



STARTALK

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2010 CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SUMMER PROGRAM

中文夏令营

For middle school and high
school students

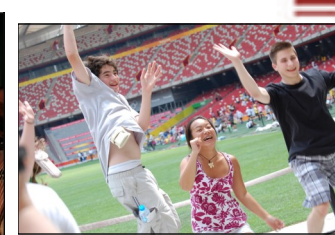
July 12th ~ July 24th

For more information, please visit

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The U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute at Bryant University is again offering STARTALK Chinese Language and Culture Summer Program to middle school and high school students in 2010.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a two-week intensive Chinese language training and cultural immersion on Bryant campus followed by an optional subsidized 2-week study trip to China.

MAJOR FEATURES

- Customized lessons based on National Standards of Foreign Language Education, taught by experienced Chinese language instructors
- Student-centered small class instruction to accommodate multiple levels of Chinese proficiency and different learning styles
- Well-designed cultural workshops and activities associated with language learning
- Interaction with visiting Chinese students
- Optional subsidized study trip to China (high school participants only)

PROGRAM DATES AND FEE

Date: Monday, July 12th through Saturday, July 24th. No activity on Sunday, July 18th.

Fee: \$150, including \$50 material fee and \$100 deposit. The \$50 material fee shall be paid upon acceptance. The \$100 deposit will be collected on the first day of the Program and will be returned to participants who have satisfactory attendance and a passing grade after the completion of the Program.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Intensive Chinese language classes at multiple levels by experienced Chinese language instructors
- Customized lessons on a theme-based curriculum: “My Chinese Birthday” and “Explore Modern China”
- Cultural workshops and activities in the afternoons, including martial arts, calligraphy, folk arts, table tennis, Chinese movies, and more
- Weekend field trip to the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Chinatown in Boston, and Kim Man Market in Quincy, MA
- Performances and presentations in the Final Talent Show to teachers, student peers, and family members

STARTALK

As part of the National Security Language Initiatives, STARTALK is a multi-year federally-funded project designed to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not widely taught in the United States, such as Chinese and Arabic. Bryant University has been awarded to host the STARTALK Chinese Program in the past four consecutive years since 2007. Over 180 middle school and high school students in RI and other states have learned Chinese from STARTALK at Bryant.

“An astounding amount of information is packed into a very small period of time. I had a great time, and would do it again.”

“I met some great friends, learned a lot, and most importantly had a ton of fun. China is a growing world power and even a slight knowledge of China’s language and culture is a very good thing to have.”



APPLICATION FORM

Please complete all entries below

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Primary E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Relation with the Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Home Work

Cell Phone: _____

Primary E-mail: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Graduating Class: _____ Current Grade: _____

Years of Learning Chinese: ___ yr (s)

Previous STARTALK Participant? Yes No

If Yes,

Participation Year _____ Class Level _____

T-Shirt Size: (Indicate if it is children size)

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Other: _____

OPTIONAL STUDY TRIP TO CHINA

An optional study trip to China will be open to high school participants following the STARTALK Program at Bryant. Travelers will visit landmarks such as the Great Wall and Forbidden City in Beijing, experience the rapid economic development of China at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, and explore Hangzhou and Suzhou, “the noblest city and the best metropolis in the world” marveled Marco Polo, in East China.

The trip will be subsidized by the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban) in Beijing. The estimated cost of the trip for each participant is \$2,500 to cover the international air fare, visa application fee, World Expo Admission ticket, portion of domestic transportation in China and program fee. The accommodation and food in China will be funded by Hanban.

“The trip to China was an amazing experience, one of the best in my (albeit short) life. I met some great friends, learned a lot, and most importantly had a ton of fun.”

Tentative travel dates are July 27th through August 10th. Information session will be held on Tuesday, May 11th. Nonrefundable deposit of \$500 is due on May 18th.

If you are a high school student, are you interested in this trip? Yes No

APPLICATION

Previous Chinese experience is NOT required. Applicants should complete the Application Form and the following materials:

- i. Bryant University Waiver Form and Media Release Form. Download at <http://china.bryant.edu>
- ii. Cover letter addressing “Why I want to participate in the STARTALK Chinese Program.” (for return applicants, “Why I want to return to STARTALK ”)
- iii. Latest copy of your transcript
- iv. One (1) recommendation letter from a teacher

All application materials shall be mailed in a sealed envelope to the address below:

STARTALK PROGRAM

Ms. Kun Xie

US-China Institute

Bryant University

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Smithfield, RI 02917

Application deadline is **Friday, April 30th**. Acceptance notification will be sent out by mid May.

Acceptance priority will be given to first-time applicants. Return applicants are required to take a placement test and only those demonstrating progress in Chinese language learning in the past year will be accepted.

Would you like to be a host family for a visiting Chinese student/teacher?

Yes No

