

# About inMountains School 2023 Summer Camp USA

Dear Sir/Madam,



My name is Julian Luo, I am the owner and leading teacher of the inMountains School in Changsha. inMountains is a small private school located in the of Jinjing, Changsha, Hunan. We help two groups of students:

1) Over time, more and more Chinese students have become depressed and suicidal; many of them have to stay at home and refuse to go to school. We help them by taking them hiking and biking in the countryside. 2) In summer and winter vacations, we organize larger groups of hikers and bikers from schools and move from one city to another.

This year, we will try this kind of adventure in the USA.

I used to work between America and China as an agent, recruiting top architects/designers to design high end gated communities and resorts, and guiding them as they work with Chinese developers.

In about 2013, that market began to cool down so I decided to build a country inn in my hometown, and thus developed the summer camp concept, and then began to worry about those children who could not find a school due to having Asperger's Syndrome or ADHD, and I decided to do something for them.

This inMountains School Summer Camp 2023 USA is a **non-profit tour**.



## Q & A

### **Why doesn't your group just join an American summer camp?**

A: Because we want to see more of the USA, and not just play with local kids in the mountains.

### **Why are there so many parents joining this summer camp?**

A: Because for most of the Chinese students, taking such a long distance cross-city tour is a huge challenge; having a parent beside a student will provide great safety assurance and give the students more confidence. Also, many of the parents themselves want to see a different part of the USA, instead of joining a typical commercial tour. We can provide opportunities to explore parts of the USA that typical tour groups would never see.

### **How can you handle such a large group for hiking and moving around in six states as most of you do not speak English?**

A: We have Mr. & Mrs. Hyatt from Arkansas to help the group for the entire month. They are both retired. Mr. Hyatt has been a volunteer at inMountains School Summer & Winter Camps twice, in Jinjing near Changsha. There might be other local volunteers helping us all the way once we began to work on that after the visa application phase. Mr. Hyatt has visited China for times and speaks enough Chinese to travel independently in China. They have taken several Chinese college students and friends on cross-country trips in the USA several times and are more familiar with Chinese culture than some Americans.

### **How can inMountains School make sure the families will return to China after the summer camp?**

A: This is a non-profit tour; inMountains School does not need to recruit as many students and family members as possible in order to make a profit; we have carefully selected the families.

### **Have you organized this type of tour outside of China?**

A: No. But a similar tour to Nepal will start in two weeks at the end of May. However, many of the students will be those who are rejected by traditional schools; they are not similar to those in this USA summer camp.



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