

# Taiwan Summer Camp Planning 101



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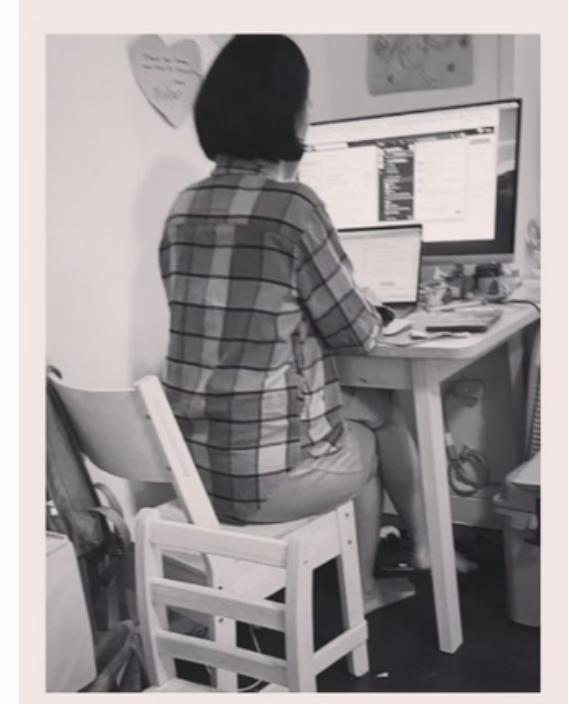


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## Language Growth:

- 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

- [峯雲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 oversea 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.

02

2 main airports

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

| 時間                           | 主題          | 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<br>趣味手作   | 實際走訪          |             |
| 09:40-09:50<br>喝水/廁所/<br>伸展操 | 9:00-10:20  | 寶可夢與<br>動物的關聯                          | 細菌到恐龍<br>古生物還原          | 博物館探訪<br>土銀博物館 | 動物偽裝術<br>生物色彩學 | 野外大冒險<br>叢林觀察 | 動物園<br>深度導覽 |
| 11:10-11:20<br>喝水/廁所/<br>護眼操 | 10:30-12:00 | 哺乳動物世界<br>六足世界                         | 現代侏羅紀<br>恐龍的種類<br>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

# 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！

## ► 营队课前提醒：

2023 夏令营课前提醒如下，若有任何疑问，请直接询问 [LINE@客服](#)。

### 1. 烦请于6/1前填写【营队保险资料】

营队期间将委託南山人壽 為孩子投保 國內旅遊平安險，  
為加速申請，烦请於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\*

👉 立即填写：营队保险资料

### 2. 【营队接送调查：时间/地点/联络方式】

🚗 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)



## 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&二: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\*\*\*

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

戶外教學  
(依當週戶外教學通知單為主)

A parent's 2024 experience



# Resources

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



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



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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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