

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2009 (Year 4707)
SPECIAL FIELD TRIP – MON 1/26/09



Chinese New Year is the most colorful festival in the Chinese Calendar. It signifies the coming of Spring - the start of all things new, and is celebrated with Sound, Sight and Food. According to the Chinese Zodiac, the New Year will be the year of the Ox – a tough year meaning that everyone has to work a little harder, but it will end up a productive year.

The CNY Parade in Chinatown will take place on Sunday 2/1/09 this year, but because the number of the spectators are so overwhelming each year, it is deemed unsafe to go on that day. Instead, the field trip is scheduled for New Year Day, Monday 1/26/09, when the crowd is not as large and we can get up close and personal to shoot the Lion Dances and other activities. You will see children dressed in traditional colorful Chinese costumes. They are very good and willing photo subjects.

We will meet at # 4 subway terminal at Woodlawn Station upstairs on Monday, 1/26/09 at 9:00am. The subway ride takes 55 minutes. We will meet up with the others at Star Bucks Coffee at the corner of Center St. and Canal St. in Chinatown at 10:00am.

Driving direction to Woodlawn Station :

From Saw Mill Parkway South – take exit 24 Mosholu Parkway, turn right at Tracey Tower (building) on to W. Mosholu Parkway South, subway track is just head, turn left under subway track (Jerome Ave.) and follow it to the end. Free street parking is available close by.

From N.Y. State Thruway South (87) - take exist 13 (E233 St. exit), follow the road, when you see the Cemetery on the left, slow down and find a parking space between the second and third traffic light (after exit). Woodlawn terminal is just after the third traffic light.

Lunch – we will have Dim Sum lunch at the Golden Unicorn Restaurant (second or third floor) corner of E. Broadway and Catherine Street around 12:00pm. The field trip will wind-up by 3:00pm.

Pack light for mobility. Dress warmly for the weather. Don't bring your tripod. Superwide to telephoto lens are ideal. Please bring your cell phone to get connected. Have fun shooting. Hope to see many of you there.

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