

Learning Opportunities for Parents and/or Teachers 2009-2010

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Portrait of China Workshop

November 7th, 8:30 – 3:30

Chevron

1400 Smith Street, 50th floor

The World Affairs Council of Houston is offering a full-day workshop on China on Saturday, November 9.

The workshop is designed for World Cultures, World Geography and other social studies teachers. The workshop will cover current issues in China; the recent changes that are taking place in the country, the implications for the US and the world, and a forecast of China's future. Participants will receive a binder and CD of lesson plans, background information, and educational resources.

The workshop has qualified for six hours of G/T credit by TAGT.

Additional information about the workshop can be found at [Portrait of China Registration](#)

Education in Action's 2009-2010 Call for Outstanding Student Nominations

Nominate your outstanding 5th-8th graders to join delegations of distinguished students from across the state of Texas at the Lone Star Leadership Academy, a weeklong, TEKS-based, experimental leadership development program to Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin or Houston/Galveston during spring break and summer. The Lone Star Leadership Academy provides opportunities for students to experience grade level curriculum during visits to significant sites with a focus on leadership throughout.

Participants must be: 5th-8th grade, maintain an 85 or higher average, be active in school and/or community activities and receive an educator recommendation (your nomination) based on demonstrated leadership requirements.

For more information visit: www.educationinaction.org

Nominations may be made online at:

<http://www.educationinaction.org/~eiatx84/educators/nominations.php>

FALL NOMINATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Explore UT: The Biggest open House in Texas

What: "Explore UT: The Biggest Open House in Texas!"

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: The University of Texas at Austin

Who's invited: Students K-12, teachers, and families. Everyone is welcome

Cost: Free, no sign-up for activities. Lunch is not included.

Website: www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut

Students choose from more than 400 learning and enrichment activities.

Here are some of the most popular activities every year:

- Watch robot dogs play soccer,
- Participate in a trial of "Gold E. Locks" with a real judge presiding,
- Assemble a miniature solar-powered car,
- Deliver the TV news in a real TV studio,
- Build a bridge with engineering software,
- March with the Longhorn Band,
- See some of the world's finest Latin American art in the Blanton Art Museum

For additional information, contact: Blangham@austin.utexas.edu

Infant-Toddler Language and Early Literacy Activities: Free and Reproducible

Developed by: Angela Notari-Syverson, Ph.D, and Judy Challoner, M.S. Illustrations: Don Syverson

We have recently added a Vietnamese language version of the On-the-Go parent-child activities.

To download materials go to <http://www.wlearning.com> and click on "On-The-Go." Find "Vietnamese On The Go" on the list of Available Downloads. Click that link and copy the file to your computer or print it out.

These materials include twenty home and community activities for adults and children birth to three that encourage early language and literacy development. They are appropriate for children with disabilities as well as children who are developing typically.

These materials are specifically designed to address the three key skills of 1) language development, 2) sounds and rhythms, and 3) general book and print awareness.

If you have questions, please contact: mmaddox@wlearning.com