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CAL INTERNATIONAL PEN PAL PROGRAM INTRODUCTION (page 1 of 3)

**The Pen Pal Application is Below.
(Please see page 2 for the Application Form.)**

Welcome to the CAL International Pen Pal Program (est. 2006)!

COST: FREE

AGES: 8-18

The CAL (Chinese Adoptee Links) International Pen Pal Exchange Program welcomes participants from around the world. Adoptees & their siblings (ages 8 & up) who would like to make friends from abroad are invited to join.

Connecting Adoptees Around the World

CAL's first pen pal exchange connects adopted Chinese children in Europe to Chinese adoptees in the USA. Pen pals can write to each other via email and regular post. (Australia, Hong Kong, and Canada are in the works!)

CAL Pen Pal Exchange Program Goals

- To connect Chinese children no matter where they live now.
- To create a global community of Chinese adoptees all over the world (including adoptees from Hong Kong, mainland China, & Taiwan/R. of China).
- To promote resiliency & international exchange.

CAL Program Details & Guidelines

This program is completely run by a team of dedicated volunteers. Matches are made by regional Pen Pal Directors (adoptive parents) around the world, and by CAL International founder Jennifer, an adult Chinese adoptee from Laguna Beach, California, and a Ph.D. student at the University of California, Berkeley.

As a courtesy, pen pals are requested to respond to each letter they receive within four weeks. (Pen pals who fail to reply within a month may be asked to leave the program.) After the first 3 snailmail letters are exchanged, pen pals are invited to correspond by email as well.

We ask that all pen pals participate in at least 3 letter exchanges. After this, pen pals are free to continue to write at their own discretion.

Membership to CAL International is required to participate in this program. (This helps us to raise funds to provide this program for free). Please enroll pen pals as CAL members online at: www.ChineseAdopteeLinks.org. Thank you.

Pen pals (or email pals in some cases) will be matched according to age and general interests. Both boys and girls are invited to join. Interviews are recommended. Please email questions to Events@ChineseAdopteeLinks.org.

(Please Keep This Page for Your Records. Thank You.)

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CAL INTERNATIONAL PEN PAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (page 2 of 3)

Please return completed application by mail to:

Jennifer Jue-Steuck, CAL Founder
506 Barrows Hall
Berkeley, California 94720-2570
USA

COST: Free * Please send 2 Self-Addressed Envelopes w/Stamps***
(Stamp donations are welcome from any country! Thank you.)**

Application Deadline: Please See Website for the Current Due Date

Pen Pal's Name:

Birthday:

Birth City, Province/County, Country:

Grade in School:

Email:

Street Address:

City, Province:

Country:

Telephone (please include country code):

What are your hobbies?

Do you have letter writing experience? If so, how many years? How many times do you correspond with friends/relatives per year? Per month?

Please describe your ideal or "dream" pen pal:

Okay to have a male pen pal (if you are a girl, etc.)? Yes / No

Okay to have a pen pal *who is a sibling* of an adoptee? Yes / No

Would you like to become a Big or Little Pen Pal Sister/Brother? Yes / No (Big / Little)

Are you willing to be interviewed by phone or in person, if possible?

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Name(s) of Parents:

Parent(s) Email:

Interested in Becoming a CAL Pen Pal Regional Volunteer?

Parent Notes:

CAL Pen Pal & Parent Agreement

We understand that the CAL Pen Pal Program is *completely run by volunteers in three continents*, and that no one is paid for their services to run this program (including CAL's Directors, Board Members, & Founder).

Successful completion of this form does **not** guarantee a pen pal match (since CAL Pen Pal Volunteers around the world cannot control the number of pen pal applicants at any given time). Interviews are recommended.

We understand that if a pen pal match is found, the match may not be the exact same age *or* live in our first location choice; volunteers will do their very best.

CAL Pen Pals is a special program that requires your special care. (Pen pals who fail to write back within four weeks by snailmail, *or* who fail to abide by the terms of this agreement, may be asked to leave the program.)

We understand that email is also acceptable correspondence **after the first 3 letters are mailed through the post** (very exciting to receive real mail!).

We have enrolled as members of CAL International online through the website.

We agree to all of the terms above. (Please sign & date below. Thank you.)

(Pen Pal Name – Please Print)

(Pen Pal SIGNATURE)

Date

(Parent Name – Please Print)

(Parent SIGNATURE)

Date

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