

Summer 2010 "YingHua in Beijing" Language & Leadership Institute June 28 to July 25, 2010

The YingHua Language School is proud to offer its **highly successful 4-week Chinese language program in 2009 in Beijing, China** - for students between 8 and 18 years old. In its 7th year of operation, the program is co-organized by the Beijing Yanjing Professional Cultural School, a nonprofit educational organization approved by the Beijing Municipal Education Commission. Yanjing will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating all activities under the direction and guidance of YingHua.

Program activities target five objectives:

- 1) Cultural experience;
- 2) Language learning;
- 3) Leadership training and EQ-character building;
- 4) Physical fitness;
- 5) Fun.

First Three Weeks (June 28 to July 18)

The first three weeks include intensive language classes (60 hours), as well as culture activities, sightseeing, and cultural shows.



Language classes. Four levels with eight to twelve students in each class are offered. Students will be placed based on information submitted during registration. Class placement may be adjusted based on teachers' feedback. The curriculum includes

reading/writing and speaking/listening courses.

The Basic and Elementary levels are suitable for students who do not speak Mandarin Chinese at home. The Intermediate level is suitable for students who speak Mandarin Chinese at home or can understand spoken Mandarin.

Students who speak Mandarin at home and can recognize over 800 characters may be placed in the special Extensive Reading class aimed at strengthening character recognition and sight-reading vocabulary.

Language classes are held Monday through Friday, four 45-minute periods a day, and include a weekly test. Students will be given a comprehensive assessment at the end of the third week.

Culture activities. Besides language learning, students will practice Chinese calligraphy, brush painting, the abacus, folk songs, handicrafts, paper-cutting, Chinese traditional puzzle games, Chinese traditional medicine, and Chinese "dough

modeling" (20 hours). In the afternoons & some evenings, students will participate in swimming, feather-kicking, Chinese yo-yo, basketball, soccer and martial arts (20 hours).



Field trips. Students will participate in organized weekly shows and tours. Performances, such as Peking Opera, acrobatics, and martial arts shows are scheduled. Excursions include trips to historic landmarks such as the Great Wall of China (Mutianyu and Jiugukou in the 4th week), Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Old Summer Palace, Drum Tower, Beihai & Jingshan Park, Beijing's Hutong and Courtyard, Niujie (Ox Street) Mosque, and other cultural excursions (temple, church, community club, senior citizen center, local government, residential homes, universities, etc.).

Room and Board. The dormitory is inside the four-star Yong An Hotel. This facility provided excellent services to our program in 2009. The courtyard-style complex provides dual-layer security at the courtyard and building entrances. Situated at the Embassy Area, the Yong An Hotel is within walking distance to the new U.S. Embassy and close to the China Agricultural Exhibition Center located in the Chaoyang District of Beijing by the Third Ring Road.

Four students will share an air-conditioned two-room suite, a private bathroom with shower, two televisions, and a telephone. A large cafeteria is also on campus with the very popular breakfast buffet. The dining service serves mostly Chinese food with some American favorites. Students may use computers to send email or read news from major sources (i.e., Yahoo!, CNN, etc.) 2-3 times a week.



Beijing suburban district - Huai2 Rou2.

This week, language learning becomes "real" As the Beijing students do not speak much English. We will go hiking a section

of the ancient Great Wall ruin. There will be many other team-building, character-building, and culture-immersion activities.

Logistics. "YingHua in Beijing" 2010 Summer Language & Leadership Program is limited to 50 students. **Register early** as no applications are accepted once capacity has been reached.



Director Dr. Bonnie Liao[†] will escort the group of students from the New York/New Jersey area on June 27 and return on July 25. She will stay with the program throughout the four weeks.

The leaders of the program also include Dr. Jason Patent, a China linguist and former Director of Stanford University's Overseas Studies Program based at Peking University, and Dr. Colette Plum, who received her doctorate in Chinese history from Stanford University and is currently a professor at Widener University. A married couple and parents of two Chinese daughters, Drs. Patent and Plum have over twelve years of experience leading American students on study abroad adventures in China. Their China expertise and experience working with children and youth in cross-cultural settings will further strengthen this exceptional program.

\$3,280 including a \$80 non-refundable deposit, tuition, room & board, books, hotels, travel accident insurance, and ground transportation for study and travel, but not international airfare, visa fee, medical insurance, medical expenses, and other personal expenses.

Deposit of \$400 is due in 7 days after online registration to secure a spot. Subsequent sibling registration may waive the \$80 registration fee.

To register or get more information including a video clip, please visit www.yinghuasummer.org.

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