

## Week 4 07/03-07/10

Week four was another week for the students primarily in Wuhan at the China University of Geoscience learning about Chinese culture and language.

07/03/17

Today the students did not start the day with language classes, instead at 8am they met to travel by caravan to the Yellow Crane Tower. They enjoyed a long trek uphill to the tower itself, then an even more enjoyable hike up the tower to look out over Wuhan.



After leaving the Yellow Crane Tower, the student walked 1.5km to the famous Hubei street for lunch. Some students found great fish soup noodles, while others had hot dry noodles, and different drinks from milk tea to mango drinks.

Finally, the students enjoyed a stroll down Hanyang street before heading back to the campus for a rest.

*Students at Yellow Crane Tower. (left to right: Vasilios Tsibanons, Colton Morrow Lynn Nguyen, Julie Monluc, Keyin Scott, Eleanor Dietz, Hannah Bonner, Erica Lucas)*

07/04/17

Today is a national holiday for the American students, the Fourth of July. Which, is the independence day of America.

Resuming morning Chinese language classes, the students studied how to say common everyday activities, i.e. wake up, eat breakfast, watch television. As well as how to order at the many canteens on the CUG campus.

At 2:30 student met back in the classroom to practice the art of calligraphy with acclaimed calligrapher, who taught them the basic elements and the importance of ancient and present day calligraphy.

Tonight being the fourth of July for the students, many set out to fine American barbeque to get a taste of home for the holiday.



*4<sup>th</sup> of July at American Owned Bar and grill.*

07/05/17

Today the students began the day in language class with Laoshi Maio. The objectives of the day's class were family members, asking questions about each students' family and inquiring about the nationality of people in a setting.

After a break, the student met in the public kitchen to learn to make the delicious dish of Chinese dumplings. The dumpling process required the entire groups effort and even some volunteers. Some dumplings contained, pork, carrots, mushrooms, lettuce, ginger, garlicks along with some other spices, while some had egg as their protein substitute.



*Students and teacher in 9am Chinese Language Class with Laoshi Miao.*



*Shasta, with Students and Loashi in the kitchen.*



The students spent the rest of their day resting and doing other activities around campus.



*Students hard at work making dumplings.*



*Shasta getting ready to cook.*

07/06/17

The students regular morning Chinese language classes were replaced with another Chinese Cultural dance class, where they learned a simple traditional dance.



*Student practicing a tradition Fan Dance*



*Students and Laoshi on Hankuo Street*

After their lunch break, the students met up with several volunteers to go site seeing and visit some of Wuhan's more notable areas for shopping. The group visited the Hankuo Bund area and other small trendy shopping street where they found gifts for family and fiends, coffee shops and the latest fashion in Wuhan. The students ended the night by visiting the Yangtze river, which they were planned to cruise down but had to rearrange because of the rivers major flooding.



*Students and Volunteer on Hankuo Street. (left to right: Erica, Alice, Hannah)*



*Students in old Café on Hankuo Street. (left to right: Eleanor, Lynn)*



07/07/17

In the morning the students resumed Chinese language classes and studied how to find your way around a city and also how to ask what something is. The Laoshi also gave great suggestions of places to visit while still in china.

The afternoon cultural class was centered around Chinese festivals and foods, where the students learned the meaning of the important Chinese holidays, and why they eat certain food on that holiday. The laoshi taught the student a numbers game played in china and also a great Karaoke song.

Following the afternoon class, many students played sports, worked out and continued to shop at the near by mall.



*Students water coloring. (left to right:Keyin , Julie, Hannah)*

07/08/17

This morning the students continued their Chinese language class and reviewed “telling time” again. At the end of language class, the students were encouraged to use as many of the topics they learned in the previous days to create dialog with each other

For the Chinese cultural class, the students spent the afternoon learning how recreate a water color painting with a teacher whom had studied painting.

07/09/19

Today was the last day of classes for the students at the China University of Geosciences in Wuhan. In in the morning, the students learned some helpful language to use while shopping.

In the afternoons, some students took a tour of the East Lake Moshan Mountain scenic area. There they saw a Chinese performance



*Student with their paintings.*



*View from Moshan Mountain*

and walked around the park area. After the Moshan Mountain tour, some students went to Optics Valley area for dinner, while others rested at the dorms