

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Cricket Editing Team

EVENT OF THE MONTH:

Milwaukee Dragon Boat Festival

The Milwaukee Dragon Boat Race holds immense significance, not just as a sporting event, but as a cultural and community celebration. Its origins can be traced back to the ancient Chinese, where dragon boat racing was a practice believed to ward off evil spirits and bring prosperity. In modern times, the event has transcended cultural boundaries and has become a symbol of unity, and a token of China's vibrant culture.



The shores of Milwaukee's lakefront were alive with excitement as the annual Dragon Boat Race took center stage. Cricket Academy's dragon boat racing team was trembling in anticipation, as we did stretches and prepared for the race to begin. There would be 3 total races to determine the final rankings.

The day went by quickly, and we soon found ourselves finished the competition. It was tiring and challenging for sure. We occasionally lost cadence but stayed together and powered through the struggle. Lots of us were racing for the first time, and we had only one practice session, making this extra difficult. In the end, after long hours of fight and passion, we clawed our way to a 4th place finish, vastly surpassing all of our expectations.

To summarize, Cricket Academy had a splendid time dragon boat racing. The event truly symbolizes an amazing blend of culture, collaboration, and inclusivity, as people from all sorts of backgrounds came to participate. We thank the Milwaukee Chinese Community Center for hosting such a wonderful experience, and we hope to be back next year.

Article written by: Alan Xie

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August Updates

August was an extremely eventful month full of fun opportunities and memories for Cricket Chinese Academy. With the new school year approaching fast, we made the most out of this month with many fun meetings and events, the most notable being the 2023 Milwaukee Dragon Boat Festival. Our volunteers gathered on August 12th, 2023, representing Cricket through delightful Dragon Boat racing, selling delicious cultural cuisines such as mango boba and rice cakes, and leaving an impact on our community through heat transfer merchandise!

Cricket did better than ever this year, as our times and teamwork have drastically improved, all while having fun and connecting with those in our community and Academy. Our food tents were a total hit, raising lots of money for the community by selling strawberry matcha drinks and more cultural cuisine. Through many games and craft activities, the people of Milwaukee were able to immerse and expose themselves to Chinese culture by learning the use of chopsticks, making mini dragon boats, learning and writing Chinese calligraphy, and even learning about their Chinese zodiac sign!

Overall, August was a huge success. With school coming up soon, we hope to still remain as close as ever in each other's hearts, even if we'll be busier than ever. Our team has been planning many new events that are bound to be a significant success. Stay tuned!

Article written by: Lari Li

New in 2023-2024!

Cricket After School Program

Supplemental programs are different from the regular Sunday program

8-week program per semester

Whitefish Bay School District

Tuesday starting from **Sep. 26, 2023**

Thursday starting from **Sep. 28, 2023**

Brookfield District

Thursday starting from **Sep. 28, 2023**



On August 17th, Cricket Academy members hosted a “back to school” event at the Betty Brinn Children’s Museum. The volunteers passed out Cricket flyers and gave families bright red Chinese rope tassels. This was such a fun experience for Cricket to advocate about the school and interact with future Cricket Academy students. Thank you Betty Brinn for giving us the space for another wonderful event. Written by: Jenny

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WHO ARE WE?

"As part of Milwaukee Chinese Community Center, a non-profit organization serving Southeast Wisconsin communities, Cricket Chinese Academy welcomes families from different backgrounds.

We focus on providing Non-Chinese heritage families an opportunity to connect with Chinese culture through language programs and festive cultural activities throughout the year."

Chinese Culture & Language Learning
Reach the Life Possibility
Inspire the Curiosity
Community to Connect
Knowledge enable Appreciation
Empower to Communicate
Tenacity to be Excellent

2023-2024 Registration

DISCOUNT OPTIONS for 2023-2024 Tuition:

\$20 per family with early Registration/payment (by Aug 31st 2023)

\$20 per NEW referral family enrolled (and tuition paid)

\$20 per family with additional students enrolled

\$20 per family for committed parent volunteer (commitment to helping out 10+ sessions in school year)

50% off per parent registering for the adult session (new discount in 2023 – 2024)

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 YEAR IS OPEN!

Click [HERE](#) to register!!

2023-2024 Sunday School Language & Cultural Program

<p>Cricket I (Pre-K/K, Level K) Selina Wang</p> 	<p>Cricket II (6-7, Level 1) Izzie Yi</p> 	<p>Cricket III (8+, Level 1) Julia Nie</p> 
<p>Cricket IV (Adv. Level 2) Lin Ye</p> 	<p>Cricket Adult Xiaoyun Zhang</p> 	<p>Supplemental virtual lessons Liya Ma</p> 

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MORE FUN COMING SOON!

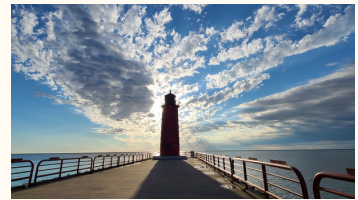


Betty Brinn Children's Museum Event
August 17
 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 Betty Brinn Children's Museum

September Mandatory Meeting
 (virtual)
 Meeting link - [HERE](#)
September 2
 7:30 pm
 Will be discussing China Lights
 ticket sales

China Lights Festival
 More details will be sent out
 soon!

**LOG YOUR VOLUNTEER
 HOURS HERE!**
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 Website - <https://milwaukeechinese.org/cricket-academy/>
 YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/cricketacademy4717>

Cricket Chatter

Get Your China Lights Tickets NOW!

The stunning China Lights Festival at the Boerner Botanical Gardens is approaching very quickly. From the main light show to the performances and food, this event does not disappoint. China Lights 2023's theme is "Nature's Glow". With more than 40 new sets of lantern displays, highlights such as an animated crab that spits bubbles, a giant octopus tunnel, and a glowing mandarin fish make this year even better than the last. It is truly a memorable event and is great for families looking for a fun night. Right now, Cricket is selling discounted VIP tickets for the festival. You can buy them in person at the Brookfield Farmers Market or at the Taste of Mequon Festival. Make sure to bring enough cash to buy tickets for everyone you know, you don't want anyone to miss out! If you have any questions about pricing or the tickets, please email admin@cricketacademy.org. Cricket hopes to see you there! Flyer to purchase tickets are on the next page. Written by: Jenny Mei



TriCity
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China
Lights
Nature's Glow
at Boerner

SEPT. 15 - OCT. 29

Boerner Botanical Gardens
Whitnall Park - Milwaukee, WI

	ANYTIME ACCESS	ONLINE WEEKDAY	ONLINE WEEKEND	WALK-UP
GENERAL ADMISSION	\$23	\$22	\$25	\$35
CHILD (3-11)	\$15	\$14	\$16	\$20
INFANT (under 3)		FREE	FREE	FREE

Tax and processing fee included

DISCOUNTED TICKETS



Order Online here: <https://forms.gle/NphoVrxYDd3d1eJa8>

For ticket purchase please contact:

Email: admin@criquetacademy.org

Scan code to purchase

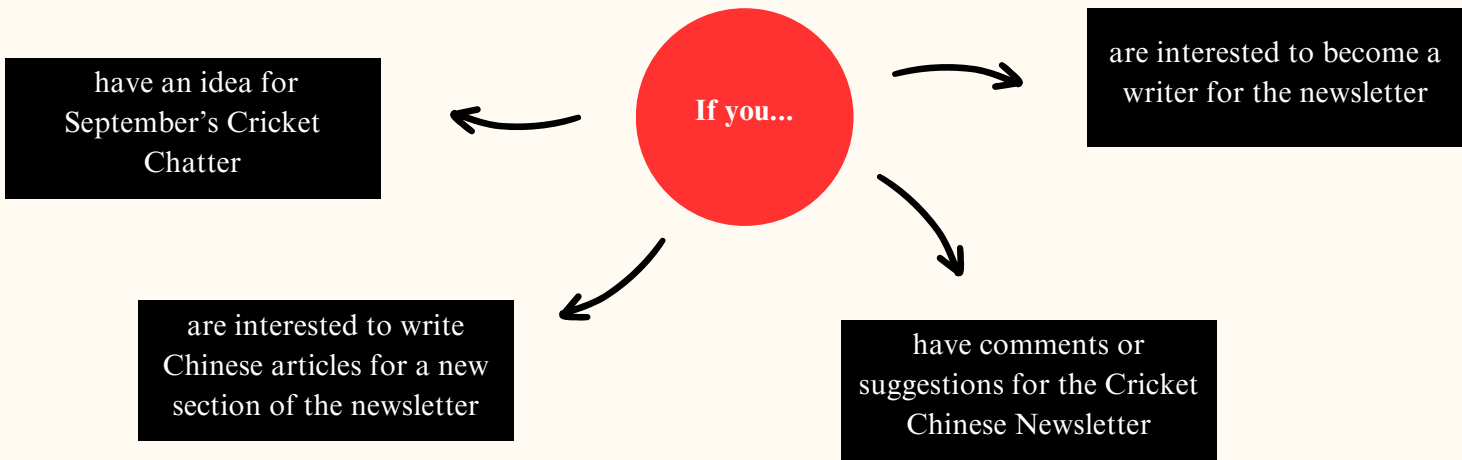
Non-profit fundraising



Tickets good for any day, any time!



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