



# RICH&BLCU Chinese Summer Camp

## FAQ

### General:

Q: What's the age range allow to join RICH summer camp?

A: Usually the age range is between 8 to 18 years old.

Q: Is RICH enrolling students from different countries? If yes, what countries?

A: Yes, our former students are coming from HK, Macau, USA, Canada, Russia, Greek, France, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Britain, Slovenija, Australia, Japan, Thailand, Burma, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Korea.

Q: What's the number of students RICH has in the summer camp in total?

A: For the year of 2015, there were 289 students in total of 4 sessions of teen summer camp.

Q: What type of visa should I apply?

A: There are different types of visa. The one that our students and parents should apply is L type (tourist visa) issued to an alien who comes to China for sightseeing, family visiting or other private purposes.

Q: What does the program price include and exclude?

Program price includes:	Program price does not include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrollment fee</li> <li>- Course fee including textbooks and study materials</li> <li>- Activity fees as per the Program Schedule</li> <li>- Certificate issued by RICH&amp;BLCU Learning Center</li> <li>- 24/7 bilingual counselors and supervisors for the group of students</li> <li>- Accommodation relating to the Program</li> <li>- Three meals a day, seven days a week</li> <li>- Daily bottled water and fruit</li> <li>- Laundry service</li> <li>- Camp T-shirt</li> <li>- Transportation fees relating to the Program (including train fare of field trips)</li> <li>- Airport pick-up and drop-off</li> <li>- Beijing city tours including admission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost of transportation from students' place of residence to Beijing and return, as well as expenses due to the delay and cancellation of the flight and overweight luggage fine.</li> <li>- Students' private expenses (such as personal shopping, compensation for damage of hotel/public facilities)</li> <li>- Call rate</li> <li>- Medical expenses that cannot be covered by insurance</li> <li>- Chinese visa application fee</li> </ul>



<p>fees - Field trips city tours including admission fees - An official group photo</p>	
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**Security:**

Q: It's written in the brochure that there will be 1 counselor taking care of 5 students, I assume that referring to daily needs as well as homesick emotional matters etc.

We wonder if this counselor is 24 hrs supervise? Do the kids have the counselor to tell them when to have lunch (lead them to the cafe, instead of letting themselves to run around) or inform them to have lessons on time?

A: Yes, counselors will be the 24 hours supervisors. They'll spend all day with students, leading them to classroom/dorm room; having lessons/meals together; organizing sport activities; going to the tours, all together with students. They are experienced and very easy to be friend with.

Q: What time is the curfew?

A: 22:00 is bedtime. Since students will stay as a group the whole day, no one could get a chance to go out of the campus or hotel without accompany. There will be room checks from 21:30 – 22:30 every night, counselors and supervisors will stay at the same floor with students to make sure safety.

Q: My son's flight arrives at 23:50pm. Do you still offer free airport pick up for him?

A: Yes, we offer free airport pick up and drop off for each students enroll in our summer camp. Just make sure with us his flight information. Counselors will be waiting for each student at least 20 minutes before landing time. We are going to hold a BLCU red board as well as a board with students' name on, waiting at the custom exit. There will be no problem finding us.

Q: About the pocket money, how much would it be enough for 3 weeks? Can we bring dollars?

A: Usually we recommend 500rmb/week, 1,500rmb for 3 weeks. Our counselors will take students to do the money exchange if needed. We strongly suggest that we keep me pocket money for students in case they spend it on useless stuff or lose it. Student will get 100rmb every time they ask for the pocket money.

Q: My daughter need to take medicine everyday strictly on time, can you ask a teacher to remind her on this?

A: Sure, actually you may ask your daughter to give her medicine on the first day of the camp to her counselor, please put all her medications in a bag with a label about how it should be administered.



### **Chinese Course and Daily activities:**

Q: How many levels are there going to be in the camp? How many students in one class?

A: There are going to be at least 9 classes for 3 levels, 3 classes for beginner; 3 classes for intermediate and 3 classes for advanced. Normally no more than 5 students in one class. Each student will accept level assessment on the first day of the camp, including a writing test as well as an oral test.

Q: After 21:00, any arrangement for the students? When is the bed time?

A: It's reading time and some free time, watch TV, go online. 22:00 is bed time, students have to be in their assigned room and bed. There will be room checks after 21:30

Q: My kid doesn't know any Chinese, could we apply for your program?

A: Yes, total beginners are also welcomed to join us. They will learn the survival mandarin as well as some daily conversations. All students will accept level assessment on the first day of the camp to be placed into different group.

Q: I noticed you have one to one Chinese tutoring, who will be the tutors?

A: We have college students majored in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language work as tutors.

Q: Do we get a certificate after the camp?

A: Yes, each student pass the final exam will get a certificate issued by Beijing Language and Culture University – RICH Learning Center.

### **Accommodation/Dining/Facilities**

Q: What kind of dorm room students going to stay?

A: Students will stay in an on-campus four-star hotel. It is the best accommodation in all camps in Beijing. They will stay in a twin room It's a twin room with bathroom; air-conditioner; all furniture; TV set; etc..

Q: Who is going to be my boy's roommate?

A: Normally if there is no special request, students with same sex; similar age/nationality/mother language/background will share a room. Girls and boys will stay on different floors, no room visits between girls and boys.

Q: Is there WIFI or internet connection in your hotel?

A: Yes, there is free WIFI in both the lobby and the room of the hotel.

Q: Any lock for the drawers for their personal belongings?

A: Yes, there is a safe in each room, but we strongly suggest that we keep the passport/air ticket/pocket money for students.



Q: Is it safe for us to bring our laptop or iPad?

A: Yes it's fine. Our hotel is perfectly safe and under 24 hours security service.

Q: Do they have shops in buying daily things in the campus, any small supermarket / shop?

A: Yes, there are several grocery stores and supermarkets in the campus, as you may see in the schedule, there are shopping and laundry time in several evenings. They can easily buy daily stuff.

Q: Do they need to buy toothbrush shampoo towels etc.? If yes, where? will the supervisor bring them to buy ?

A: No need to buy, our hotel provide all of these.

Q: How about laundry?

A: We have several cleaning ladies will take care of students' laundry without any surcharge.

Q: How do they have meals, in a school cafeteria?

A: Breakfast will be western style buffet offered by the hotel. Lunch and dinner are offered by school cafeterias. There are more than 10 cafeterias in the campus provides different kinds of food, students could choose whatever they want, it's buffet style. We also provide daily water.

### **Inner Mongolia/Shanghai field trips:**

Q: What transportation from Beijing to Inner Mongolia/Shanghai?

A: Students will take an overnight train, it will be the first time for most of the students to take a train trip. So it will be and fun and brand new experience for them. It's a 4-berth compartment. All of our former students enjoyed the train very much.

### **For parents:**

Q: In reaching the parents, what will RICH gonna arrange for them? Do they have a time to be allowed to call the parents? How they can keep in touch with the families?

A: Normally students will bring cell phone, counselors will show them how to use a local SIM card, so they can call or email their parents, also parents can write to us if there is anything we should pay attention to. Also we have our own Instagram homepage to upload pictures everyday. Parent will know how things are going here.

Q: Is this summer camp allowing parents to join too?

A: Yes, parents could join, we can help them to book the same hotel as students. Also they can choose to take part in the Inner Mongolia/Shanghai trip with us, and



also we offer private Chinese lessons for parents.

Q: I have a friend in Beijing, can he visit my kids in BLCU during the camp?

A: Yes, relatives and friends are welcome to visit students at the camp, after daily activities, please make sure to notify us and get approval before taking students out of the camp, and leave us the available telephone number. Students should be back to camp at least before bedtime. Please try not to miss classes or group activities.