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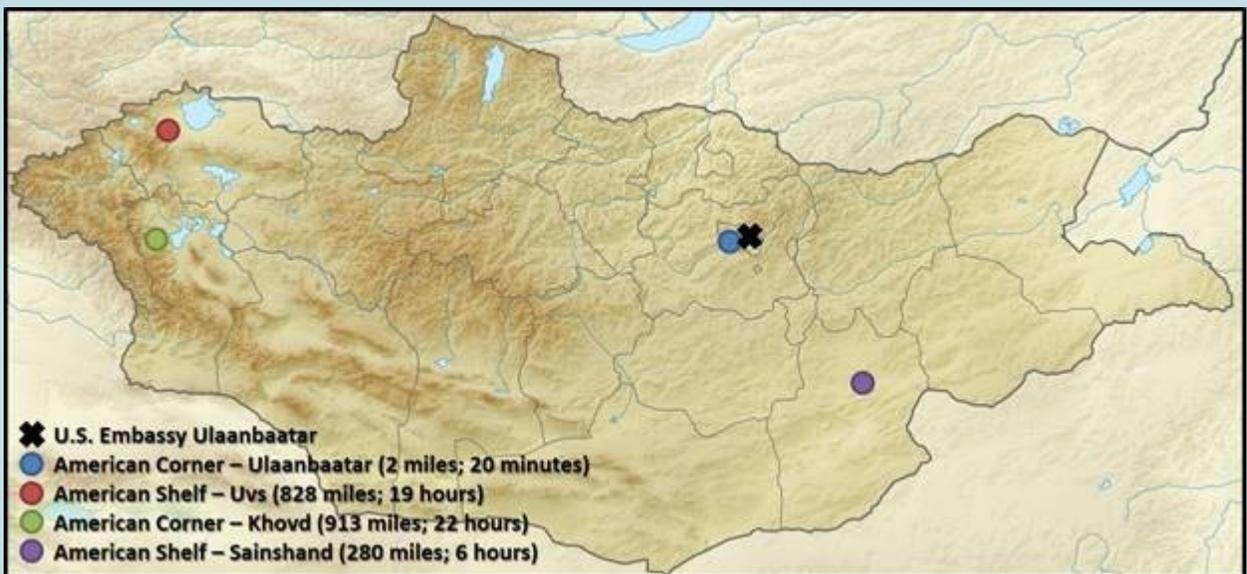
American Citizens Services Newsletter

American Spaces showcase American culture and allow Mongolians to gather, study English, learn about the U.S., and interact with U.S. citizens. They are also great for Americans to visit as well for their English magazines and movies and to share their knowledge with students. Some spaces are larger and called American Corners, but their role is the same as an American Shelf. If you haven't visited an American Space yet, you'll find they have white boards, maps, heated workspaces, computers with internet, a reliable land-line phone, and half the employees are trained in Red Cross first aid.

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## American Corners



*American Spaces, with distances and drive-times from the U.S. Embassy assuming ideal road and weather conditions. Inclement weather can easily double these driving times.*

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public libraries. The location not only facilitates public diplomacy, but also extends the reach of consular assistance.

American Spaces offer events like Movie Night, workshops, game days, opportunities for you to speak with students so they can hear a native English speaker, and more.

Consular and PAS worked with Mongolian officials and U.S. military to  
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American Citizens' Information Hour:

**Every Tuesday 4-5pm** (except on U.S.  
& local holidays. No appointment needed.)

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## Labor Day

*Labor Day is Monday,  
September 3, and the U.S.  
Embassy will be closed.  
Please plan accordingly.*

*If you've forgotten why we  
celebrate Labor Day, you  
can read all about it here:  
[https://www.dol.gov/  
general/laborday/history](https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history)*

*For most of us, it signifies  
the end of summer and the  
last big BBQ before school  
starts again. What ever you  
plan to do this day, we hope  
that you enjoy it!*

## Liaisons are needed in these provinces:

- Bayankhongor
- Bulgan
- Khentii
- Sukhbaatar
- Tuv
- Umnugobi
- Uvs
- Uvurkhangai
- Zavhan

If you live in one of these areas, please volunteer to be a Liaison. It entails being a point of contact in case of an emergency. Mongolia is a large country, and the Embassy staff in Ulaanbaatar cannot get to every corner of the country before you could check on your American neighbor and ensure they are safe.

## TIP: Lime Light on Liaisons

Do you know who your Liaison is or how to reach them? If not, let us know and we will put you in touch with them. It may be a good idea to do quarterly drills and get together for accountability or for recognition/identification in a crisis. A stressful time is not the best time for introductions, so why not do it now? Say "Hi, How ya doin?, and here's my email address and phone number."

## American Corners Continued

conduct a training on earthquake preparedness in Khovd earlier this year (read more in the July 2018 newsletter). The American Corner proved to be an excellent space for assisting during emergencies, and an idea was born... to use these spaces all throughout Mongolia as emergency centers.

Your U.S. Embassy's Consular and PAS are collaborating to designate American Spaces as crisis command and U.S. citizen emergency gathering points. On non-emergency days, the American Spaces will operate as normal, but will have the capacity to transform during an emergency. Each corner will be set up with the same emergency gear and American Corner employees provide insight about the local community that will be helpful in a crisis scenario. Staff can also help with medical triage and interpretation during a crisis.

### Find an American Space Near You:

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## 2018 Naadam Wrestling proved to be exciting

Naadam means "games" in Mongolian and these games are an annual event. There are Wrestling, Archery, Ankle Bone Shooting, and Horse Racing competitions. This year marked the 2,227th anniversary of the Foundation of the first Mongolian State.

A total of 512 male wrestlers competed in Ulaanbaatar. On July 12, Lion of State N. Batsuuri from Uvs aimag became the 23rd State Champion, winning the



wrestling tournament of the National Naadam Festival. Lion of State N. Batsuuri defeated State Champion Ch. Sanjaadamba in the 9th round. Four years ago, State Champion N. Batsuuri gained the Lion of State title.

### Traditional Wrestlers Titles:

*A wrestler who wins five fights in a row during Naadam becomes known as a **Falcon**. A seven-fight winner earns the **Elephant** title. The title of **Lion** is given to the winner of the entire festival. A two-time festival winner becomes known as a **Titan**.*

## Travel Warnings & Alerts

Level 3: Reconsider Travel to:

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Posted on:</i>
<b>Russia</b>	July 27, 2018
<b>Turkey</b>	June 28, 2018

Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution in:

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Posted on:</i>
<b>China</b>	January 22, 2018
<b>India</b>	January 10, 2018
<b>Indonesia</b>	January 10, 2018
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	July 25, 2018
<b>Philippines</b>	April 13, 2018

Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions in:

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Posted on:</i>
<b>Australia</b>	January 10, 2018
<b>Thailand</b>	January 10, 2018
<b>Vietnam</b>	January 10, 2018

For additional information, visit:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Mongolia boasts of beautiful landscapes and mountainous views. You are welcome to send your photo submissions for future newsletters to:

**[ulaanbaatarACS@state.gov](mailto:ulaanbaatarACS@state.gov)**

Please include your name and the location of the photo.

This photo is from Terelj Mountain Lodge.

## Travel Medical Insurance

Traveler's Medical Insurance covers you while traveling abroad, whereas your normal health insurance doesn't leave the U.S. with you. A broken bone or even a strep test can be quite expensive when you have to pay the whole bill yourself. You could hope it never happens to you or your family members, but getting insurance that covers things like evacuation and repatriation is a smart thing to do. Of course, you want to ensure that the company you choose is available worldwide and has someone available 24/7.

A quick search online will provide endless options. Reviews.com already spent 15 hours researching which companies are worth your investment. They recommend a different company for families, solo travelers, adventurers, or long trips. Take a look and see if you can find one that fits your needs.

<https://www.reviews.com/travel-insurance/medical/>

