

Imagine.

School Activities Catalogue 2016/17

About us

Imagine has become one of the most trusted brands amongst the international school community, through years of providing safe, fun and educational activities to all major international schools in the region, across a wide range of outdoor sports. All Imagine activities are organised and run by our in-house team of qualified, experienced, English-speaking instructors. We never outsource our activities to outside providers. As long as an activity carries the Imagine logo, you can rest assured things will go smoothly and safely, and everyone will go home with a broad smile on their face.



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Outdoor Ski

What: Ski Trips are fantastic when organised well by true professionals with a high level of attention to safety details from start to finish. Most major international schools in Beijing already run annual ski trips with Imagine. Our specialised team of European-qualified, English-speaking instructors provide the necessary element of safety, checking the many subtle details that should never be neglected when taking students to ski resorts in China.

Where: Option 1) Resorts 1 hour from Beijing for 1-2 day trips.

Option 2) Larger resorts 3 hours away for 2-6 day trips.

We have arrangements with many resorts for different needs.

When: 1st November to Mid March (multi-day trips), or 5th December to end of February (1-2 day trips).

Who: Group size of 8-100, ages 7-65.

How: Imagine arrange everything from transport to accommodation, food to equipment rental, for a stress-free process. All packages include instruction from our own qualified, European instructors.

How Much: Depends on many factors, please enquire.



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Indoor Ski

What: Year-round Indoor Skiing has many advantages, such as the controlled environment (less chance of getting lost or being affected by weather conditions), the lower cost, and the close proximity.

Where: Qiaobo Ski Centre, Shunyi - **When:** Any day, any time of year, 9am-9pm!

Who: 6+

How: We have arranged day trips, weekly ski clubs, and weeklong instructor training programs, all for international schools, at this venue, always with our own qualified instructors. Programs tailored to needs.

How Much: Depends on many factors, please enquire.



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Survival Trip

What: Whether keen to learn survival skills to a high level, or simply experience an exciting day out in the nature, our experienced bushcraft and survival experts really know how to give a group a great time out there. Topics cover a wide range, such as fires, shelters, rafts, plants and animals, weather, orienteering, river-crossing, knot-tying, knife and tool safety etc.

Where: Our own special spot in a forest by a beautiful river amongst the mountains in Huairou, 1.5 hours away.

When: Late March to Early October. Single day trip, or two days.

Who: 7+

How: We arrange transport (optional), entrance, lunch (optional), and specialised survival training from our own instructors.

How Much: Please enquire.



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Civilization Game

What: Invented by our founder Peter, Civilisation Game is a creative and exciting challenge for groups of any size. Starting in a forest with limited supplies and materials, each group must compete to build up the best civilisation. This will include physical construction, mental strategic thinking, discussions of roles and levels of authority, and tons of teamwork and problem-solving. The educational benefits are limitless. By the end of the game, groups usually figure out how to trade and cooperate with other ‘civilisations’ for mutual prosperity, thereby giving them some real-life parallel situations through which to understand topics of the world at large.

Where: A secret, quiet spot in a forest by a beautiful river amongst the mountains in Huairou, 1.5 hours away.

When: Late March to Early October. 2-5 Days.

Who: 8-18

How: We arrange transport (optional), entrance, lunch (optional), and specialised game arrangements including survival training from our own instructors.

How Much: Please enquire.



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Camping, Hiking, Orienting:



What: There are so many amazing mountainous locations to explore around Beijing. Put your expedition in the hands of dedicated guides, who spend most of their time out there exploring these locations. Imagine has the equipment, local knowledge and English-speaking instructors needed to ensure any expedition will go ahead safely, smoothly and beautifully!

Where: Various locations for hiking and orienteering, all around 1.5 hours away. For camping, best in Miyun, 2 hours away.

When: Camping: April to September. Hiking: March to October.

Who: 9+ (younger ages may do closer, easier hikes)

How: We provide transport (optional), and local knowledge through our own specialised instructors who know the areas well.

How Much: Please enquire.



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Watersports, Lake Day

What: A action-packed, set program of kayaking, raft-building, sailing, paddle-boarding and team-building games, all at a beautiful lake in Shunyi!

Many schools repeat this day trip every year.

Simple, safe, fun and close by.

Where: Olympic Rowing Lake, Shunyi, 1 hour away.

When: 20th April to 10th September.

Who: Ages 7+, groups of 10-110

How: The local sailing club provides the equipment, we organise the event, manage safety and provide the English-speaking instructors. Transport and lunch are optional.

How Much: Please enquire.



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Rollerblading

What: A carefully-designed and refined course of weekly classes of one hour each. Designed to take students from beginner level right up to completing impressive tricks! As with all activities, the instructors are English-speaking foreigners who have completed specific training courses for teaching the sport.

Where: At your school, in any indoor or outdoor space.

When: One hour per week in term time, as an ASA. Also possible as a one-off experience at day workshops or other school events.

Who: Age 6-15

How: Our instructor comes into your school to run the sessions.

How Much: 120rmb per student per class. Large group activity days may be priced differently.



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Bubble Zorbing

What: Perhaps you have seen people wearing large plastic zorb balls, running around knocking each other over? That's it! Bubbles are mainly used for 'bubble football', where participants knock each other over while playing soccer. We take it one step further, with a large range of games invented by Imagine to get people sweating, laughing, rolling, bumping, crawling, lifting, running and bouncing.

Where: At your school, on any indoor or outdoor grass or fake grass area. Also possible on a wooden indoor basketball court. Not for concrete.

When: Any time. A good session lasts between 1-2 hours. ASA's are typically one hour per week for a semester. Shorter 'taster' sessions of 10-20 minutes each are also possible at school fairs and activity days.

Who: Ages 7-18. Also great for teachers! Often booked for adult groups.

How: We bring all the equipment and instructors to your school.

How Much: ASA: 120rmb/student/1hr. Group activity of 2 hours for 10-20 people is 2500rmb for the group. At school fairs, visitors may pay 30rmb for a 10-15 minute taster, and part of the proceeds goes to the fundraising cause.



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Assistant Instructing CAS/Service

What: High School students may get involved with our activities as an assistant instructor. They will learn many new skills, challenging themselves while helping younger kids.

Where: At our activities which take place across a wide range of locations around Beijing.

When: Any time

Who: Age 16-18

How: Students may email us directly to introduce themselves and their CAS needs. In an interview, we can discuss how to tailor the experience to best suit their profile, needs, and schedule.

How Much: Mostly Free. Some optional experiences may have certain costs such as accommodation, or high-level, specific training courses. May lead on to optional paid work opportunities in holidays or after graduation.



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Enabling Sports for People with Disabilities (CAS / Service)

What: Help to organise and facilitate a range of action sport competition opportunities for people with disability. Sports can range from downhill mountain road racing, to rock climbing and obstacle courses.

Imagine provide the know-how, framework and facilitators for the programme. Our partners Krankin' Through China invite wheelchair users to partake in the competitions and educate students along the way.

Where: Initial seminar and planning takes place in school. Sports competitions are at a range of indoor and outdoor locations around Beijing.

When: Any time ; **Who:** Age 16-18

How: We begin with a free, no-commitment initial meeting with teachers and students to go through the opportunity, the potential formats the program can take, and the timeframes and needs of the students. With notes from this meeting, we put together a proposed program, which students can chose to go with or to suggest alterations. All programs will then begin with an educational seminar in school from KTI, to give students a deeper insight into the topic and see some wheelchair sport equipment.

After this, students will be involved in planning the first sport competition together with Imagine. Downhill racing, rock climbing and obstacle courses are some of the possibilities, but students may suggest any other sports, and Imagine will help to facilitate the development of the project.

How Much: Initial meeting and discussions free. Wheelchair users attend the sports competitions for free. Cost of facilitating and providing the programme should come from the students or the school (exact costs to be discussed).



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Obstacle Challenge Course

What: An elaborate yet flexible series of physical and mental challenges, in a format that can be brought to any space at any time of year, for any size of group. Examples include passing through a web of laser beams, getting a team across a gap using limited objects, collecting a key with a remote-controlled helicopter, solving riddles and clues, balancing, jumping, throwing and crawling to complete each stage of the course. **Where:** In school, indoors or outdoors. Any grass or wooden surface about the size of a basketball court.

When: Once per week after school as an ASA (one hour each), or for one-off activity days (half day or all day).

Who: Age 7-18, groups of 10-80

How: The course breaks down into a series of different features and challenges, and can therefore be shrunken or expanded to suit the group size and time limits for your activity. With this in mind, we bring the appropriate equipment and instructors to your school.

How Much: Please enquire.



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Archery, Trebuchet and Medieval Theme

What: A Trebuchet is a medieval machine used to destroy castles. The design and engineering is fascinating, as it can throw incredibly far using the science of gravity and leverage. Imagine has designed and built a portable 1.5m long trebuchet that can fire 80 meters. Our archery equipment and archery instructors can be combined with this activity, or booked separately. A castle just north of Beijing can be used as an optional venue. We also have inflatable swords and shields for a fun sword-fighting game, and run chain-mail making and shield-painting workshops for younger kids. This can be combined with trips to horse riding centres and fencing centres to truly elaborate on the theme.

Where: Trebuchet possible in your school, indoors in a school gym or outdoors. Archery possible on school field. Castle Trip is to a castle-themed hotel in Changping, 1 hour north.

When: Indoor any time. Outdoor Archery March – October. Castle Trip April – September.

Who: Ages 7-14

How: Trebuchet and archery: We bring the equipment and instructors to your school. The trebuchet is in a kit format, so part of the challenge is to construct it. For the castle trips, we bring the trebuchet and archery to the castle, and the activity takes place outside it, with the castle in the background.

How Much: Please enquire.



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First Aid/Wilderness First Aid Training

What: Get your teachers or students officially qualified in First Aid and Wilderness First Aid through internationally recognised systems.

Where: In school (first aid) or in Miyun (wilderness first aid)

When: Indoor any time, outdoor April-September

Who: High School and Teachers

How: Our highly qualified, British first aid and wilderness first aid course leaders provide all the equipment, course materials and expertise. The instructors also provide the same course in the UK, therefore it's necessary to book far in advance to arrange a time when they are in China.

How Much: Please enquire.



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ISSCC Ski Competition



What: International Schools Snowsports Championships China (ISSCC) is held every year, to give students a chance to experience a ski and snowboard competition. Schools can earn prestige and a trophy for overall performance, whereas students can earn prizes and medals. The competition has been organised by Imagine for many years

Where: Wanlong, Chongli, 3 hours from Beijing.

When: Friday evening to Sunday evening, Early March every year (10-12th March 2017).

Who: Ages 7-18 (competing) and their families and/or teachers (watching/skiing).

How: Parents may sign up students individually on our website. Teacher may choose to help gather and motivate a school team, either just by sending out information, or by actively gathering a team, holding a team meeting and being involved in the sign-up process. Heavily involved teachers can get a discount for attending the event.

How Much: Please enquire off-season, or check website during winter season.



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Bubbles at School Fair

What: It's those bubbles again! Big plastic bouncy inflatable human-sized zorb balls, for school fair entertainment.

Where and When: At your school fair, on a grassy pitch about the size of a 5-a-side football pitch

Who: Ages 5-60

How: We bring the bubbles and instructors to the fair

How Much: Typically 30rmb per participant for 10-15mins. A share of the revenue goes to the school fair. Other arrangements possible.



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Customised Adventure

What: It goes without saying that the Imagine team have a huge combined range of skills, experience and knowledge in the world of action and adventure around Beijing and further afield. If you have a requirement that you think we may be able to help with, just get in touch and we will let you know if it fits our area of expertise.



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