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Chinese New Year Workshop

When	Monday, January 19, 2004, 10 am to 2 pm.		
Where	Village Home Forest Room, Kitchen, and Coffee Room		
Cost	**$3 per person 3 and up + $2 donation** per child to compensate **Teen Aids**	*Financial Aid is available for **registered students only** Contact Martha Bianco for assistance at biancom@q7.com or 503-236-7466.*	
Register by	January 12, 2004		
Trip Leader	Martha J. Bianco, Ph.D.	503-236-7466	biancom@q7.com

Come learn all about the science and cultural traditions behind Chinese New Year (also celebrated among many other Asian cultures).

Chinese New Year begins on the first new moon after the winter solstice, so the workshop will kick off with **an astronomy lesson about the lunar cycle** (the basis of most calendars other than our own!).

The Chinese calendar also involves an "astrology" component based on a 12-year cycle. There are 12 different animals associated with each of the years in the cycle. **2004 will be the Year of the Monkey**. We will learn about the 12-year cycle (practicing those math skills!) but we will not emphasize the astrological components other than to talk about the values and qualities associated with each of the animals and to use them in art projects.

Students will learn about many of the **traditions** associated with celebrating Chinese New Year and brainstorm ideas about how to bring these into their own homes (for example, it is traditional for people to do a big housecleaning on New Year's Eve, get their hair cut, and to commit to responsibilities, like doing homework!). We'll talk about the importance of certain symbols, like the color red and the circle.

Of course, there will be **many arts and crafts projects** – we'll make lanterns and paper dragons and even practice a little Chinese calligraphy.

And what is a holiday workshop without food? **Lunch** will consist of homemade vegetarian chow mein (Chinese noodles with veggies) and, for fun (even though they are not traditional), fortune cookies. Dessert will include round fruits and treats, highlighting, again, the importance of the circle.

We'll have a **story** or two and some **traditional music**.

TEEN INVOLVEMENT: The experience of the teen aids at the Winter Wonder Workshop was a great success, but we do need more parents, as well. So, for this event, we are asking for a **contribution of $2 per child** to help us compensate the teen aids, but we are **asking parents to stay with their children or make sure they sign up with another parent designee**.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration: **Confirm** your pre-registration on the **sign-up sheet** in the **Village Home office**, or sign up on a space-available basis by January 12, 2004. Fill out a **parent designee form if necessary** and include it **and any fees owing** in the **Field Trip Registration Envelope**.

Fees: **$3 per person over 3 + $2 donation per child for Teen Aid compensation.**

Emergency contact before/during trip: 503-970-6837.

Your registration is not complete without payment and a completed designee form, if necessary!

Information: Meet at Village Home at **10 am.** on **Jan.19**. If you are registering as a **Teen Aid**, please show up at **9:45 am**.

Teen Aids: Register (and pay) as a regular workshop participant, but indicate that you want to be an Aid. **You must be 11 or older**. Plan on attending a **Prep Session on Monday, Jan. 12, from 1 – 1:30 pm in the VH Teen Room**.

Ahead of time: On the sign-up sheet, please indicate the date of birth for each person attending, so I can calculate (just for fun) their Chinese Animal.

Note: Village Home's regular classes will not be held on Jan. 19 due to Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. This workshop is being held instead.