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**Skagit Valley College to Offer “Experience China” Study Tour 2009**

Members of the public are invited to join the Skagit Valley College study tour to China, “Experience China,” August 16-31, 2009. Participants will experience the major tourist attractions – the modern capital of Beijing, site of the 2008 Olympics and the Great Wall, and the ancient capital of Xi’an with the famous Terracotta Warriors – but also interact with the personable and charming Chinese people in activities beyond the traditional tourist track. The highlight of the trip will be volunteering in the rural villages of Sichuan province where participants will work alongside villagers to rebuild their communities devastated by the earthquakes of last May.

This is an “insider’s tour” led by SVC faculty member Ted Maloney, exchange faculty to Beijing Foreign Studies University, 2005-07. Cost is \$2,800, including airfare. Application deadline is Monday, April 6. For an application and more information, contact Ted Maloney, 416-7774 or [ted.maloney@skagit.edu](mailto:ted.maloney@skagit.edu).

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