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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of the Chinese Family Camp Newsletter! This is a way to stay in touch and keep that Camp spirit alive through the year. We invite anyone to share information and updates here. We will publish this every 2 months. To submit information or make suggestions, please contact Deb Lin-Dyken, editor, at deborah-lin-dyken@uiowa.edu or text to 319 321-7288. Please include photos – we want to see you!



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this over to in-person camp this year, so if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to lead a session, please contact Director Lawrence. Another tradition we started during the pandemic was a yearly CFC snail mail mascot who visits campers at home. This year keep an eye out for Tony the Tiger, who might grace your mailbox to let you know that it's a grrrrreat, grrrrreat camp! See you in July! ~Elysa
president@chinesefamilycamp.org

Greetings from the President



I hope you're as excited as I am for our return to in-person Chinese Family Camp at Cedar Lake! I can't wait to give some hugs, run a three-legged race, and kayak around a lake. While we weren't able to do those things together during the last two years, the spirit of camp didn't miss a beat. Our first virtual Chinese Family Camp in 2020 was a huge leap of faith, and it turned out even better than any of us could have imagined. Not only were we able to continue many of our camp traditions, but we also started a few new ones and got to see faces we haven't seen in a long time! One of the new traditions that was a big hit during VCFC was adult heritage. We plan to carry



From Camp Director

Excitement is growing as the CFC Planning Committee continues to organize our first in-person camp since 2019! CFC 2022 will start with an afternoon check-in and dinner on Sunday July 17th followed by a week full of various activities and end with breakfast on Sunday July 24th. The group email sent to everyone on January 9th has this link to the Cedar Lake Ministries site and a link to some of their on-site [activities](#). Another group email sent out February 16th has links to our Registration Information Packet, CFC Website and email addresses for the CFC Director/Registrar (me) and CFC President (Elysa).
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yLU90Mp_xExGQiKL2nqBU_SD_4y8X95M0cPSMzCH7QU/ I am looking so forward to reconnecting with lifelong CFC friends but also meeting all of you who have never been to CFC but



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participated in our virtual camps in 2020 and/or 2021. We will be in touch with more updates! Please register and we'll see you in July!
~Lawrence registrar@chinesefamilycamp.org

CFC 2022- July 17 - 24, at Cedar Lake!

Announcements



Update on Qiuhu Louie:

After a challenging year that included completing the EMT certification course at Durham Tech while finishing her senior year in the midst of a global pandemic, Qiuhu is excited to head to Appalachian State in Boone, NC to study Psychology and Exercise Science. Congratulations, Qiuhu!



Jennifer Dyken will graduate with her MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 14, 2022. She has accepted a position in the Commercial Leadership Development program in Marketing and Sales with AstraZeneca, and will start in Wilmington, DE on July 11. Congratulations, Jennifer!



Mark Dyken was awarded his MPH in Epidemiology in August, 2021 from the University of Iowa. He has been accepted to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. He was also selected for early enrollment, starting medical school on June 13. Congratulations, Mark!

Camper Profile – Tracey Jen



Tracey Jen is an independent artist whose paintings revolve around her Asian-American identity, and taking viewers on an adventure to visit fantastical worlds. She sells original artwork, art prints, and fashion. She also takes on custom art projects for digital illustrations, coloring pages, posters, felt work, photography, graphic design, paintings, murals, etc. If you have an idea where you need an artist, she would be happy to discuss it with you. She also teaches private online art lessons for children/adults. For



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From the Board:



Board Meeting

anyone who is interested, please send inquiries to her email: traceyjen.art@gmail.com

Please be free to pass on her website www.traceyjen.com and email to your friends. Your referrals are greatly appreciated. Below is a 20% off Fashion coupon for all of her Camp Family to enjoy, as well as her "Chinese Tea Dance" illustration.

Interested in what your Board of Directors do? Considering joining? This is the place to find out more! This Google doc <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dE26a7X6W1rLCUpqv0X-WtlyFDA4WykAIJ7Bzi5Rgms/edit#> has the link to several of the CFC Meeting recordings.

Zoom link to CFC Board of Directors meetings: <https://zoom.us/j/7086696556>

Next meeting is 4/17/2022, 8 pm EST/7 pm CST/6 pm MT/5 pm PST.

Wearable Art by
Tracey Jen

Chinese Family Camp Coupon

20% OFF All Preorders
+Free Shipping

To preorder, please contact Tracey by email with your request: traceyjen.art@gmail.com

*Shop at www.legaleriste.com/traceyjen

Check out how the clothing looks on models on Tracey's Instagram: [traceyjen.art](https://www.instagram.com/traceyjen.art)



Newsletter

Next edition will be published early May. PLEASE send information, announcements, updates, news, birthdays, recipes, etc to deborah-lin-dyken@uiowa.edu !!

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In Memoriam



Former camp director **Raymond Lin** passed away on 8/8/2021, his 93rd birthday. A native of Shanghai, he was a civil engineer for a private firm in Louisville, KY. His wife, **Helen Lin**, also of Shanghai, passed away on 10/30/2021, at the age of 98. They attended camp regularly in the 70's through the 80's, and more recently in the 00's. They were the parents of campers Debbie Lin-Dyken and Pattie Nash, and grandparents of Jennifer, Mark, Christina, Victor and Wesley.

[Raymond Lin Obituary - New Albany, IN \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#)

[Helen Lin Obituary - New Albany, IN \(dignitymemorial.com\)](#)



Zelin Xu, father of Jessie Xu, passed away on 02/20/22. He and his wife attended CFC in 2006 with their daughter Jessie and her husband Cris Poor and sons Brian Poor and Kenny Poor.

[Obituary | Zelin Xu of Mount Kisco, New York | Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home, Inc. \(cassidyflynnfuneralhome.com\)](#)



Maribeth Cox, 22, passed away on 11/4/2021, after she was struck by a car while crossing the street on her way to class at Marshall University in West Virginia. She and her family were campers in 2019 in person and virtually in 2020 and 2021.

[Maribeth Mali Cox Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(hensonandkitchen.com\)](#)



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In Memoriam (continued)



The Hon. Norris Wang
(Online File Photo)

The Hon. **Norris K. Wang**, 65, retired Magistrate Judge and Elected City Councilman (District 6) in West Lafayette, Indiana, of West Lafayette, Indiana, (and in the Chicago area, Co-Founder of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area 1987-1988) passed away on 1/7/2021, in Lafayette, Indiana, from complications due to cardiac arrest. He last attended CFC in 2008 at our 50th Anniversary celebration at Oakwood Park.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/jconline/name/norris-wang-obituary?id=7699329>



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Recipe Corner



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Chop mushrooms and chestnuts to 1/3 cm. pieces. Add ingredients in a large bowl and mix thoroughly. Enjoy the heavenly aroma of this filling mixture! Put a wrapper in the palm of your hand, place 1 tsp. of the filling in the middle of the wrapper and use a finger to dab water along the outside circumference of the wrapper. Fold the wrapper in half and press, so that the opposite edges stick together. The edges may be fluted 3-4 times. After all the wrappers are filled, pour enough vegetable oil into the skillet to cover the surface. Under medium heat, pack the filled wrappers into the skillet in a circular pattern. The skillet should be large enough to hold all 50-60 wrappers. After ~20 minutes, the bottom of the dumplings should be turning brown. Add 1/3 cup water and cover the skillet. Cook until the water has evaporated (~15 minutes).

Uncle Joe Lee's Jiao Tze Recipe

1 1/4 lbs. Ground pork
6 medium dried mushrooms, soaked
1/3 cup chopped green onions
2 eggs
6 oz. can diced water chestnuts
2 Tbsp. minced garlic
3 Tbsp. soy sauce
4 tsp. sesame oil
1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. Accent
1/4 tsp. Black pepper
1 package potsticker wrappers, appx. 50
Small bowl of water
Large non-stick skillet
Vegetable oil

Use a spatula to transfer the dumplings onto a plate covered with a paper towel (to capture the oil). Time for a tasty treat!

Potsticker Sauce

1/3 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup vinegar
1 tsp. Sesame oil
1/4 tsp. Black pepper
1/2 tsp. Ground mustard
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder