

HHS Center Family Information

Family ID: SZ20110121YL			
Family member information:			
Name	Age	Occupation	Relation
Fan Xiaotian	55	Director	HD
Yuan Li	42	Playwright	HM
Fan Zhou	20	University student	Daughter
Fan Xingfu	5y		Son
Fan Mingyue	8y		Daughter
Zhang Luxiang	43		Maid
Family Hobbies: Host parents: watching movies, chess and travel, music. Kids: all kinds of sports, play the Guzheng (traditional Chinese instrument). We go to movies, theaters and concerts. We like Chinese folk dance and Latin dance.			
Description of host family's local area:			
Length of Participation(Months):		Earliest start date:	Latest possible start date:
12 months		As soon as possible	04.15.2011
Additional benefits offered: When we have family activities, we would like to take our au pair with us, like travels and visiting friends.			
Expectations for au pair: We mainly want our au pair to take care of our 5-year-old son, to teach him English, to play with him and to take him out. We hope our au pair can help him develop good habits, like tidying his own toys and not making noises and so on. Also we hope our au pair can communicate with all family members both in English and in Chinese. If our au pair can speak other languages except English, it's best our children can learn some. We'd rather our au pair not smoke or drink alcohol in the common places at home. We don't like loud noise when someone is sleeping at home.			
Dear au pair, Thank you for reading my letter and sincerely welcome you to our family to be one of us. We hope you can be a close sister of my son and a good friend of our family. I believe you are sure to bring us not only improvement of our English, but also a different culture. And that's what we would love to give you. We hope you can learn some Chinese and experience and know about the original Chinese culture in our home. In present China, our family can be considered a big family. There are 3 children in our family. Our biggest daughter, Fan Zhou, is now studying Chinese literature in Suzhou University. She is a good student and won the scholarship last year. She is good at Chinese folk dance and Latin dance. She is the leader dancer in her university dancing club. If you are interested in Chinese dancing, you can communicate with her, which is her favorite topic. At the same time, she loves western movies, shopping and dinner outside too. My son, Fan Xingfu, is 5 years old now. He was taken care of by an English speaking Philippine girl since he was two years until last June, when we went to the United States. In this way, his daily communication in English is no problem. Yet however, I found he is forgetting his English after we came back from the United States. But I believe, as long as there is English environment, he will pick up his English again soon. He is now in			

kindergarten, and goes to school at 8 in the morning and comes back home at 4 in the afternoon. His kindergarten is about ten minutes walk and now he takes the school bus. My son is a little impatient, but sensible, so he may require you some more patience. We have another daughter, 8 years old this year. Her name is Fan Mingyue. We took her to our home and brought her up from an orphanage. Her biological parents have been dead, leaving her as an orphan. For the reason of Chinese law, strictly speaking, she still belongs to the orphanage. Now, she lives together with the grandparents and comes back to us one day at weekends. We haven't told her that she is adopted and we don't want anyone else tell her either. We will tell her when she is older.

My husband Fan Xiaotian used to be an executive vice chief editor for a magazine, and now is a director. He is as well a good writer and businessman. He doesn't live together with me and the kids now; but he has a school of television and film arts and a town for filming movies, where you have chances to meet pop movie stars of China. You can go to visit him with the kids. My name is Yuan Li, used to be newspaper editor, now a professional playwright. I work at home and my living habit is flexible. My husband and I are both interested in Chinese history and culture; we have some knowledge about traditional Chinese culture as well. Yet it's a challenge for us to talk about our knowledge in English. Hehe. We are open-minded. When there is any activities, like travels, we welcome you to take part in.

The house we live is rent, and we may move to our new home in the later months this year. The community we live in now is clean, beautiful and same, where a lot of foreigners gather here. The public transportation is very convenient. This place is a reprehensive of the new and fast developing Suzhou city. My parents live in a historical area, which is the original and typical old Suzhou. It's a conservational area where no rebuilding or reconstruction can be done without permission from the government. There, you can see a beautiful old city, with small bridges and houses aside flowing streams.

Suzhou is an old city with a history of 2500 years. A lot of soul-stirring stories of ancient China took place in Suzhou. Suzhou in the Chinese history has been a very distinctive watery city. As an ancient saying goes, there is paradise in heaven, and Su-Hang on earth; here "su" stands for "Suzhou", "Hang" for another city, Hangzhou. There is much of the world cultural heritage, also a lot of historical evidence. When you arrive, I would like to show you around.

We plan to send our kids to America or the whole family moves to the United States when the children have good foundation of Chinese. Now, we would love our son to master English and know about western culture. At the same time all other family member want to improve their English too. If you can come to my home, I hope we can be best friends and our home will be your home in China. I hope you can speak English with us, and of course we will try our best to help you with your Chinese and help you learn about the Chinese culture. My husband and my daughter both major in Chinese literature in university, they can be your best teachers.

Once again, we welcome you to our home with great warmth and honesty. Come and be one of us!

Thanks for your time.

Best wishes,
Yuan Li

Happy Family Photo











