



# Metropolitan Chinese Culture Camp



The Metropolitan Chinese Culture Camp, formerly Chinese Summer Camp, is up and running for the 2013 Summer. This one week camp is sponsored by CSC USA with three volunteer partnering schools: Bergen Chinese School, Livingston Chinese School and Bohua Chinese School. The camp has been operated for 26 years by many devoted volunteers from BCS, Columbia Chinese School, Rockland Chinese School and Livingston Chinese School. A special gratitude to Mr. Jim Shian (BCS), Mrs. Angela Lee (Columbia), Mr. Norman Chung and his wife, Lisa Yee (Columbia), Mrs. Jenny Shieh (BCS), Mr. & Mrs. Chi-siung Su (Rockland) and Mrs. Sunny & Mr. Howard Lee (BCS/Rockland),

Mr. Alaska Hsu & his daughter, June Hsu (BCS), Cecilia Lee (Livingston) for devoted themselves for many years to make this wonderful camp available for our students. We are looking forward to continue the legacy of this summer camp under new management from this year on. Below is some feedback from our former campers and volunteers. I hope to see your children at the camp. For camp information: [www.MetropolitanChineseCultureCamp.org](http://www.MetropolitanChineseCultureCamp.org)

Sharon Ma,  
Camp Director (2013)



# Camp Photos



## Exercise



## Sneaker Kicking Ceremony





# Camp Photos



# Outdoor Sports



# Chinese Yo-Yo







# Camp Photos



# Happy Faces



# Best Campers of the year



# Grade Chart

## BUNK CHECK

BOY 男

GIRL 女

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# Camp Photos



# Volunteers



# Counselors





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# Crafts



**Name:** Yvonne Chang

**Age:** 17

To pinpoint what my favorite thing about camp would be impossible. The reason why the camp is close to my heart is because of all the elements that are combined to make it a special place; without one or the other the place would not be complete. The two things that do make camp a magical place are the location and the people there. The location is set in a serene place that has allowed me to just let go of all my stress and relax. For that one week my worries from the outside world manages to disappear. It's a place where I can wake up early and clear my head without any distractions. Without the people there I would have never gone back. Even though camp is only a week long the bonds formed with the people can last a lifetime. We become a family.

Years in camp: 6 years

**Name:** Wesley Chow

**Age:** 13

I had a very wonderful experience at camp in the summer of 2010. I made many new friends and learned many new things. The staff was very nice and showed great emotion towards their campers. That was an experience that I would never forget.

Years in camp: 2010

**Name:** Michael Kondo

**Age:** 25

"CSC has been such an important part of my life, and has helped shape me into the person that I am today. As a camper, I made lifelong friends, and my counselors' leadership skills, confidence, and infinite patience were traits I learned and passed down to my campers after I became a counselor. CSC has always been a magical week, and my proudest moment annually is seeing the smiles of our campers and knowing that they are having the time of their lives, like I did and continue to do every year."

Years in Camp: 1995 - present

Camper: 8 years, 1995 through 2002

Assistant Counselor: 1 year, 2003 (B Bunk),

Counselor: 6 years, 2004 through 2008 and 2010

2004 and 2010 (A Bunk), 2005 (C Bunk), 2006 through 2008 (D Bunk)

Staff Member: 2 years, 2009 and 2011

**姜正中** ( Mrs. Sunny Lee - Curriculum Director )

1998 年帶著七歲的女兒李瑞恬一起來參加中文夏令營。女兒在A班, 我教C班上午的中文課, 做 '花木蘭' 的紙偶戲。第一次在山上的營區住了七天七夜, 立刻就醉心於清晨碧湖上的霧, 白天陽光下的笑臉, 以及晚上夜空裏的燦星, 更感動於夏令營工作人員無私的服務熱忱! 我就因為這樣, 做了十多年的夏令營教務主任。女兒都大學畢業了, 我的身影還出現在夏令營的照片上。每年我和台灣派來的老師學新招, 培訓助理輔導員的成長, 以及主持結業典禮時欣賞各班學員的學習成果, 都是驚喜的收穫!

2013年起, 中文夏令營有了新的改變, 當年的一些學員如今已開始接掌工作人員的職務。希望 "傳承" 的棒子, 能逐漸順利的由下一代接手!

**Name:** Tiffany Lee

**Age:** 24

Like any sleepaway camp, CSC has always been a fun escape - where you can play and be active, learn new sports such as archery and rock climbing, make lifelong friendships, and always count on not wanting to leave each year. But unlike any typical sleepaway camp, CSC feels like you're in one large family with kids of all ages - most of whom share your heritage, even if they don't share your background - coming together to learn a little bit more about our roots. Despite living all over the tri-state area in totally different cities, the CSC community of campers and counselors is extremely close.

Years in Camp:

Camper: 7 years, 1998-2004

Assistant Counselor: 2 years, 2005 and 2006 (D Bunk and B Bunk)

Counselor: 1 year, 2007 (B Bunk)

**Name:** Kaishin Lin

**Age:** 15

1. The thing I really enjoyed about camp was all the friendships I made. They were friends that would last a lifetime.
2. My best memories of camp are the ones during Free Time, where we would just spend our time getting to know each other more and figuring out how many things we all have in common.

Years in camp: 2005-2011

**Name:** Mingwei Ma

**Age:** 15

Going to CSC is the best part of every summer! You'll meet someone new and after one day you'll feel like you've known them forever. From staying up and eating cup noodles to swimming & arts & crafts, there are endless things to do at CSC. It's one week of unforgettable memories.

Years in Camp: 2007-2011

**Name:** Andy Shieh - Camper and Counselor

The best thing about summer camp was the people you get to meet. Because this camp usually grabs people from the affiliated Chinese schools and surrounding areas, the people you meet and become friends with are still accessible outside of camp. Of course I had fun doing most of the activities during camp. For instance, I can't imagine my childhood without forever knowing how to play a Chinese Yo-yo. I will admit I had much more fun as a counselor. It is a weird feeling being responsible for people's children and it teaches you a lot of responsibility (and a surprising amount of stress sometimes).

Consequently, my best memories of camp are those that happen elsewhere. You hold onto these relationships with people through at least your young adulthood. I grew up almost devoid of any Chinese kids my age and there is just something intangible that holds people of the same nationality together. I got to form so many more bonds with people I would otherwise never have known through this camp.

Years in Camp: 10



**Name:** Jackie Sung

**Age:** 22

It's incredible how many memories, friendships, and adventures can form in one week at CSC. The week flies by - morning exercises, Chinese yo-yo classes, bonfires, post-lights-out bunk bonding, and dodgeball games; and then the years fly by - your first time away from home, creating a skit for the talent show, and (excitedly) being a responsible counselor for twelve 10-year old girls. Yet whether it's your 1st or 11th time at CSC, you will always leave with a pullover sweater 2 sizes too big, traditional Chinese crafts to give to your mom, lifelong friendships and eager anticipation for next year's week at camp. CSC becomes a home away from home, with faces that you see once or twice a year that have somehow become as familiar as family.

Years in Camp

Camper: 7 years, 1998 - 2005

Assistant Counselor: 2 years, 2006 and 2007 (D Bunk and B Bunk)

Counselor: 1 year, 2009 (C Bunk)

Chinese Folk Dance Teacher: 1 year, 2011

**Name:** Emelyne Tan

**Age:** 17

I joined the summer camp when I was in the 8th grade. I really enjoyed the activities the camp has such making straw dragons in arts and crafts class, learning the Chinese yoyo and more. I've made many new friends during my first time at this camp. Then I became an assistant counselor when I was in the 10th grade, and I had a wonderful experience with the younger campers. Ever since I signed up, I've always been wanting to go back every year.

Years in Camp: 4

**Name:** Robert Yu

**Age:** 24

"As a camper at CSC, I enjoyed making new friends during a week packed full of activities. As a counselor, I enjoyed playing a part in creating a memorably fun week for campers and staff alike!"

Years in Camp:

Camper: 2 years, 1998 and 1999

Assistant Counselor: 1 year, 2005 (B Bunk)

Counselor: 4 years, 2006 through 2009.

2006 (B Bunk)

2007 and 2008 (A Bunk)

2009 (D Bunk)