

## Meet Board Member Allen Yang!



**Name?** Allen Yang

**Board Position?** Secretary, Information Technology, Senior Camper

### What Do You Do for the Board?

- **Secretary:**
  - Save all written documentation about CFC (board meetings, legal filings, letters, photos/videos)
  - Communications
- **Information Technology:**
  - Website content updates
  - Evaluate various cool technologies for Camp use – Zoom, Yogile, Youtube, etc
- **Senior Camper**
  - Keep the Camp spirit in mind when the board discusses issues and ideas
  - Try not to take things too seriously

## **Why Are You On the Board?**

I was the founding board president when CFC was reformed as a 501c3 non-profit org back in 2007 (with a major assist from Tina Tchen and some pro-bono legal work from her staff), and have served on the board since then. Wow, 15 years. I stepped down as president in 2014 and wrote up my thoughts about that in a hard to find blog post on the CFC website (<https://chinesefamilycamp.org/allen-stepping-down-as-president-of-cfc-inc/>) and it has worked out great! I love CFC and everything about it, including planning/organizing/running and thinking of ways to keep it fresh and fun. Board members are all bringing their best ideas and enthusiasm to make Camp great, year after year.

## **What have you learned about CFC during your involvement?**

Our first live Camp at Cedar Lake, as well as the two Virtual Camp Sessions in 2020 and 2021 clearly showed me that Camp WILL NOT BE STOPPED! This year we had power outages on Saturday AND Sunday morning, and we kept moving and making it happen. We even held a CFC Board Meeting using flashlights and head lamps. Everyone just deals with what comes up and issues just dissolve before the combined might of dozens of campers who want to keep the fun going!

## **Favorite Story or Memory about Camp?**

Being involved with the Wawasee Blues Band over the years has been a total HOOT! We have just enough musician chops between Mark, Eric, Steve, and whoever shows up that we can actually do some of the traditional Chinese bluesongs/lyrics, as well as research the original imperial lyrics for a variety of tunes known to the west. This year's rendition of "[Yesterday](#)" aka "[CFC](#)" with violin and cello back up was superb!

## **What's Next for You at Camp?**

Getting Cedar Lake up to CFC standards will be a project over the next couple years. And then there's a few terabytes of photos, videos, and other materials collected over the last 60+ years to organize – help!