



CHINA 中国

你好!
Nǐ hǎo!
Hello!

欢迎!
Huānyíng!
Welcome!

*Please review this fact sheet
with your child over
vacation.*

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 Four Point blog is the primary place where trip information will be available. You can also find documents on the mygould parent portal.

Proposed Itinerary

- (3.10 Arrive Boston for students traveling from a distance.)
- 3.11 Depart Boston
- 3.12 Arrive Beijing
- 3.13-16 Beijing
- 3.17 Travel to Host Schools
- 3.18-23 at Host School
- 3.24 Depart China
Arrive Boston
- 3.25-27 Recovery Days
At home. For students not from New England we will help to find home stays or provide housing in the dorms.
- 3.28 Return to GA
- 3.29 Spring Classes

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.



We will then split into four groups to travel to our host schools in:

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

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

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

🎧 **Immunizations**

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

Please complete immunizations and obtain preventative medicines independently. Submit proof immunizations to Gould's Health Center (fax 207.824.3085).

If it is not possible for you to complete the immunizations independently :

Documents will be provided to you: 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. Return all forms to Chris Hayward. Gould Health Services will schedule the shots. Transportation fees to the travel clinic will apply.

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

🎧 **Host Gifts**

Obtain a gift for the host and their family (see list of suggestions on the Four Point Blog).

🎧 **Passport copy: due December 10.**

Actual passport: due Jan 4.

Obtain a signed passport with sufficient blank pages for visa stamps. The expiration date must be LATER than Jan. 1, 2017. Passports should be given or sent to Chris Hayward.

🎧 **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.

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 Parents' Weekend auction. Bid well and often!

FAMILY 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 transportation with medical personnel back to a hospital of your choice.*)
- \$300 Approximate pricing for Immunizations
(*If completed with Gould, we will try to bill through insurance, but will charge to the student's account if need be.*)

🎧 **Personal Spending Money**

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

GOULD ACADEMY RESPONSIBILITIES AND COSTS -----

● **Visa Application**

We complete and submit the visa application.

● **MedJet Assist**

We complete 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 Blog. 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 is the access points for all trip information and updates. Forms and other downloads will be available on <http://mygould.org>.

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 *xièxiè* Thank you,

Colin Penley

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