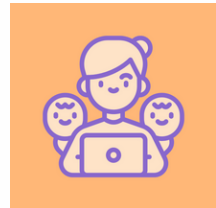


# Taiwan Summer Camp Planning 101



by Bilingual Working Mom Grace



# A little bit about me

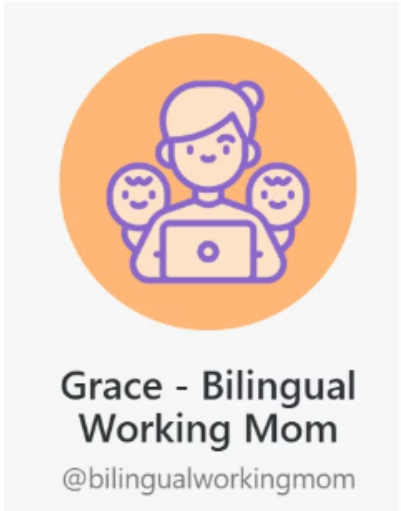
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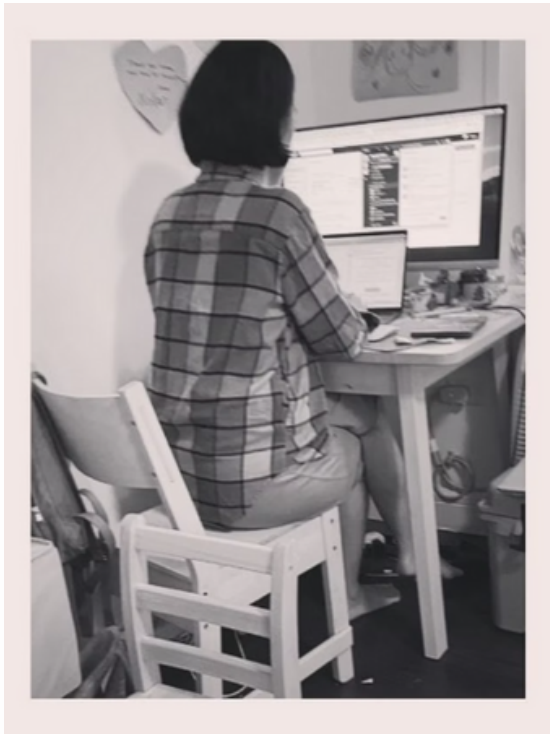
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Blogger/columnist



Full time professional





## Language Growth:

- Short trips alone won't lead to major Mandarin gains, especially for kids with little exposure at home / in their home country or those who default to communication in English.
- Meaningful connections with local peers and fluency in Mandarin speaking take time—multiple visits and consistent study in the home country are key to long-term progress.

## The True Value of the Trip:

- **Planting Seeds:** Introduce children to an environment where Mandarin is the primary language, sparking curiosity and creating positive associations with the language.
- **Cultural Inspiration:** Taiwan's rich culture, delicious food, convenience, and fun activities leave lasting memories, motivating kids to explore more in the future.

# Setting Realistic Expectations for a Taiwan Summer Camp Trip

# Types of Summer Camps

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Language camps from local providers	Mandarin language focus camps that are provided by different Taiwan universities.
Language & culture camps from Mandarin online schools	Mandarin language & culture camps organized by Taiwanese-run online Mandarin learning schools.
Language & culture camps from English-speaking providers	Camps organized by native English-speaking providers.
Local Taiwanese camps	Camps that are designed for and offered to local Taiwanese families.



# Language camps from local providers

National Taiwan Normal University  
MTC Summer Camp :  
Taipei, Ages 7~17

National Taiwan Normal University  
Little Master Mandarin Camp :  
Taipei, Ages 6~12

Chinese Culture University\_MLC  
Mandarin Summer Camp:  
Taipei, Ages 7~13

National Taipei University of Education  
Mandarin Summer Camp:  
Taipei, Ages 6~15

National Taichung University of  
Education Children's Chinese  
Language Summer Camp:  
Taichung, Ages 7-12

National Kaohsiung Normal University  
Mandarin Summer Camp for Kids &  
Youths :  
Kaohsiung, Ages 6~17

Mandarin Daily News:  
Taipei, Ages 6~15

# Language & Culture Camps from Mandarin Online Schools

YiXin Chinese School:  
Taipei, Ages 4.5~13

ShihYu Mandarin:  
Taipei, Ages 5~12

Tenten Kid:  
East coast of Taiwan,  
overnight week-long camp,  
Ages 7~12

# Language & Culture Camps by English-Speaking Providers

Fun Taiwan Summer Camp:  
Taipei, Ages 6~12

Sky Kids:  
Taipei, Ages 7~12



# Local Taiwanese camps

## Arts/General camp

- [藝起做 Art Together](#)
- [大墩陽光](#)
- [Taipei Kids Academy](#)
- [救國團](#)

## Science/STEM camp

- [Pic a Life 玩轉天賦寶盒](#)
- [Win Win 打包勝利](#)

## Sports Camp

- Sports Center 運動中心 in Taipei/New Taipei District Ex: [大安運動中心](#), [士林運動中心](#)
- [童樂趣 Kid.Fun.Fit](#)

## Nature Camp

- [Eye 上大自然](#)
- [人本生活](#)
- [台灣昆蟲館](#)

## Overnight camp

- [峯云夏令營冬令營親子營](#)
- [台灣森林冒險學校](#)
- [YWCA](#)

## Other

- [玩玩移動教室](#)
- [Meet Up Formosa 遇上福爾摩沙](#)
- [知行學旅X史汀實驗室](#)
- [人人創學](#)

# Camps with special accommodation

## Local camps that take overseas credit cards for registration

- [童樂趣 Kid.Fun.Fit](#)
- [Eye 上大自然](#)
- Some language camps

## Camps available in June/Dec

- [童樂趣 Kid.Fun.Fit](#)
- [小小林圍棋菁英班](#)
- Most language camps

## Teen Camps (middle/high school)

- [National Taiwan Normal University MTC Summer Camp](#) (up to 17)
- [National Kaohsiung Normal University Mandarin Summer Camp for Kids & Youths](#) (up to 17)
- [Mandarin Daily News](#) (up to 15)
- [Meet Up Formosa](#) (up to 17)
- [台灣森林冒險學校](#) (up to 15)
- [Taiwan Youth Leadership](#) (up to 18)
- [Amazing Formosa Mandarin Study Tour](#) (up to 24)

## Preschool Camps

- [Ms. Lam Montessori School](#) (2-6)
- [童樂趣 Kid.Fun.Fit](#) (3.5 and up)
- [Eye 上大自然](#) (4 and up)
- [藝起做 Art Together](#) (4 and up)
- [Taipei Kids Academy](#) (3 and up)



# Planning Timeline



# Accommodations -

## Ideally walking distance to camp or within 30 minutes by bus/MRT ride

### Hotel

- You can use points to book hotels
- Check the google reviews but take them with a grain of salt
- Hotel front desk is very helpful for anything you need during the trip

### Airbnb

- Technically it's not legal for airbnb to operate unless you stay more than 30 day. (It's more risky for the hosts than guests)
- Go with superhosts and read reviews

### Long stay (more than a month)

- Service hotel
  - [恬居 ZUKER Elite Apartment](#)
  - [安捷國際公寓](#)
- Short term rental
  - [逸台北 Inn Apartment](#)
- [Homestay](#)



# Things to consider

## Allergies

- Bring your own food/lunch
- For meals, consider hot pot (bring your own sauce, use hot water as the base) or sushi restaurants.

## Use LINE to communicate

- Almost all camp providers use LINE to communicate with parents.
- Email is not widely used in Taiwan. They sometimes will call Email "Mail".

## Be a proactive communicator

- If you're missing camp details, contact them via LINE or call using Skype (a one-month plan works for Taiwan calls).

## Nap time

- If your kids cannot nap during the camp's nap time, bring a book or craft for your kids to do.

## Jet lag

- Kids may handle day camp fine but often crash by 5–7 PM, making dinner plans tough. Expect about a week to adjust to jet lag.

## Hot weather

- No magic fix—stopping at convenience stores every 30 minutes helps. With AC everywhere, just avoid too much outdoor walking.

# Things to consider

## Teacher/Student Ratio

- Some more popular camps may have one counselor taking care of more than 10 kids. Some camps advertise the ratio to be 1 counselor/teacher to 4~5 kids.

## Camp session cancellation

- Some camps only run sessions if they meet a minimum enrollment. If not enough students sign up, the session may be canceled.

## Lunch

- Lunch isn't always included—some camps cover it in tuition, others offer it as an add-on, and some require you to bring your own bowl and utensils.

## Typhoon

- Summer is peak typhoon season. Camps follow government guidelines to decide whether to cancel a session due to weather.

## Field trips

- Field trips may get cancelled due to weather condition.

# Flights/Transfers

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## 3 Taiwanese airlines:

- China Airlines (possible seat fee \$55+)
- EVA Air (possible seat fee \$55+)
- Starlux (possible seat fee )

We had a good experience transferring in Seoul (Korean Air) & Japan (United Airlines).  
Layover for 2~5 hrs at the airports.

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## 2 main airports

- TPE - Taoyuan airport (40 mins~1.5 hrs to city center)
- TSA - Songshan airport (in Taipei city)



	主題 時間	動物大觀園	古生物巡禮	侏羅紀 的秘密	動物的 生存法則	走進植物園	前進動物園	
	8:45-9:00	報到/晨間時光						
	每日亮點	活體觀察	活體觀察	實際走訪	活體觀察	實際走訪 趣味手作	實際走訪	
	09:40-09:50 喝水/廁所/ 伸展操	9:00-10:20	寶可夢與 動物的關聯	細菌到恐龍 古生物還原	博物館探訪 土銀博物館	動物偽裝術 生物色彩學	野外大冒險 叢林觀察	動物園 深度導覽
	11:10-11:20 喝水/廁所/ 護眼操	10:30-12:00	哺乳動物世界 六足世界	現代侏羅紀 恐龍的種類 與演化過程		動物狩獵	木製昆蟲DIY	
	12:00-12:30	僅參加半日營:等候家長接送，參加下午營/申請午間照護者:午休~13:50*						

# Pic a Life 天賦寶盒

寵物嘉賓
戶外走訪
趣味手作

你知道皮卡丘是源自於松鼠嗎？

我是誰 ???

透過寶可夢，引發孩子探索世界的好奇心

寶可夢生物探險營

動物演化大揭密

適合小1-小4

# Prepare for the camp

親愛的家長，您好：

感謝您報名 Pic a Life天賦寶盒 2023夏令營  
我們非常期待能和孩子度過一個快樂、充實、又安全的暑假時光！

## 營隊課前提醒：

2023夏令營課前提醒如下，若有任何疑問，請直接詢問[LINE@客服](#)。

### 1. 煩請於6/1前填寫【營隊保險資料】

營隊期間將委託南山人壽 為孩子投保 國內旅遊平安險，  
為加速申請，煩請於6/1前協助填寫正確、完整的資料，以保障孩子安全權益  
\*本次蒐集的資料，僅供申辦保險業務使用，不會作其他用途\*

👉立即填寫：[營隊保險資料](#)

### 2. 【營隊接送調查:時間/地點/聯絡方式】

🚗如您開車前來(且不下車)，請於接送時段抵達【開車集合點】，由老師統一接送孩子。

\*\*如您臨時須提前或延後接送，請於開課前於營隊LINE 先行通知我們\*\*

\*\*\*如您已申請課後照護，孩子會於教室內等候，請於營隊LINE告知我們欲接送時間\*\*\*



🚇如您搭乘捷運/大眾運輸/步行前來，請參考下圖指示接送。

因場域11am前無對外開放，上午班/全日營請於8:45-9am期間至【龍山寺站內服務中心前】集合，等候老師統一接送至教室。

下午班/全日營下課期間可直接於教室外等候，或一樣至龍山寺站內服務中心前等候接送。

\*\*如您須提前或延後接送，請於開課前於營隊LINE 先行通知我們\*\*

- Fill out basic information for accidental insurance.  
Ask the camp if your kids can still join the insurance if they don't have Taiwan ID.

- Drop off and pick up information



# Prepare for the camp

\*\*\*如您已申請課後照護，孩子會於教室內等候，請於營隊LINE告知我們欲接送時間\*\*\*



### 3. 【需攜帶物品】(適用全營隊)

#### 攜帶物品

請孩童於開課前準備下列物品

1. 個人用品：口罩、水壺、衛生紙、環保筷。
2. 文具用品：鉛筆、原子筆、橡皮擦。
3. 點心餅乾：由於衛生考量，營隊不提供點心餅乾，若有需要，請學員自行攜帶。
4. 上課期間老師將為學童量額溫、消毒、洗手、檢查指甲，請學童自備口罩，並全程配戴。
5. 請提醒學童勿攜帶剪刀、刀片等尖銳危險物品到校

### 4. 【額外需攜帶物品】(適用偵探營) (其他營隊如需額外攜帶物品，將於開課前通知)

如您報名偵探營，

周一-五:請攜帶平板/或手機(具有連wifi功能)(用途:Google AR/全息投影)

周三硬幣(新版)10元、50元、100元紙鈔 (用途:學習真假鈔辨識)

### 5. 【營隊聯絡方式】

\*\*\*開課前，請務必加入營隊LINE，並傳訊息告知家長姓名\*\*\*

☎優先聯絡方式: 營隊LINE: @pzq4083s 任何營隊相關疑難雜症都能詢問喔。

- 如您原定的梯次希望調整時間，或想確認最新開課狀況，亦可直接LINE聯繫。
- 如有特殊緊急事項，可直接聯繫 緊急連絡老師手機。

☎緊急聯絡方式:7月營隊 0972xxxxxx Ariel老師/ 8月營隊 0988xxxxxx Ray老師

- 如老師上課中無及時回復，請於營隊LINE留言，會有其他老師協助處理!
- 如有任何異動，我們會再提前聯繫您。

- Carefully review the items campers need to bring to the camp. Each camp is different. Some even ask to bring bowls for lunch.

- Emergency contact. The preferred method is usually through LINE.



Enjoy the camp!





MU09					
日期 時間	DAY1	DAY2	DAY3	DAY4	DAY5
08:50 09:20	早安/集合報到(三樓籃球場)				
09:30 10:30	新朋友哈囉 (4樓夾層)	魔力 無極限	益智 大集合	彩虹 繽紛樂	戶外 教學 (依 當週 戶外 教學 通知 單為 主)
10:40 11:40	協調練習 繩梯訓練 綜合體能	彈翻床 跳躍練習 滾翻訓練	平衡木 地板動作 單槓擺動	綜合體能 輔助練習 體能競賽	
11:50 13:50	午餐/午休 (四樓夾層教室)				
14:00 15:00	迷你 足球	幼兒 跆拳道	籃球	迷你 足球	
15:10 15:50	點心時間 (四樓夾層教室)				
16:00 17:30	幼兒 律動	小小 羽球王	電影 賞析	小小 羽球王	
17:30 18:00	平安賦歸(公益講座區)				



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# Resources

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[MamaBabyMandarin.com](https://www.mamababymandarin.com)



[Taiwan with kids Archives - Spot of Sunshine](#)



[Taiwan Travel Planning | Facebook](#)

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## Upcoming workshops

1. How to order books from books.com.tw from overseas?
2. How to get a free account at the Taipei public library and get Chinese e-books for free?
3. How to apply for the OCAC program?
4. What books to introduce to your kids when they just start to learn to read?

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