

September 23, 2011

Dear Upper School Parents,

In the summer of 2012, Bement School will proudly provide our students with a second trip to China! Our first China trip in 2010 was a great success. Please check our web blog (<http://bementchinatrip.wordpress.com>) to see photos and daily journals. Next summer's trip will be even more exciting, with Chinese traditional culture and art; visiting Chinese middle and high school classrooms; communicating with Chinese students; shopping with Chinese friends; tasting delicious Chinese cuisine; as well as traveling to world renowned sites in Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, and Hangzhou. We are extremely excited to add Shanghai and Hangzhou, two famous southern Chinese cities in this trip.

The trip will last fifteen days, and we will stay as a group in 3-star hotels in each city. We will have our own special tour guide and comfortable tour bus during the entire trip. We also have opportunities to try other Chinese transportation by traveling on an over-night train trip, riding a boat in Beihai Park, and exploring Hutong Alleyways with rickshaws. You can check our sample schedule.

Your child does not necessarily have to be enrolled in a Bement Chinese class or have Chinese language background to participate in this trip. We welcome all students who will be enthusiastic about learning and experiencing Chinese culture.

Due to the global gas fluctuations, as well as the addition of a new city to our trip, I estimate the cost to be around \$4200 for this trip. However, I will have a more definitive cost by the spring of 2012. This cost will include all meals and accommodations; transportation and attraction admissions; China visa application fees; international economy-class airfare to/from Beijing; and airport transportation fees to/from Bement. Payment can be made in installments.

For more detailed information about the Bement 2012 Summer China Trip, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hong at xhong@bement.org. or talk to me at Parent Conferences in October.

If your child would be interested in this trip, please sign the bottom part and return it to me before **15 November 2011**.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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My child _____ (print name), in current _____ (grade)

is interested in the Bement 2012 Summer China Trip.

My contact information: _____ (e-mail)

_____ (phone)