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# OCCA Newsletter

## OCCA's Annual Spring Bear Mountain Hiking

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春季是郊游、踏青的最佳时节。

今年，橙郡华人协会组织的 **Bear Maintain Hike** 吸引了来自纽约、新泽西大约140名的会员。

感谢辛勤的摄影师 **Robert Hui**、**吴康健** 先生和OCCS的学生

们 ( **Esther Chao, Emma Du, Rachel Shih, Amy Wang** (王美美), **Eileen Wang, Andrew Yi** ) 用相机、计算机记录下了这美好的一天。

看看您的身影是否出现在这期简报

里。加油啊！希望您和您的家人多多参与OCCA的活动了。







Hiking- it was a great experience, with a great group of people. You see, we're included in something that few people can say they're a part of: *a real, sincere community*, full of family members and friends, or friends you've

known so long they could count as family members! I watched as close friends came home, old friends reunited, and we all bonded together to share just one great day together. A few years from now, *that's what we'll remember*. We won't care about how hot it was, or who got lost, or what food we ate. We won't worry about how our hair looked in pictures or the silly things we said. As

cliché as it sounds, *what mattered most was just spending that time together*. I'm lucky to have taken part in our day of hiking. It was an extremely fun day that I encourage our Chinese School to have every year. It's what everyone needs in their life: not specifically a day of hiking, but *just being part of something*.

**Esther Chao**



## Hiking Bear Mountain

**Andrew Yi**

Today I went hiking up Bear Mountain, The trail was about two and a half miles long. Plus there was no electronics either, that is until we got to the top, But the hike was like a two hour hike, how BORING is that? The only reason I didn't die half way up or have my legs fall off is I had two of my best buddies up there with me, Bill and Mace. Although they're a few of my best buddies they can also be kinda annoying, because half of the time they were talking about Minecraft & Maple Story, not that I've got a problem with Minecraft, or you can also call it thebestgameintheWORLD, but what the heck is Maple Story?!! Some kinda story about a jar of maple syrup? What could be more boring than that! Beside hiking that is. Sorry for getting so off topic, but when we finally got to the top we had lunch, and the view was so great; you could see New York City. Lunch was the BEST part of the day! Heres what I had on my plate: 6 inch Sub (white bread, SALAMI, peperoni, lettuce, tomato & ham) spring roll dumplings and buffalo wings, and man did I LOVE it.

## 我爱爬山

Amy Wang (王美美)

当我很小的时候，我不喜欢爬山。现在我回想和认识到为什么我不喜欢这个运动。长大以后，我觉得爬山是一个非常好的活动。它又能让人锻炼身体，还可以教人们很多生活经验。这次我们去Bear Mountain，我和我的朋友在一起都玩的很快乐。我们边说话边爬山。偶尔累得时候，我们就在石头上休息一下。我们停的时候，看到山上

美丽的风景。记得小的时候，我停下来就不想往上爬了，因为我好累。现在，我觉得停下来是一个好事。停下来时候，我们会互相鼓励往上爬。这件事让我发现，人在没信心的时候可以靠着朋友们鼓励的话，让人从低到高。反正，我还是认为爬山是一个好活动。有时候，我还是觉得爬山有一点害怕因为，山很高和山有很多动物。但是，跟朋友一起玩还是更

有意思。这次爬山，我也见到很多上大学的朋友，Raymond and Josh。他们给大家更多的快乐。虽然他们自己找路爬，但最后我们还是山顶上见面，也都爱大自然。这一趟爬山，我得到很多美好的记忆。



## My Hiking Trip

When I went hiking I had a lot of fun. I hiked with my friends, we talked, walked, and laughed together. We took a lot of breaks at the beginning because we got tired very easily. As we hiked more and more we took less and less breaks. Before we knew it we were almost at the top.

Coming near the end of our hike I felt so relieved and proud of myself for making to the top of the mountain. Hiking is a very hard and tiring thing to do but if you do it with friends or family you will end up having as much fun as I did.

-Eileen Wang





## Bear Mountain Hike



Rachel Shih

A trip to Bear Mountain State Park is fun and exciting for all ages, from toddlers to seniors. On April 7, 2012, Orange County Chinese School went on a hike to the top of Bear Mountain to enjoy the wonderful weather and get some exercise. Following the white trail from the bottom to the top, everyone had a great time.

At around 11 A.M, we started to hike up the mountain. Everyone was full of energy and ready to go. Still, if you rather take a car that's fine too. The beginning of the trail was the toughest part, a dirt trail filled with rocks. On the way up the weather was nice and fairly warm. As my friends and I climbed up, we talked and laughed. We also played with our dogs. At about half way to the top, you could already see a big part of the park. It was really great scenery. When we finally

reached the top we were exhausted, aching and most of all, hungry. We were ready to stuff ourselves with the delicious food set out on tables. After eating lunch, we took a group picture and started to head back down. The way down was fun and could be dangerous if you didn't follow the correct paths. My cousin tripped and almost broke his leg. Thankfully, no one was seriously hurt or injured. Once we got down we were all happy that we had made it down.

Bear Mountain is the best place for a hiking trip. There are nice views and you can also get great exercise. I can't wait to come back again for another trip up.



## Emma's Hike

Emma Du

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, I woke up in the morning, excited. It was the day of the OCCA Bear Mountain Hike! Even though I didn't hike to the top, I still enjoyed the time with my friends. My best friend, Jessica and I got an opportunity to help setting up the lunch table. There were all kinds of food brought by the people who came to the hike. I

loved all of them, in particular the noodles and chicken. After all that good food, I really needed some exercise. Thanks to the parents who brought the sports equipment, my friends and I got to play soccer, basketball and tug-a-war. What a day I had! I can't wait for the fall hike.





## Appreciation from OCCA Members

### From a senior



Hi Ping Lu

I want to thank you and all those who helped me to reach the Bear Mountain top. I had hiked up mountains when I was a youngster back in Hawaii as a Boy Scout. Such a long time ago.

Please Pass my thanks to all my generous helpers. It was also good to see a lot of people I had not seen in ages.

Wishing you and yours and all my dear friends a Happy Easter!

Frank Ho

### From a family



Dear Ping Lu,

We want to thank you for such a nice event yesterday on Bear Mountain. Our family had a great time, enjoyed the food, and appreciate the friendliness of everyone at OCCS. Thank you for putting together the fun day and making us always feel so welcomed.

**Genia and Michael Babyak**

## 大家参与的活动

上山



集合





# 大家参与的活动



## 野餐



## 下山



## 拔河



## Tug of War

希望大家为华人协会会刊踊跃投稿、多提宝贵意见。

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