

Chinese Student Programs

Cultural Topics and Activities

- How first names are chosen in Chinese-speaking cultures
- Chinese zodiac
- Family titles and how to address elders
- Chinese and U.S. educational systems
- Comparing school subjects in Taiwan with those in the U.S.
- “Roasted” students: cram school
- Chinese philosophers and educators (e.g., Confucius, Mencius)/Confucianism
- Chinese notions of loyalty, filial piety, humanity and love
- Comparing Chinese and American cultures on: role models, idols, successful people, and communication with neighbors
- Chinese holidays and festivals
 - Chinese New Year
 - Lantern Festival
 - Dragon Boat Festival
 - Double Seventh Day
 - Hungry Ghosts Festival
- Chinese vs. U.S. holidays
- Chinese and American tableware
- Food and cooking
 - Traditional Chinese food for festivals
 - Chinese cuisine
 - Taiwanese appetizers
 - Making/Cooking dumplings
- Chinese eating habits and dining etiquette
- Coffee and tea in Chinese people’s life/tea and Chinese people/Chinese tea ceremony/Guangdong tea house
- Calligraphy and brush painting
 - The Four Treasures of the Study
 - Wang XiZhi – The Sage of Calligraphy
- Arts and crafts
 - Paper-cutting/Paper-folding (origami)
 - Fan-making
 - Chinese knots
 - Clay-figure making/dough sculpture
 - Creating of Chinese greeting cards and birthday party invitation
- Chinese martial arts and Tai-chi
- Abacus
- Puppet show
- Sports/Games/Leisure activities
 - Soccer

- Ping pong
- Badminton
- Stick exercise
- Rope jumping
- Hackie sack
- Chinese Yo-Yo
- Chinese checkers
- Chinese chess
- Mah-jong
- Music and dance
 - Chinese songs and lyrics
 - Traditional Chinese musical instruments
 - Karaoke
 - Traditional Chinese dance
 - Taiwanese Aboriginal dance
 - Beijing opera
- TV and films
 - Chinese talk shows
 - Videos/DVDs
 - MoviesExamples:
 1. Movies on cultural conflicts between the East and the West
 2. *Uproar in Heaven*
 3. *To Live*
 4. *Shao-ling Kids*
 5. *King of Masks*
 6. *Tea in Love*
 7. *Not One Less*
- Language and literature
 - Tang poetry
 - Li Bai
 - Chinese classical poems and related idiomatic expressions
 - Modern poetry
 - Modern stories
 - Children books
- Traditional Chinese way of living
- Traditional Chinese medicine
- Religion and folk beliefs
- Match-makers
- Geography and history
 - The 2008 Beijing Olympics
 - Cities in China and in Taiwan
 - The Great Wall, the Silk Road, and other Chinese history sites
 - Tiananmen
 - Xi'an and the other ancient Chinese capitals

- *Of Revolution and Demolition: Chinese Culture 1966-1976*
- *From Mount Wutai to the Dunhuang Caves*
- *Faces of a Changing Society: China Today and Tomorrow*
- History of a Chinese newspaper publisher
- History of Taiwan
- US-China relations
- Minority groups in China
- Economic growth in China
- The 'One Child per Family' policy and adoption in China
- Life of teens in China
- Night markets in Taiwan
- Field trips
- Examples of places visited:
 - Chinatown
 - Chinese restaurants
 - Asian markets/shopping centers
 - Chinese medicine/book stores
 - Museums/Art centers
 - Asia Society
 - China Institute
 - Chinese communities
 - Dragon Boat Races
 - Enterprises (e.g., Motorola, Boeing, etc.)
- Cultural club
- Language Table
- End-of-program student performances/talent show