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## STARTALK Chinese Language Camp for High School Students

### Announcement NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

BYU will again offer an intensive three-and-a-half week Chinese language learning experience for mature, highly motivated high school students. Through formal classroom instruction, fun hands-on activities, and creative cultural experiences, students will build proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Mandarin Chinese.

Instruction will be offered for beginning, second, third, and fourth-year students.

BYU Chinese STARTALK's exciting student-centered curriculum emphasizes active learning. Extracurricular events include martial arts instruction, music, Chinese cooking, crafts, calligraphy, Chinese movies, dragon dancing, and weekly field trips. Parents will be invited to attend the culminating celebration banquet which showcases student achievement.

Last year's participants gave BYU Chinese STARTALK high marks for learning, fun, and friendship.

STARTALK classes are taught by experienced faculty. Tutorial and review sessions are offered daily. Students live in housing arranged through BYU Conferences and Workshops. Mandarin/English speaking resident facilitators supervise evening and weekend activities. Most meals are provided by BYU food services.

Students agree to abide by the BYU Honor Code while participating in BYU Chinese STARTALK.

**Dates:** July 20- Aug. 12, 2009

**Tuition:** \$880 (includes housing, tuition, meals, classroom materials, and field trip expenses)

**Textbook fee:** \$75.00

**Scholarships:** Need-based scholarships are available. Applications will be made available to students admitted to the program.

**Applications:** Available at [http://chineseflagship.byu.edu/startalkapplication/byu\\_startalk\\_application\\_2009.doc](http://chineseflagship.byu.edu/startalkapplication/byu_startalk_application_2009.doc)

**Application deadline:** May 22, 2009

**Notification of admission:** June 1, 2009

Thank you for your interest in BYU's 2009 Chinese STARTALK program.







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## Reasons to Study Chinese

**It's useful!** More people speak Chinese as their native language than any other. Learn Chinese and you'll be able to talk to more than a billion really interesting people.

**It's valuable!** China has the world's second largest and fastest growing economy. Global companies seek skilled, Chinese-speaking business people to fill high-paying jobs.

**It's timely!** The 2008 Olympic Games will be held in Beijing. Be ready for the fun.

**It's timeless!** China has an incredible 5,000 year history. At STARTALK you'll be immersed in this ancient and vibrant culture. Experience the food, festivals, gongfu, and fun,

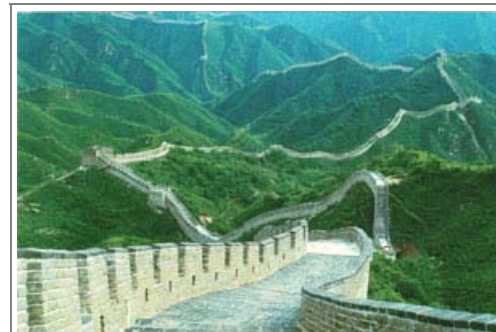
**It's important!** The U.S. government has designated Chinese a language of "strategic importance." That's why they're supporting BYU Chinese STARTALK .

**It's fun!** As an active learner you'll soon be talking, singing and dancing in Chinese—maybe even inside a 50 foot dragon. STARTALK friends will share your expansive world view.

**It's impressive!** You think people who can speak, understand, read and write Chinese are pretty smart, don't you? When you learn Chinese you'll find your friends will think so too.

**It's growing!** National and state governments support Chinese language programs.

**It's easier than you think!** Basic Chinese grammar is simpler than most European languages and similar to English. You'll be amazed at how fast you learn at STARTALK.





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### Special Activities

#### Activities for Chinese Language Camp

- "Dayaojin" Long March
- Ropes Course
- Dragon Boat Races at Deer Creek Reservoir
- Chinese Movie Nights
- Gongfu Martial Arts
- Lantern Festival
- Night Market
- Field trips to Chinese restaurants
- Celebration banquet







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## STARTALK Registration for Accepted Participants

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**Your application must be submitted and you must be accepted into the program before you are allowed to register.**

#### Tuition

To Be Announced.  
Scholarships are available for qualified applicants.

#### FERPA Policy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of your educational record. In order to be in compliance with FERPA, we require verification of your identity before releasing any personally identifiable or educational information to you. Please do not ask spouses, friends, or siblings to request this information for you.

#### Admission and Standards

Participants of any race, color, creed, and ethnic or national origin are accepted for admission to this program provided they maintain the university standards while on campus. These include modesty in dress and conduct and abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, coffee, tea, and harmful drugs.

We are committed to providing a learning atmosphere that reasonably accommodates persons with disabilities who are otherwise qualified. At least two weeks prior to the start of the program, applicants with disabilities are invited to discuss the program content and available facilities with the program director.

#### Substitutions and Cancellations

There will be no refunds once the accepted students have registered, unless the camp is cancelled. However, the university cannot be responsible for any cancellation or change charges assessed by airlines, travel agencies, or other institutions.





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## Food and Housing

### Food

STARTALK students will take most meals in the new Cannon Commons which offers an expanded array of healthy and tasty menu options. STARTALK registration fees cover the cost of these meals. For more information about this facility visit <http://dining.byu.edu/cannon/>. Students may also purchase food from the Cougar Eat, the BYU Creamery, or local stores.

### Housing

Separate residences for girls and boys will be provided. Program participants will share a room with one other participant.

Students will be supervised by bilingual Chinese/English resident facilitators. Lights on, lights off, and study times will be strictly observed. Members of the opposite sex will be allowed in dorm lobbies during certain hours but are never in sleeping areas.

Please leave electronic gaming devices and computers at home. Cell phones are allowed but use is restricted to free time.






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## Contact Us

### Questions regarding the BYU Chinese Summer Camp please contact:

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