American Chinese Civic Exchange

2004 American Chinese Communicative English Camp (ACCEcamp)
2004 UNM Summer Chinese Program (UNM SCP)

Background
2004 American Chinese Communicative English Camp (ACCEcamp) is hosted by American Chinese Civic Exchange, a national non-profit organization based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of ACCEcamp has twofold: (1) to teach the Chinese students, high school seniors or college students, and to improve their spoken English, and at the same time to give an opportunity for Americans to get more understanding about the Chinese people and Chinese culture as to enrich their personal experience; (2) to provide an opportunity for both the Chinese and Americans to share and exchange their cultural heritage and develop mutual friendship that would benefit both peoples. ACCEcamp is co-sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at the University of New Mexico, and is partially in conjunction with its first year of Summer Chinese Program try-out. (SCP)

ACCEcamp
ACCEcamp will consist of a team of teachers and teaching assistants in two selected cities in China, Shanghai, and Changsha in Hunan Province. The program will last for one month July 15th to August 14th, 2004, with traveling and sightseeing in the city of Shanghai, Shanghai vicinity, and Beijing included. The ACCEcamp in Changsha, should it ever occur, will be in small scale as test model in 2004.

UNM SCP Program
UNM SCP will focus on study the Chinese culture and some language skills at the Shanghai Normal University (SNU). SPS participants can be overlapped with ACCEcamp program in three different ways. Category (1): Register with the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature under the title: Comparative Literature Studies (3 credit hours/Chinese cultural studies in focus). In this category, you will study under the instruction of Prof. Jian Zhu, Chinese Program Advisor at UNM, and you will need to pay for all the expenses, including travel, lodging, food, and course expenses. Category (2): Register in the same way as Category (1), but pay for only international travel expenses and $150 program fee. In this category, you will work your expenses in China by way of teaching English at ACCEcamp. If you are interested in this category, you should read the rest of the information for details. Category (3): Register with Shanghai Normal University and pay for all the course and living expenses to SNU, plus your travel international expenses, and $150 ACCE processing fee.

Organization
American Chinese Civic Exchange (ACCE) is a newly established nonprofit organization that aims at strengthening the friendship, cultural exchange and economic ties between China and
United States, through charitable and value-based public, professional services. ACCE is now registered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is applying its non-profit status with IRS. In 2002, former U. S. Congressman Bill Redmond in New Mexico, currently serving as ACCE’s Honorary President, along with some ACCE’s senior officers were received in Beijing by some high-ranking Chinese officials, as well as current U. S. Ambassador in China. Those visits have paved way for engaging Chinese government interests in ACCE’s projects such as ACCEcamp and UNMS, and prepared some official link to facilitate the process for ACCE to launch ACCEcamp and UNMS SCP project.

**Eligibility**
For ACCEcamp, applicants must be U. S. citizens, and UNM students with at least completion of one-semester course studies. He or she should be native speaker of English. There are two categories to apply: (1) Instructor: those who have done minimum one year of teaching in any formal classroom setting, preferably languages, communication and/or culture; (2) Teaching Assistant (TA): those who are experienced in leading small group discussions, activities, and projects. He or she should have good health, minimum age of 19. ACCE will evaluate the suitability of each applicant before his or her formal acceptance into the program. Applicant with seemingly not fitting into the above category should contact ACCE’s office for special review and consideration.

**Cost**
The cost for ACCEcamp participants will be for his or her international travel expenses, namely, international round trip airfare that is about $850. (High season price projection with China Eastern Airline from Los Angeles or other major U. S. international airport) Participants will also need to pay non-refundable $150 for processing, program orientation, and partial administration expenses in the U. S. (not including visa application fee to the Chinese Consulates). All the expenses in China will be covered by the program itself, including room and board, sightseeing, and supplement medical services. Participants will work as volunteers to the program. There will also be about ¥800 honorarium in Chinese currency (approximately USD $100) for teachers and teaching assistants. It can be used by each individual to purchase gifts and souvenirs. ACCEcamp strongly suggests that applicants find support one way or another through UNM scholarship sources, foundations, local business, and friends that have interest in China related cultural exchange programs.

**Further Information**
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