Program
Day 1: Greetings & introduction
Day 2: Family and profession
Day 3: Hobbies
Day 4: Shopping
Day 5: Money, colors, numbers
Day 6: Food and eating in a Chinese restaurant
Day 7: Physical description: Body parts
Day 8: Education in China
Day 9: Field trip
Day 10: Travel to China I
Day 11: Travel to China II
Day 12: Chinese games
Day 13: Sports and track and field
Day 14: Review
Day 15: Graduation ceremony
Activities: Dragon dance, Chinese traditional dances, Chinese games, paper folding and cutting, and more.

STARTALK was launched in January of 2006 as a component of the National Security Language Initiative. The initiative seeks to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not widely taught in the United States.
Program Information

When: July 8 -22, 2012
Cost: Free. (Tuition, three meals each day, accommodation, instructional materials and field trip will be covered by the STARTALK grant.)
Where: Troy University Troy Campus

Startalk is designed as a two-week residential camp program for high school students. The camp offers students the opportunity to learn the basic Chinese language and Chinese culture in a relaxing and welcoming, secure environment.

Chinese Language Classes at Troy University

The program boasts a living-learning setting. All evening activities are monitored and supervised by resident advisors who reside in the residential dormitories with students. We hope that through this summer camp, high school students will see the value and fun of learning and exploring the language and culture beyond a structured classroom setting and will eventually become life-long learners of Chinese language.

Level I

Students with no prior knowledge of Chinese or with less than one year of Chinese language study in high school. This session is intended for beginning language learners, and in addition to language lessons, it will include arts and crafts, games, singing, dancing, and other cultural activities.

Level II

Students who have taken Chinese for one or two years will focus on developing and increasing refined listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. This session is in addition to language lessons, and will also include arts and crafts, games, singing, dancing, and other cultural activities.

What you will learn?

- Students will receive an introduction to modern Chinese language and culture.
- Students will reside on the Troy campus of Troy University while attending the program.