Chinese Language and Culture Immersion
For Rising 9-12 Graders

July 2 – July 12, 2012

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to the Chinese Language and Culture Immersion Program at the University of Virginia. You will be participating in a crucial component of the Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy as a student of excellent in-service and prospective teachers recruited nationwide who will be training to apply research-supported best practices to teaching Chinese language. The teacher to student ratio will be 1:1.5, and you will be engaged in a truly interactive, communicative, and innovative class. You have been chosen out of a highly competitive group of student applicants, and we are delighted to invite you to participate in the 2012 program.

CONFIRMATION (Important!!)

To reserve your spot as a participant in this program, please return pages 4 and 5 of this packet, the Participation Confirmation Form and the STARTALK Participant Emergency Information Form by June 15th, 2012. If we do not hear from you by June 15th, we will offer your spot to an accepted student on our waiting list.

If you no longer plan to participate in the program, please return page 4. Please do so as promptly as possible so that we can offer your place to students on the waiting list.

Return forms by June 15th, 2012 to:

Dr. Rachel Stauffer
UVa Asia Institute or Fax: (434) 982-6167
PO Box 400169 E-mail: staufferr@virginia.edu
Charlottesville, VA 22904-4169

DATES
Monday, July 2nd – Thursday, July 12th, 2012
Class will meet on Saturday, July 7th
Class will not meet on Wednesday, July 4th or Sunday, July 8th

CLASS SCHEDULE
Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

ORIENTATION (JULY 2nd)
On the first day of class, students and a parent/guardian (if possible) should report to 120 Rouss Hall at 8:30 a.m. (map here). There we will have a brief orientation before students begin their first class at 9:00. Light refreshments and coffee will be served in the lobby (note that food is not permitted in the classroom).

STIPEND
We will distribute information about payment of the $75 stipend at orientation. Note that students must complete the program before the stipend will be issued.
PARKING
Unfortunately, STARTALK cannot subsidize parking for students who drive themselves to class. We recommend when possible that students be dropped off in the morning in time to get to class by 9:00 a.m. and that they be picked up a little after classes let out at 12:30 p.m. If drivers must find a place to park, we suggest the Central Grounds Parking Garage, located on Emmet Street. This garage is located within a 5-10 minute walk of classrooms. It costs $2.00 per hour, and accepts only cash or check. There is an ATM machine located at the Bookstore, which is on the 4th floor of the garage. For additional information about parking and the internal bus system at the University: http://www.virginia.edu/parking.

ATTIRE
Attire is casual. Dress for class as you would for a typical school day. Classroom facilities are air conditioned.

SNACKS
Light snacks and beverages will be provided on class days. Students may bring their own snacks and beverages if preferred. We encourage participants to bring reusable water bottles that may be filled using water fountains near the classrooms.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

**Immediate assistance and/or logistical questions should be directed to Asia Institute staff:

Dr. Rachel Stauffer  Ms. Dena Pérez
(434) 982-0560  (434) 924-7453
staufferr@virginia.edu  dmp4c@virginia.edu

The Asia Institute office is located in 110 Minor Hall – (across McCormick Road, facing the amphitheater).

**Questions or concerns about attendance and academics should be addressed with the Program Director:

Dr. Miao-Fen Tseng
(434) 924-0571
mt3z@virginia.edu
PARTICIPATION CONFIRMATION FORM (to be completed by all accepted participants)

First and Last Name: _____________________________________________________________

Please check one:

☐ I accept admission to the Chinese STARTALK Summer Program at UVa and will
attend all classes. (Please submit this form as well as page 5.)

☐ I decline admission to the Chinese STARTALK Summer Program at UVa. Please offer
my spot to a student on the waiting list. (Please submit this form only.)

If you will not attend, please indicate why:

☐ Will attend a different program. If so, which one?

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☐ Transportation difficulties

☐ Dates conflict with other plans

☐ No longer interested in studying Chinese

☐ Other (Please specify)

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STARTALK PARTICIPANT EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM
(Complete and return with page 4 if you accept admission)

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Student name: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian name: _____________________________________

Parent/Guardian daytime phone: _______________________________

Parent/Guardian cell phone: ________________________________

Location of parent/guardian from 9-12: _______________________

__________________________________________________________

Best way to contact parent/guardian from 9-5: __________________

Emergency contact (other than parent/guardian): __________________

Relationship: ___________________________ Phone: __________________

Any food allergies/sensitivities? ________________________________

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Any other allergies or medical conditions that might affect your participation in this program?

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How will you be getting to class each day? _______________________

Please circle your t-shirt size: S     M     L     XL     XXL

In the event that you need medical attention, do we have parental permission to seek such attention, or should we contact a parent/guardian first?

_____Take action as necessary  _____Contact parent/guardian first

Parent/guardian signature: ____________________________________