
October Newsletter

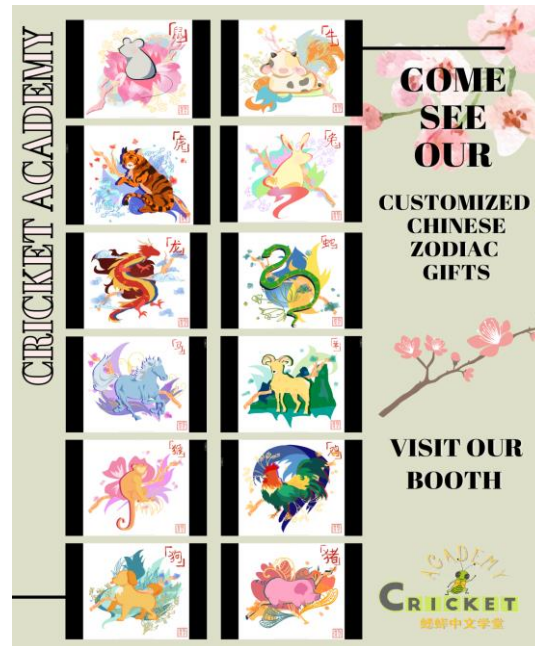
Cricket Academy

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China Lights!

China Lights, the ever-so-popular Chinese lantern festival held annually in the Boerner Botanical Gardens, is in full swing. On October 7th-8th, Cricket Academy, selling zodiac T-Shirts, tote and drawstring bags, balloons, and other trinkets, ran a booth there. Cricket Academy youth that were available volunteered and worked together to raise money for Cricket Academy.



Lanterns are a large part of Chinese culture; so much so that a whole day is dedicated to the hanging of lanterns, aptly called the Lantern festival. Each year, China Lights has a different theme around which its lantern displays are centered. This year, the theme is “Lantern Wonderland”, based on Alice in Wonderland, the famous children’s book by Lewis Carrol.

The lanterns depict Alice's journey into Wonderland and the many wacky and nonsensical events she experiences. At the very end of the experience, there is a gallery of miscellaneous light and lantern displays, like a kaleidoscope, lantern smoke cannon, and pressure-triggered LED displays.



The light displays are not the only thing good about China Lights. Several booths are set up around and, in the premises, offering a taste of Chinese food, drink, or clothing.



In the central pavilion, several youth groups perform different events, like intricate Chinese yo-yo tricks, traditional Chinese dances, and talented balancing acts. To all the performers, thank you for your time and effort! You put on a great show.



As always, a huge thank you to all our youth and adult volunteers! Without you, Cricket Academy would not get the chances to do things at events like this. Your help is always appreciated.



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