

CHINESE FAMILY CAMP



OUR 64 CONSECUTIVE YEAR HISTORY

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NOVEMBER 2022

THE DEFINING YEARS

- PRE 1958
- 1958
- 1959

PRE 1958

- **MIDWEST C.S.A.S.**
 - C.S.A.S. “CHINESE STUDENT & ALUMNI SERVICES”
 - AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SERVING CHINESE STUDENTS AND ALUMNI LIVING IN THE MIDWESTERN STATES

PRE 1958

- MIDWEST C.S.A.S.
 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
 - DR. PETER TCHEN & DR. JOHN TCHENG
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
 - REVEREND ELLEN STUDLEY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

DR. PETER TCHEN



REVEREND ELLEN STUDLEY



PRE 1958

- **GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMP**
 - LAKE DELAVAN, WISCONSIN
 - 90 MILES NORTHWEST OF CHICAGO
 - OWNED AND RUN BY THE BUZZELL FAMILY
- **“8 FAMILY GROUP”**
 - LIVED IN THE CHICAGO REGION
 - CHEN, CHU, LIANG, LIAO, LIU, LO, TAN, YANG

PRE 1958

- **GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMP**

- DAVID CHEN ATTENDED THIS VIA A
“SCHOLARSHIP” ARRANGED BY
REVEREND STUDLEY
- HE WAS THE ONLY CHINESE ATTENDEE

MR. EDGAR BUZZELL



PRE 1958

- **GROUP VACATIONS**

- REVEREND ELLEN STUDLEY AND SOME OF THE “8 FAMILY GROUP” PARENTS BEGAN TO PLAN GROUP VACATIONS
- “8 FAMILY GROUP” AND “OTHERS” BEGAN TO GO TO LAKE DELAVAN

LAKE DELAVAN



PRE 1958→1958

- **MIDWEST C.S.A.S.**
 - A SURVEY OF MIDWEST CHINESE PARENTS FOUND A KEEN INTEREST IN THE IDEA OF A STUDY CAMP FOR CHINESE CHILDREN
 - THE BUZZELL FAMILY AGREED TO HAVE THE STUDY CAMP AT THEIR GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMP
 - THE END RESULT BECAME KNOWN AS THE **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - BEGAN ON SUNDAY 8-10-58 AND LASTED 2 WEEKS AT THE GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMP
 - ORIGINALLY LIMITED TO CHILDREN 8-12 YEARS OLD
 - GOAL: EXPOSE CHINESE CHILDREN LIVING IN AMERICA TO THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND LANGUAGE OF CHINA

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - JEANNE CHEN
 - DIRECTOR
 - COUNSELOR AT GLEN EYRIE PRIOR TO 1958
 - 3 ADDITIONAL CHINESE COUNSELORS
 - FRANK & HELEN CHENG (MARIETTA, OHIO)
 - YAO-WEN LI (IOWA CITY, IOWA)

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - 7 CHILDREN ATTENDED AND 6 WERE THE COUNSELORS'S CHILDREN
 - 3 OF THE 7 CHILDREN WERE YOUNGER THAN 8
 - JEANNE CHEN'S CHILDREN, MILTON AND LAURA, ATTENDED

JEANNE CHEN



MILTON & LAURA CHEN



1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - THE 1 CHILD ATTENDING WITHOUT A PARENT WAS EILEEN HSU
 - SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF DR. AND MRS. FRANCIS HSU OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
 - DR. AND MRS. HSU CAME UP TO THE CAMP 3 TIMES TO SEE EILEEN

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - ONE HOUR CLASSES IN THE MORNING & AFTERNOON TEACHING CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CRAFTS
 - OTHERWISE, THE STUDY CAMPERS FOLLOWED THE SAME SCHEDULE AS THE APPROXIMATE 30 NON-CHINESE GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMPERS
 - 3 OF THE NON-CHINESE GLEN EYRIE FARM CAMPERS ALSO WENT TO THE CHINESE CLASSES

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - FLAG RAISING / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - MORNING CALISTHENICS
 - FARM CHORES SUCH AS PICKING STRAWBERRYS AND TAKING CARE OF THE FARM ANIMALS

1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES
 - EVENING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS MOVIES, TALENT NIGHT AND SQUARE DANCING

CRAFTS 1958



1958

- **CHINESE CHILDREN'S STUDY CAMP**
 - DILEMMA: WHY DID ONLY 7 CHILDREN ATTEND?
 - ANSWER: PARENTS WERE WARY OF SENDING THEIR CHILDREN AWAY TO A "CHILDREN ONLY" CAMP

1958 → 1959

- MIDWEST CSAS BEGAN IMMEDIATE PLANNING FOR 1959
 - FIND A CENTRALLY LOCATED AREA IN THE MIDWEST
 - ENTIRE FAMILIES WILL ATTEND

1959

- A SMALL GROUP VISITED THE CITY OF SYRACUSE IN NORTHERN INDIANA IN THE SPRING MONTHS
- REVEREND ELLEN STUDLEY, EDITH YOUNG AND JEAN YANG WERE PART OF THIS GROUP

1959

- **CHINESE FAMILY CAMP MISSION:**

“To create an environment through group living in which children will happily share in Chinese culture & language, and to provide a recreational vacation for all”

1959

- **CHINESE FAMILY CAMP (CFC)**
 - BEGINS AND LASTS FOR 2 WEEKS IN THE SUMMER OF 1959
 - LOCATED IN SYRACUSE, INDIANA
 - AT OAKWOOD PARK NEXT TO LAKE WAWASEE

1959

- **CHINESE FAMILY CAMP**
 - 11 FAMILIES TOTAL
 - 4 STAYED FOR THE FULL 2 WEEKS
 - 5 WENT ONLY THE FIRST WEEK
 - 2 WENT ONLY THE SECOND WEEK
 - JEAN YANG AND EDITH YOUNG WERE THE CO-DIRECTORS

1959

- **CHINESE FAMILY CAMP**
 - SLEPT AND ATE IN KIMMEL HALL
 - MISS WHITMER WAS A BELOVED TEACHER
 - FESTIVAL WAS IN THE ROUND CHAPEL

1959 GROUP PICTURE



OAKWOOD PARK KIMMEL HALL



OAKWOOD PARK
"ROUND" CHAPEL



OAKWOOD PARK OAKWOOD HOTEL



1959 ATTENDEES IN 2008



1959 ATTENDEES IN 2018



CFC JOURNEY

1959-1990
Oakwood Park
Syracuse,
Indiana

1991-2001
Various Sites In
Other States

2002-2008
Oakwood Park
Syracuse,
Indiana

2009→2019
AMISH ACRES
Nappanee, IN

AMISH ACRES



2020 VIRTUAL CFC

Festival Night

Zoom Meeting

Recording... Speaker View

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Zoom Meeting interface showing a grid of 24 participants in a virtual conference room. The participants are arranged in a 4x6 grid. The participants are:

- Zaelyn
- Lawrence Wang
- Tallula and Do...
- Allen Yang (FAMILY CAMP)
- Linnea
- Warren Wong
- Alana Warenb...
- Fran Fong
- Cecilia & Lulu
- Mindy and All...
- Ginnie Lo
- Clarence's iPh...
- HelenChang
- Fontana Family
- Amy Wang
- Mabel Liang
- Kirk Hughes
- Mark Chow
- Amy Nielsen
- Vivian Yang
- perrywhitted
- Tina Tchen
- anna
- Elysa Chao

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- Participants (57)
- Polls
- Chat (1)
- Share Screen
- Pause/Stop Recording
- Reactions
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AsAmNews Article

Virtual CFC 2020

- <https://asamnews.com/2020/08/04/camp-now-in-its-sixth-decade-draws-chinese-families-in-the-midwest-closer-to-their-heritage/> -

2021 VIRTUAL CFC

Xtreme Trivia Night

Zoom Meeting

Recording

View

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Clarence Chen

Lawrence Wang

Ginnie Lo

Lynn Ann Kriser

Joseph Lee

Elysa Chao & Vic...

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Elizabeth Lu

Zaelyn

Dorothy Chao

Wang, Claudia

Eric Dyken

Mason Lee

Fontanas

Veyan's iPad

Sasha Vanley

Jason Chao & Be...

Judy L.

Wongos+ (Natali...

Tracey Jen

Warren Wong

Gina Caffarelli

JENNIFER DYKEN

Pauline

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CFC
2022→FUTURE
CEDAR LAKE
MINISTRIES

Cedar Lake, IN

CEDAR LAKE MINISTRIES



CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT

“The Midwest Chinese Family Camp unites a multi-generational community of extended Chinese & Chinese-American families for a week of fun & recreation in a modern lakeside retreat setting. We socialize, celebrate our culture & heritage, & learn from each other about being Chinese in America. Since 1958, our annual gatherings continually create and sustain deep & lifelong friendships that are truly priceless”

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CFC

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RESOURCES

- LAURA CHEN
- JANE CHU PREY
- GINGER YANG
- TINA TCHEN
- DAVID CHEN
- PUWEN LEE
- CLARENCE CHEN
- LILLIAN CHEN
BYERLEY

RESOURCES

- THE FIRST YEAR OF CHINESE CAMP
 - BY JEANNE CHEN
 - LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE
- THE FIRST TEN YEARS 1959-68
 - PAMPHLET BY THE FAMILY CAMP COUNCIL OF THE MIDWEST C.S.A.S.
 - EDITED BY ELSIE LEE

RESOURCES

- **NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDWEST CSAS**
 - MAY 1958
 - OCTOBER 1958
 - OCTOBER 1959