

# AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES NEWSLETTER

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following monthly newsletter via its warden system as a public service to U.S. citizens in Mongolia. Please feel free to disseminate this message to U.S. citizens in your organizations or to other Americans you know.



**COUNTDOWN:  
48 HOURS TO THE ELECTION - TIME IS RUNNING SHORT!**



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**Voters: Haven't Received Your Ballot?** Head to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) now to fill out a ballot. Many States have absentee ballot websites that **allow voters to mark their ballots**, and then print, sign and return by mail, email, fax or online delivery system where allowed by State law. More information at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/evswfactsheet.pdf>.

Additionally, all voters can use our Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) automated backup ballot assistant to vote for Federal candidates. This ballot is accepted by all States from any overseas or military voter who has registered and requested a ballot for the November General Election. If you receive your State ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return it as well. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

**States that require absentee ballots to arrive prior to Election Day:** Mississippi, North Carolina.

**States that require absentee ballots to be postmarked prior to Election Day:** Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah.

**If you have not yet registered to vote, or requested your ballot, you may still have time.** Each State has different registration and ballot request deadlines and many States are still accepting applications.

**States still accepting ballot requests where registration is not required:** Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wisconsin.

**States still accepting registration and ballot requests:** Arizona, Connecticut, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington.

**States still accepting ballot requests from registered voters:** Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) and follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot. Many States allow you to submit the FPCA by email or fax in addition to regular mail which will get your ballot on its way immediately. The instructions in your application package will tell you how you can submit the form.

## GREEN CARD LOTTERY FOR US VISA OPENS OCTOBER 5, 2010

The U.S. Department of State started accepting applications for the 2012 Diversity Immigrant (**Green Card**) Lottery beginning **October 5, 2010**, and ending at noon EST on **November 3, 2010**. DV lottery entrants are strongly encouraged to apply early. No entries will be accepted after noon EST on November 3, 2010.

Winners are selected randomly, and **there is no fee to enter the lottery**. Winners are eligible to apply for a diversity visa which can be used to enter the U. S. and become a legal permanent resident (aka green card holder).

For more information on the diversity visa program, please visit [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov), the dedicated webpage by the Department of State.

### Recent Update on Country Specific Information for Mongolia

Two sections of the Country Specific Information on Mongolia on the official web site of the Department of State have been recently updated as follows:

**Crime**—Due to an incident involving the unprovoked harassment of a U.S. citizen by hotel management, the U.S. Embassy has declared the Puma Hotel to be off-limits to U.S. government personnel. You should take this information into consideration when making travel arrangements in Mongolia.

**Traffic Safety and Road Conditions**—Road conditions in Mongolia are generally poor, particularly in the countryside. Overland travel is difficult and roadside assistance is almost nonexistent. The country's size and harsh climate make road maintenance and repair especially problematic. We strongly discourage you from traveling at night by private or public transportation outside of urban city centers because of poor lighting and road conditions. U.S. Embassy personnel are restricted from driving outside of urban city centers after sundown.

Full text of Mongolia Country Specific Information can be found here [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_973.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_973.html)

Entries to the DV lottery must be submitted online at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov). From this year, lottery winners will be **notified by e-mail** not by regular mail. Starting May 1 2011, entrants may enter their DV2012 entry confirmation number into the Entry Status Check available at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov) to find out whether their entry was selected or not. Selectees who respond to the notification instructions on Entry Status Check will receive e-mail communications alerting them that a visa appointment has been scheduled.

Applicants may prepare and submit their own entries or have someone submit the entry for them. Regardless of whether an entry is submitted by the individual directly or assistance is provided by an attorney, friend, relative, etc., **only one entry may be submitted in the name of each individual.**

Applicants are reminded that they are responsible for all information submitted and that the information must be correct and complete. **Incomplete or incorrect applications will be void and will prevent the applicant from obtaining a visa even if his or her entry is chosen in the lottery.**

**The DV Lottery is free and paying a broker will not improve an entry's chances of selection.** Indeed, the use of an outside broker for help other than translation and data entry may result in the entrant's lifetime ban on entry into the United States.

### Notice to Long-Term Residents in Mongolia

**Dear fellow U.S. Citizens residing in Mongolia for over 183 days,**

The Immigration Office has informed us that all long-term residents in Mongolia (with residency permit over 6 months) have to be registered during Mongolian Population and Housing Census on November 11-17, 2010.

We encourage you to comply with the Mongolian law and participate in the Census.

## Implementation of SMS System for Future Announcements

Dear Fellow American Citizens,

The Consular Section is working on implementation of SMS system to improve communication with American community residing in Mongolia, especially those of you who live in rural area and do not have internet access.

We will appreciate it greatly if you inform us of any changes in your cell phone numbers at [UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov](mailto:UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov) . This might be a good chance to send us any other updates on your contact information (new emails, mailing addresses).

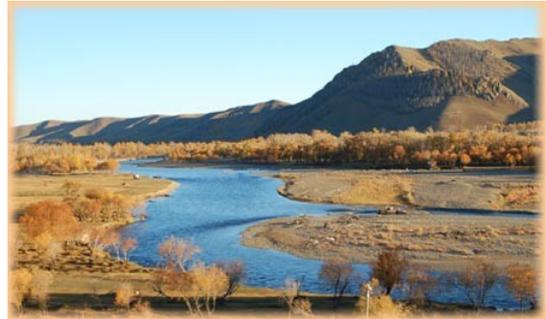
If you no longer reside in Mongolia, and would like to remove your email from the distribution list, let us know as well.

### **Military Adventure Camp: Exciting U.S. Summer Camp for Teenagers Interested in the U.S. Military**

We received information from the U.S. Army Cadet Corps' Military Adventure Camp which takes place in Millersburg , KY. Over the last couple of years their program has noticed an increased number of enrollments by U.S. Citizens living abroad. If you know of any young people ages 13-18 that you think would be interested in a potential military career and are up for participating in a challenging program please forward this on to them and their parents. The camps also take non-US citizens.

The program has a heritage that goes back to 1909, and have been running summer programs for teens for decades. You can visit the Camp's website at [militaryadventurecamp.com](http://militaryadventurecamp.com) .

The camps are strictly volunteer-only, they are not a juvenile delinquency program. If you are interested in getting information package for the upcoming summer, as well as the Initial Enrollment Form for this summer's program, please contact Joseph M. Land, the Admissions Officer, at [Camp@ArmyCadets.org](mailto:Camp@ArmyCadets.org) . These brochures have more background information on the organization as well as this summer's dates and prices for the camps.



**"If you drink  
the water,  
follow the  
custom." -**

**Mongolian  
proverb**

**A Message to American Communities and Organizations in Mongolia**

The State Department strongly encourages American citizens living or planning to travel abroad to register your travel with the Department of State. Registration makes it possible to contact you if necessary, whether because of a family emergency in the United States or because of a crisis in the country you are visiting. Registration is a free service provided by the State Department, and is easily accomplished online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

Note that, in accordance with the Privacy Act, the Department of State may not release your information without your express written authorization. You should also fill out the emergency contact information section on your passport application and in your passport book. If something happens to you overseas, your passport is the first place local au-

We also advise leaving a detailed itinerary and copies of your passport biographical-data page with a friend or relative in the United States. For more information, please visit: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips\\_1232.html#residing](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html#residing)

Once you have registered with the Embassy, you will receive e-mail announcements, Travel Warnings and other emergency notifications.

**Travel Warnings and Alerts**

- [Cote d'Ivoire](#) 10/20/2010
- [Nigeria](#) 10/19/2010
- [Yemen](#) 10/15/2010
- [Lebanon](#) 10/08/2010
- [Iran](#) 10/08/2010
- [Sudan](#) 10/01/2010
  
- [Korea, Republic of](#) 10/27/2010
- [Europe - Terrorism](#) 10/03/2010
- [India](#) 09/01/2010
- [Bolivia](#) 08/12/2010

For additional information about these travel warnings and alerts, please go to this site: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

**WONDERING IF THE FLIGHT IS ON TIME?**

This website has virtually every flight in the world and is updated regularly. It has been used for MIAT and Korean Air flights and it has been accurate every time. <http://www.flightstats.com/>

**Upcoming Holidays**

- November 11— Veterans Day
- November 25—Thanksgiving Day
- November 26—Constitution Day (Mong)

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