

2023 | FALL NEWSLETTER

2023 has been a beautiful year so far! Here are our impact numbers YTD.



338

Participants

32 & 4

States & Countries

10

Events



After an incredible summer season of Cultural Camps, Adopteen, and a (first in 3.5 years!) Heritage Tour that let us spend time with so many friends, old and new, we're ready for a jam-packed fall quarter filled with new classes and workshops for all to join!



Fall News & Updates

JCCS Classes are Back in Session

Joyous Chinese Cultural School has started its 2023-2024 school year! Our fantastic students, new and old, are ready for a new year of cultural learning and new connections. Whether it's Chinese language studies or traditional dance classes, our Joyous Chinese Cultural School is the happiest place on earth every Saturday morning.

If you haven't yet registered for JCCS classes this year, there is still time! Don't miss out on precious opportunities to connect with our JCCS community, where celebrating cultural roots within the adoption community is our mission and passion!



TBRI Training



Trust-Based Relational Intervention Caregiver Training

Our Fall 2023 TBRI Caregiver Training Series is underway and we are so happy to meet so many wonderful parents working to connect and build stronger, healthier, and trust-based bonds within their families! This 8-week, 16-hour course is a precious resource for parents and children, old and new. Our Fall group will be working to support difficult real-life situations through trauma-informed, intentional, scenario-based discussions and exercises with Moya Smith, LCSW, adoptive mom, TBRI® Practitioner and Theraplay®-informed professional who specializes in children, adolescent, and family work.

Sponsored by [Lifesong for Orphans](#).



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AdopTween is Back!

AdopTween is back for a new year of friendship and connection!

AdopTween is The Park's dedicated pre-teen program, focused on providing vital mentorship and community for adoptees, ages 8-12, with purposeful hangouts led by teen and young adult adoptee mentors (ages 15+). Our AdopTween activities explore themes that often color pre-teen years such as making good friends, facing your fears, building self-esteem, encouraging self-expression, and celebrating your multicultural family.

For the 2023-2024 year, our AdopTween Colorado hangouts will explore the themes of Community, Family, Identity, and Growth, while our Virtual AdopTween hangouts will approach themes of Family Traditions, Self-Confidence, and Adoption Understanding.



Become an AdopTween Mentor!

We are looking for Mentors to join our AdopTween 2023-2024 team! If you are interested in adoptee mentorship and leadership, please consider [applying to AdopTween](#) and we would love for you to join our amazing team!

China Grand Heritage Tour – Winter 2023

Booking is still open for our 2023 Winter Heritage Tour! Booking deadline is OCTOBER 20TH, so make sure to book soon!

Our 2023 Summer Heritage Tour was a resounding success and we are still giddy to be able to offer these incredible trips once again, after 3.5 years of waiting!

The crowd-favorite [Grand Heritage Tours](#) let you experience China's most renowned world heritage sites in its most famous cities. Visit the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'An, the Giant Panda Reserve in Chongqing, and the Li River in Guilin, while immersing in unique cultural experiences for an unforgettable panoramic view of China's breathtaking past and present.

Don't forget to sign up for the **Travel Prep: Chinese Language 101** class before your trip, learn some basic Chinese language in a class specifically designed to prepare people for travel to China!

For those budgeting for a future Heritage Tour, our 2024 tours will open for booking as soon as bookings for our [Winter 2023 Heritage Tour](#) closes.



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The Park is excited to add Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday community workshops and classes to expand our community engagement opportunities! Please reach out to us with any questions or if you would like to learn more about our community center.



RSVP

Community Mahjong Nights

Every 1st Thursday
Next: October 5th
6:00pm-8:00pm

Come learn how to play China's favorite board game! Great, casual fun for the whole family.

REGISTER NOW!



The Art of Calligraphy

Thursdays 6:00pm -7:30pm
10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

Discover the beautiful art of Chinese Calligraphy in this beginner-friendly, 6-class course with expert calligrapher Harber Zhang.

REGISTER NOW!



Lion Dance Club

Saturdays 1:30pm- 2:45pm
10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2/3, 2/9

Traditional lion dance is performed on big occasions and is believed to bring good fortune. JCCS Lion Dance Club students will get to perform at all major JCCS events!

REGISTER NOW!



Chinese Cooking

Saturdays: 1:00PM - 3:00PM (PT)
4:00PM - 6:00PM (ET)
10/21, 10/28, 11/11, 11/18,
12/2, 12/9

We are excited to bring back our popular Chinese Cooking class! This course will walk you through how to cook some of our favorite traditional Chinese dishes. Follow along with a different chef each week in Live virtual class. This course can be taken as a complete series or à la carte.

REGISTER NOW!



In Person AdopTween Hangout

Saturday October 28th
1:00pm -4:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of fall celebration and fun activities as we "Kick-off" our AdopTween 2023-2024 year! The whole family is welcome at this event!
You can register for our AdopTween hangouts as a complete set or one at a time.



Travel Prep: Chinese Language 101

Tuesdays: 5:00PM - 6:30PM (PT)
7:00PM - 8:30PM (ET)
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Join us for a 6 class online course designed to help you learn some basic language skill for travel.

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2nd Annual Chili Cook off

Saturday November 4th
1:00pm-3:00pm

Our favorite and tastiest fundraiser is back for a 2nd year and we cannot wait to try the new submissions!



Sewing Workshop: Tshirt Quilt

Tuesdays 6:00pm -7:30pm

11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5

We are going to show you how to turn your pile of sentimental Tshirts into a quilt made of memories for you or a loved one.



Virtual AdopTween Hangout

Saturday October 28th

12:00pm-2:00pm (PT)

3:00pm- 5:00pm (ET)

We'll be kicking off Virtual AdopTween session with a fun exploration of family traditions in the form of creating your own pie recipe that you can bake every year from now on!



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