “Thank you”)
Cultural Tips

• Do not boast about yourself, your family, your friends or your country
• Learn general facts about China
• Show a genuine interest in China and its culture
• Compliment others; “Give face”
谢谢

THANK YOU!
Visa Application
Visa Application 1.11

Local ID Card Number

Leave blank
Visa Application 1.16 & 1.18

Note yyyy mm dd

Example: 2011-03-22
Visa Application 1.17

Place of Issue for Passport

USA--unless otherwise indicated
(Chicago, Washington DC, etc.)
Visa Application 2.1 & 2.2

• 2.1 Official visit

• 2.2 one entry valid for 3 months from application
Visa Application 2.5

Xiyuan Hotel
No.1 Sanlihe Road
Haidian District, Beijing, 100044
Tel: 0086-10-68313388
Visa Application 2.6

• Who will pay for your cost of traveling and living during your stay in China?

Inviter
Visa Application 2.8

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