

# The “Bridge Fellowship”

Indulge a passion, explore a fascination, or challenge the status quo - Oversea Chinese Language and Culture Study



**Two-week summer camp at the "Avatar Hallelujah Mountain", Hunan, China**

**Presented by the Carolina China Council and Department of Education, Hunan Province**

## **Objective:**

The “Bridge Fellowship” is jointly presented to you by Carolina China Council (CCC) and Department of Education of Hunan Province, China.

The earth is becoming flat, and the daily lives of the people in North Carolina and China are increasingly connected by globalization. The “Bridge Fellowship” is created for increasing the global competitiveness of our students in an increasingly connected world. It is also part of the effort to promote educational exchanges between North Carolina and China, in particular, Hunan Province. North Carolina and Hunan Province signed a letter of intent to establish a Sister State/Province relationship in April 2007 and a broad cooperation Agreement in August, 2009.

## **Program Review:**

The “Bridge Fellowship” is created to provide interested college and high school students with opportunities to learn Chinese language and experience Chinese culture through summer camps and scholarly exchange visits to Hunan Province, China.

In 2010, the “Bridge Fellowship” will provide logistic and financial support for 8 students and 2 leading teachers to participate in a 2 weeks summer camp program hosted by the Department of Education of Hunan Province. The fellowship covers the following:

- Food and accommodations during the camp
- All camp activities
- Domestic transportation within China
- \$1100 Cash award toward the International round trip airfare from Raleigh

**Note:** Expenses for extra trips and activities outside the camp are not covered.

**Applicant Requirements:**

- American born high school and college students and teachers. Preference will be given to those who have no Chinese roots
- Have studied Chinese language a plus
- Interested in Chinese language and culture study
- Interested in helping Chinese school kids to learn English and American culture
- Meets Physical and mental health requirements for international travel

**Note:** Students and teachers are responsible for their own health and accidental insurance to cover medical and other accidental expenses due to unforeseen incidents that may occur while travelling aboard.

**Application Process:**

Interested school district will oversee the selection of participating teachers and students.

Interested applicants need to submit an essay stating the purpose and reasons, together with the application form.

All selected applicants need to submit an End of Program Report due 30 days after returning.

All selected applicants and responsible adults must attend an information meeting in the current application year prepared and provided by Carolina China Council. Meeting time will be approximately 30 days before the departure date. Actual meeting time and location will be notified.

**Application Fee:**

\$25 application fee is non-refundable due at the time of application.

\$475 program administration fee due within 2 weeks of acceptance into the program. The program administration fee covers expenses for visa application, travel arrangements, and program administration.

Administration fee refund policy

- 100% if the program is cancelled by the program host;
- \$475 minus expenses already incurred on behalf of the applicant if the applicant withdraws from the program with an eligible reason 30 days before the start of the trip. Expenses incurred may include visa application fee and airline ticket refund fee charged by third party travel agencies;
- \$250 minus expenses already incurred on behalf of the applicant if the applicant withdraws from the program with an eligible reason before the start of the trip. Expenses incurred may include visa application fee and airline ticket refund fee charged by third party travel agencies;
- Program fee is not refundable after the program start date.

### Eligible reasons

- Illness not suitable for travel, family emergency and other reasons that are eligible for airline ticket refund by major airlines.
- Cancellation must be signed and dated by the applicant, his or her program leading teachers and principle.

### Fees are accepted in check payable to:

Carolina China Council  
The Bridge Fellowship Program,  
501 Eastowne Dr, Suite 130,  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Note:** Parents and chaperons are welcome to join the selected applicants for the trip. Carolina China Council understands and accommodates such needs by offering tour packages at discount rate. Please contact our program person in charge for further details (contact information will be announced).

### **Camp Dates and Hosting School:**

Regular Camp Dates: June 20 to July 5  
Host school: Zhangjiajie First High School

### **Sample Camp Schedule**

(Day 1 is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2010)

Day 1: Depart RDU for Changsha, Hunan Province  
Day 2: Arriving in Changsha, Airport pickup and rest  
Day 3: 2010 Hunan Sister City Forum with the NC delegation  
Day 4: 2010 Hunan Sister City Forum and Ground transportation to Zhangjiajie  
Day 5: Field trip to Zhangjiajie scenic park 1  
Day 6: Field trip to Zhangjiajie scenic park 2  
Day 7: Field trip to Treasure Peak Lake (Baofeng Lake)  
Day 8: Field trip to Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon  
Day 9: Chinese lesson and Sign Chinese songs  
Day 10: Chinese lesson and learn Chinese painting  
Day 11: Chinese lesson and field trip to the Yellow Dragon cave (Huanglong Dong)  
Day 12: Chinese lesson and field trip to rafting and Chinese folk dance/show  
Day 13: Chinese lesson and learn Chinese martial art  
Day 14: end of camp and depart Zhangjiajie

On Day 14, campers can return to United States or connect to optional tours:

Optional tour 1: Beijing Great Wall/Forbidden City tour (2 days)

Optional tour 2: Shanghai Expo (2 days)

Cost: \$475 for each optional tour, \$900 for both optional tours.

Cost includes airfare, hotel (3 star or better), meal, ground transportation, tour guide, door tickets).

### **Safety and International Travel**

Carolina China Council is committed to becoming a premiere institution on bridging North Carolina and China. It is also committed to the operation of safe, secure, study experiences. With the increased contact to the outside world, we expose us to potential risk such as terrorism, political unrest and natural catastrophes in other countries. In addition, a disease outbreak in another country poses risk of being infected.

Carolina China Council values participation in international educational activities as well as aware of the potential risks during traveling abroad. In balancing these factors, we relies on information from the U.S. Department of State, most particularly the Travel Warnings issued periodically by that agency, and information in the Travel Notices issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

[US Department of State Current Travel Warning](#)

To make the application process less hassle, Carolina China Council also provides China Visa Application services through qualified agent.

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[Chinese Embassy – Visa Application](#)

[Avatar inspires China province to rename mountain](#)

[Background information about Hunan Province](#)

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