

"YingHua in Beijing" 2017 Language & Leadership Summer Institute

July 3 to July 30, 2017

The YingHua Language School is proud to offer its **highly successful 4-week Chinese language program in 2017 in Beijing, China** - for students between 8 and 18 years old. In its 14th 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 character-building;
- 4) Physical fitness;
- 5) Fun.

First Three Weeks (July 3 to July 23)

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 and an in-country placement exam. 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 with the exception of days when we have all-day excursions, 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, and Chinese word processing (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, Nijue (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 has been providing excellent services to our program since 2010. 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.



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

Fourth Week (July 24 to 29)

The fourth week will give the students a unique opportunity to exercise their language and leadership skills. They will travel to Beijing Guang Ai School in the eastern suburb of Beijing to provide a free 4-day summer camp to

underprivileged children, most of whom are orphans or homeless children. Our students will be responsible for designing and implementing activities including English-learning, cultural awareness games, friendly competitions, student performance, and picking vegetables in the fields.

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 leadership-development, character-building, and culture-immersion activities.

Logistics. "YingHua in Beijing" 2017 Language & Leadership Summer Institute is limited to 35 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 Newark International Airport on July 2 and return on July 30. She will stay with the program throughout the four weeks.

\$4,480 including a \$80 registration fee, 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 \$580 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 video clips, please visit www.yinghuasummer.org.

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