Logistic Related FAQ posted by Hanban

1. Where will the students stay while they are in China? Host families, school dormitories, or hotels?
They will stay in school dormitories or hotels. The host school will provide student housing appropriate
for accommodating international students. Every two or three students will share one unit (the teachers
who charge will have a single-bed unit). The dormitory buildings have telephone lines, air conditioner,
laundery facility and a lounge space.

2. What (daily necessities) do students need to bring with for daily life?
Students will live in school dorm while in China. Usually there are basins, towels, soaps,
slippers, shampoo etc in the dorm. Students would need to bring daily clothes, casual shoes,
general medicine, and other essentials they need in daily life, such as makeups, umbrellas, etc.
If students take medicine regularly for asthma, diabetes and so on, they should bring all
medicine in original bottles and with a note from doctor in the U.S. in case of emergency.

3. How do students do their laundry?
Usually there are several automatic washing machines in the dorm. The host schools will make
arrangements for students to do their laundry. They will either distribute washing cards/access
for students to do laundry themselves or collect students’ clothes or do laundry for them.

4. What type of food will be served to the students every day? All Asian food or some western food?
The host school will provide food that is rich in flavor, reaching hygiene standards and suitable to
foreigners’ taste. It needs to be able to satisfy special requirements such as vegetarians too.

5. Are there any internet access or international phones that the students can contact their families or
the parents be able to contact them if needed?
The host schools all have computer rooms where students would log onto the internet and send emails
to their families and friends. Also there are international phones in students’ dormitory for calling
home.
We will provide the contact person of each host school to parents before students depart for China.
Thus when parents could not contact their kids, they could call the contact person in the host school,
who will be always with the kids.

6. If the camps are set up in the schools, what type of schools specifically?
The host schools are elementary or secondary schools Hanban recommends for helping promote
Chinese language and culture. These schools are usually experienced in international education
exchange and they have enough qualified Chinese language teachers and staff, as well as enough
facilities for students’ entertainment, sporting and medication.

7. How do parents communicate with their child and chaperone? and how do they communicate with
family at US while in China?
There are telephones and computer rooms in host schools and students can call their families or send
emails. The host school will provide a phone number 24 hours available for parents finding their
children.
Insurance Related

1. What is the international travel insurance? Is it mandatory to have for every student who goes to the camp?

   Every student has to purchase international insurance. Once kids arrive in China, few of them might be sick because they do not adjust to the new environment physically or mentally. If they need to be sent to hospitals, it is the international insurance that pays for the cost. Of course if they are not sick enough, the host school's infirmary will help deal with this. In addition to the sickness, there might be other emergencies. In order to deal with these emergencies appropriately, we require that students purchase international insurance.

Money

1. How much spending money should each student bring?

   Hanban will provide food, accommodation, travel and trip costs in China. So, 1500-2000RMB ($150-200 USD) will be enough. If the children want to buy something, they can use a credit/debit card in most of the major cities.

2. How much currency should be exchanged before departure?

   You may have to contact the main branch of your bank if you wish to exchange some money ahead of time. Otherwise, it is not necessary to exchange money before departure. Students will be able to exchange USD to RMB in the airport through the Bank of China. When they arrive at the host schools in province, the schools will also make arrangements for currency exchange.

3. Should students bring a credit/debit card? Which cards work the best?

   A Visa or Master card can be used in most Supermarkets and Department stores. Remember there could be extra service fees charged to your card if you use it. Check with your bank before you depart for China.

Clothing

1. Should students pack a swimsuit?

   Yes, pack a swimsuit.

2. What types of dress clothing are needed?

   Boys should bring at least one dressy outfit for dinner or opening ceremonies, and graduation. This can include a pair of dress pants and nice polo shirt, or short sleeve button down. Coats and ties are not necessary.

   Girls should bring a dress or skirt of modern length, or dressy pants for more formal activities. This can be paired with a number of dressier tops, but it is better they not wear sleeveless or spaghetti strap tank tops or shirts that show midriff.

3. What type of shoes should students bring?

   Students may spend a lot of time walking, so comfortable solid shoes are recommended. (Chaco, Teva,
or Reef brands are a great travel option. They are versatile and easy to pack.) Students should easily be able to pack three pairs of shoes: one pair of flip flops/casual sandals, tennis shoes, and dressier casual shoes which are not tennis shoes.

Medication

1. If students get sick, what should they do?
Students should alert their chaperons if they feel ill. First aid kits will be available at all times, and the host school will provide transportation to local hospitals in case of an emergency.

2. Are all medicines self administered?
Host schools will have contact for local hospitals. If students take medicine regularly for asthma, diabetes, etc. these medicines should be self administered. Please bring all medicine in original bottles and with a note from doctor in the U. S. in case of emergency. Students may want to bring extra prescriptions with them for important medicines. Pack all medicines in carry on luggage. General medicines will be available at the host school.

3. Will the students be requiring any additional immunizations for their trip?
In China, it is ruled by Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (出入境检验检疫局) people going abroad have to take body examination to receive <<Health Certificate for International Travel>> (《国际旅行健康检查证明书》). They are also required additional immunizations according to the countries they will stay in, and then receive <<Preventive Inoculation Certificate for International Travel>> (《国际预防接种证书》).

In U.S. we suggest that you refer to related agency for the injections required for the trip to China.

Others

1. Will students need to bring adaptors for electronics?
Students will need to use adaptors to plug in any electronics. Voltage is 220 in China (compared to 110 in the U.S.). Students will need to purchase a voltage and outlet converter before or after they arrive in China. Even you have not purchased one in U.S., the staff in host schools in China will help you buy one at the right store.

2. Does the student need to bring “gifts” from home? For the host families? School Children?
Students could bring small gifts which represent U.S. to give to the host families or other friends made during the trip.