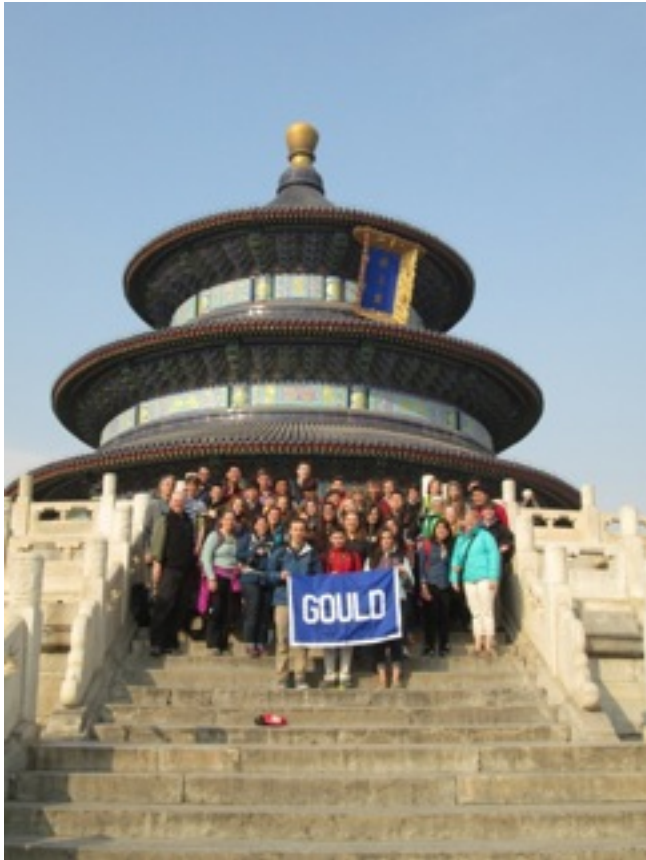




CHINA 中国

Please review this fact sheet with your child over vacation.



你好! Nǐ hǎo! Hello!

The Gould Academy Four Point program is delighted to extend an invitation to experience the people, history, and culture of China. This opportunity is truly a once in a lifetime adventure! We all have a role to ensure all the details are taken care of so the trip will run smoothly. *Please take time to review these details and organize the responsibilities on the family end.* The InfoServer and Four Point blog are places where trip information is accessed.

Proposed Itinerary

- (3.12 Arrive Boston for students traveling for a distance.)
- 3.13 Depart Boston
- 3.14 Arrive Beijing
- 3.15-18 Beijing
- 3.19 Travel to Host Schools
- 3.20-25 at Host School
- 3.26 Depart China
- Arrive Boston
- 3.27-29 Recovery Days
- At home. For students not from New England we will help to find home stays or provide housing in the dorms.
- 3.30 Return to GA
- 3.31 Class Retreat

TRIP STRUCTURE

In Beijing, we will be staying at the King's Joy Hotel. During our time in Beijing as a large group, we will explore many of the historical treasures of China's capital city. Sights we will see are the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, some of the imperial parks, and traditional streets of old Beijing.



- Xi'an, Shaanxi Province
- Chengdu, Sichuan Province
- Quanzhou, Fujian Province
- Kunming, Yunnan Province

Students will spend a week in home stays and gather each day for activities planned by our hosts.

🕒 Immunizations

Students should be current with all routine vaccinations. Immunizations needed: Typhoid and Hepatitis A

Option 1 Gould Health Services :

Fill out the brief medical history form AND sign the release form and waiver of liability for Infectious Disease and Travel Medicine at CMMC to allow ID&TM to administer the necessary immunizations. The forms can be found on the Four Point section on the info server. Return all forms to Chris Hayward. Gould Health Services will schedule the shots.

Option 2 due after Winter Break: Complete immunizations and obtain preventative medicines independently. Submit proof immunizations to Gould's Health Center (fax 207.824.3085).

CDC traveler information site:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/china>



PARENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

🕒 Travel (Charged through Gould)

\$150 - 300 for travel visa (\$90+ for non-US citizens)

\$125 MedJet Assist Insurance

(in case of medical emergency provides private jet transportation with medical personnel on board back to a hospital of your choice in the US)

Approximate pricing for Immunizations:

- \$300 (If completed through Gould, we will first try to bill through insurance then will be charged to the bookstore accounts if need be.)

🕒 Out of Pocket Expenses

\$170 for new or renewed passport (if expiration date is later than January 1, 2015).

🕒 Host Gifts

Obtain an appropriate gift for the host and their family (see list of suggestions on the Four Point Section on the Infoserver).

🕒 Passport: due by December 10th

Obtain a signed passport with sufficient blank pages for visa stamps. The expiration date must be LATER than Jan. 1, 2016. Passports should be given or sent to Chris Hayward (haywardc@gouldacademy.org).

🕒 Departure

Information about flights will be relayed soon. Students will meet in Boston on the morning of departure. There will be transportation from Bethel and an opportunity to meet in Boston the day before we travel for students not from the New England region.

International Students may also plan to meet the group in Beijing. (We will need to know before December 20th.)

🕒 The Parents' Auction

A significant portion of the funding of this trip is generated at the Winter Parents' Weekend auction. Bid well and often!



🕒 Personal Spending Money

\$300 is recommended. This can be billed to the bookstore account and converted into Chinese RMB prior to departure. Email Martha Whittington (whittinm@gouldacademy.org) with permission to do this!

GOULD ACADEMY RESPONSIBILITIES AND COSTS

📍 **Visa Application**

We complete and submit the visa application.

📍 **MedJet Assist**

We assist the sign up process for this service.
For more information visit: www.medjet.com

📍 **Immunizations**

We arrange the needed immunizations *if not independently completed.*

📍 **Transportation**

We are responsible for all transportation costs from Boston to China and from China to Bethel. International parents will be contacted about the possibility of students meeting the group in Beijing.

📍 **Room and Board**

We are responsible for housing and food costs during the trip, with exception of food during the travel days.

TRAVELING IN CHINA

📍 **Weather**

Beijing temperatures could be as variable at the end of March as they are in Maine (34-56 degrees)!
Average temperatures for our host schools:

Chengdu : 50-65 degrees

Xi'an: 50-60 degrees

Quanzhou: 55-65 degrees

Kunming: 50-65 degrees



📍 **Dress Code**

The suggested packing list for our adventure can be found on the Four Point section of the Infoserver. Modesty, comfort, classroom dress, and layers are key for clothing. Rain coats are a strongly suggested (especially in Quanzhou), as are comfortable walking shoes.

Students will be expected to be in classroom dress during our time in China.

Students are responsible for taking care of and moving their own luggage. They do not need a lot of luggage.

📍 **Food and Water Safety**

The students will be provided clean drinking water and food throughout the trip.

INFORMATION AND CONTACT

The Four Point blog and the Infoserver are the access points for all trip information and updates. The Four Point blog can be accessed at <http://gouldacademy.org/fourpoint9/>.

Colin Penley (penleyc@gouldacademy.org) is the contact for China specific questions and Chris Hayward (haywardc@gouldacademy.org) addresses transportation co-ordination, forms, passport/visa and vaccinations.

Students will learn about which city they are traveling to during meetings in January.

There is an opportunity during Winter Parents' Weekend to meet with trip leaders, and we look forward to working with your students and you to make the wonderful trip happen this spring!

谢谢 *xièxie* Thank you,

Colin Penley

penleyc@gouldacademy.org

207.824.7853 (This is a voicemail box; I will promptly return your call.)