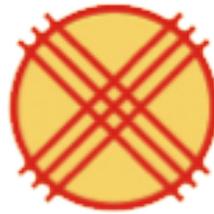




ZHAILAU 2017

Kazakh Heritage Camp for Families

July 17 - 22, 2017



GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDE and REGISTRATION FORMS

Zhailau: Kazakh word for the summer encampment of the nomads.

“Alive, life-changing, affirming”

“Magical, supportive, informative”

“Wonderful, loving, community”

“Perfect, welcoming, genuine”



The Kazakh Aul of the U.S. (KAUS) is a unique community dedicated to Kazakh culture that provides opportunities for genuine kinship across generations.

The collective strength of our special community has always been inspired by traditional, nomadic Kazakh villages, known as Auls. We are grateful to our Kazakh leaders and teachers who lovingly provide cultural guidance and are wonderful role models to our children and families. Without them, we would not be the strong and connected Aul we are today.

Whether you have joined us before, or are new this year, you are part of our Aul and we welcome you!



General Information

Zhailau is a special time devoted to celebrating the amazing culture of Kazakhstan. The week promises to provide an opportunity to bring children and families together to explore Kazakh culture, learn from each other, relax, and play -- all while enjoying the lakefront setting of our host site, the Geneva Point Center (GPC). We look forward to gathering again, along with our beloved Kazakh teachers, to celebrate our children's birth culture -- together. During this memorable time, we nurture existing friendships and establish new ones with families from all over the country. Children have the unique chance to bond with other children whose families have strong Kazakh connections.

This 5-night retreat is **all-inclusive**. The price you pay *includes lodging, all meals, and participation in all activities*. There are a variety of accommodation choices available to meet your budget and lifestyle.

Authentic Kazakh cultural experiences: Our programs are the culmination of the collaborative effort of many dedicated volunteers and our enthusiastic and caring Kazakh Team. Kazakh cultural activities are held each morning and whole-group activities are offered most evenings. Offerings may include:

Kazakh dance :: Dombra :: Kazakh crafts :: Archery
Kazakh history and culture :: Kazakh field games :: Kazakh traditional cooking

Old-fashioned camp activities:

Participants will have most afternoons free to socialize or enjoy quiet time. Choose from many of the recreational activities offered by GPC including swimming or boating on the waterfront (beaches supervised by certified lifeguards), playgrounds and hiking.

Group meals:

Zhailau participants will eat three buffet-style meals together each day. If you are vegetarian, please note that a vegetarian option will be offered at each meal.

Aul Duken:

Throughout the week, you will have the opportunity to shop at our store, the Aul Duken. We have a wide range of items that have come directly from Kazakhstan. Come purchase souvenirs, jewelry, T-shirts and other great Kazakh items. We end the week with a silent auction of some of our most unique pieces. Cash, checks, debit cards and credit cards accepted. Proceeds help fund future Zhailau gatherings.

Schedule:

Check in – Monday between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Check out – Saturday by 10:00 a.m.

Kazakh activities and classes are offered each morning and are scheduled according to your child's assigned group. Parents accompany their child(ren) to classes and are able to partake in learning about Kazakh culture as well. Most afternoons are unscheduled, allowing free time for relaxation and/or socializing with other families. Optional group activities are often a part of our evenings together.



Children's Programming

One of our primary objectives is to provide all attending children with meaningful, enjoyable access to a variety of aspects of Kazakh cultural traditions. Children are assigned to developmentally appropriate classes and peer groups, enabling them to best benefit from the foundational classes offered. They will attend classes and participate in activities enhancing their cultural understanding. Our oldest children may participate in a group that offers age-appropriate leadership opportunities.



Staff and Organizers

KAZAKH TEAM

Each year we are privileged to have dedicated and enthusiastic team members to share their knowledge, passion and enthusiasm with our community. The Kazakh team works long hours each day to create and deliver our amazing programming. Their dedication to our mission, and our children, is evident in everything they do - - from formal class time to performances to unscheduled fun together. The bonds that are formed with the Kazakh team have a lasting impact on our families.

The KAUS Leadership and Project Management teams

Throughout the year, the Kazakh Aul of the US is run by a small Leadership Team of volunteers who are dedicated to keeping our organization vibrant. In the months leading up to Zhailau, many additional members of our community step in to a variety of roles to plan, create and execute all the elements of the programs and events that comprise Zhailau. We are grateful for the time this amazing team devotes to the event, both before and during Zhailau. We welcome your support if you have time to donate.

HOW ZHAILAU HAPPENS

Zhailau is a volunteer-run event in which every community member plays a role. Traditional Kazakh Auls were nomadic villages that relied on the involvement of *each and every* member for survival. It was an honor and a privilege to contribute to the functioning of the larger whole. The Kazakh Aul of the U.S. is inspired by this belief, and Zhailau is a place where Kazakh spirit and tradition are embraced.

All adult Zhailau participants contribute to running the camp. This effort fosters a special community experience. Each adult is expected to assist with assigned, organized activities during the week.
*****New for 2017***** Sign-up for volunteer activities will be completed on-line. At some point after registration, you will be sent an email invitation to electronically sign up for community participation jobs. Detailed instructions will be given at that time — *but please be on the lookout for this email.*

Note: Single parents with children under the age of 9, who feel they may not be able to make child care arrangements, may opt out of this requirement.



Accomodations

Available housing options:

A variety of rustic accommodations are offered for different budgets and needs. Please feel free to visit the Geneva Point Center website for photos and details (genevapoint.org/about-geneva-point/housing/).

The Gibbes House, Lake View Cabins, State Line Cabins and Lake View Lodge are all located in relatively close proximity to one another. The camping site, Tree Cabins and Chapel Cabins are located about a 5-7 minute walk from the other housing options (please see Geneva Point Center map on page 6 for details).

HOUSING

Gibbes House*	Each of 10 rustic rooms in this lodge has carpeting, bathroom with shower, and entrance from hallway. The house has a common area that includes a kitchenette and living room. *Designated quiet housing, please see details below.
Lake View Cabins**	Four cabins with two rustic units each (eight units total), each of which has carpeting, bathroom with shower, and a shared porch. **Limited Availability
Lake View Lodge	A 10-room lodge situated on the Lake Winnepesaukee waterfront; each room has a water view. Each unit has 2 double beds, carpeting, bathroom with shower, private entrance, and room for a rollaway (rented for an additional \$25 per week). <u>Minimum of 1 adult & 2 children charge per room.</u>
Chapel Line Cabins	Four cabins with two rustic units each (eight units total), each with bathroom with shower. Sleeps up to four with 2 twin beds and 1 bunk bed. Located next to the Chapel - expect early evening noise, especially during Kazakh Disco.
State Line Cabins	Four cabins, each with one queen bed, one bunk bed, and a cold water lavatory. The four cabins share one separate shower house that is assigned solely to this housing.
Tree Cabins	Two cabins with two rustic units each (four units total), each of which is outfitted with two bunk beds and a bathroom with shower. The cabins are situated in the woods off the main campus, offering more privacy relative to the other housing options.
Camping	<u>You must bring your own tent and equipment.</u> A limited number of camping sites are available. Toilets and showers are available in the shower house. Cooking and campfires are not allowed. Tenters will eat with the whole Zhailau group.

Designated quiet housing, Gibbes House: Quiet hours start at 8:00 p.m. and go to 7:00 a.m.

After 8:00 p.m., the Gibbes Common Room will be available only to Gibbes residents. During quiet hours, activity in Gibbes must be limited to reading, quiet conversation or other non-disruptive activities among adults who are residents at Gibbes.



Rates

Zhailau rates listed below are per person and vary depending upon the type of accommodation selected. Rates include 5-nights lodging, three meals per day, all Kazakh culture programs and use of the GPC facilities.

Minimum occupancy charge per housing unit is 1 adult & 1 child, *except* Lake View Lodge minimum is 1 adult & 2 children. Camping has no minimum requirement.

ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES PER INDIVIDUAL JULY 17-22, 2017	Adult Age 18+	Youth Participant Ages 13+	Child Participant Ages 3-12
Camping (bring your own tent and equipment)	\$525	\$390	\$325
State Line, Chapel Line, and Tree Cabins	\$810	\$500	\$440
Gibbes House, Lake View Cabins, Lake View Lodge	\$875	\$565	\$500

As always, tax-deductible contributions to the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. are deeply appreciated. Should you wish to donate, please complete the Optional Donation line on the Zhailau registration pages.



Housing Assignment

Indoor housing assignment is based on a lottery. Outdoor camping slots are filled on a first-come, first served basis. If camping outside is your first choice, you will not go through the indoor housing lottery.

Process for the Indoor Housing Lottery

1. To be eligible for the Indoor Housing Lottery, your fully completed registration form, *including deposit*, must be received by March 24, 2017.
2. If a family does not receive housing based on the results of the lottery, or if registration is received after March 24th, the family will be placed on our waitlist. Families who wish to be removed from the waitlist, or who are not eventually assigned housing, will have their deposits returned.
3. Families will be notified of their housing or waitlist status no later than April 7, 2017. Assignments to indoor housing units are made based on randomized lottery ranking, preference, family size, and availability. Every attempt will be made to give families first-choice housing. First and second preferences for accommodations must be noted on the registration form.

Note: We occasionally get requests from people who wish to stay off site. The KAUS cannot accommodate such requests due to programming and capacity limitations.



Registration & Payment

- ⊕ For consideration for the Indoor Housing Lottery, you must submit your fully completed registration materials (pages 9 & 10 of this document) with deposit by the firm deadline of March 24, 2017.
- ⊕ E-mail confirmation of registration will be sent within 5-7 business days of receipt. Results of the indoor Housing Lottery will be sent out by April 7th.
- ⊕ ***** New for 2017***:** All families will pay an initial, non-refundable deposit of \$400 *per family* at the time of registration. One final payment of the remaining balance will be due by May 31st. You may always pay in full at registration or anytime. (Reservations made after May 31, 2017 must be paid in full with registration.)
- ⊕ Final payment must be made on time. Failure to do so may result in revocation of your housing assignment and forfeiting of deposit. Your fees must be paid-in-full in order to attend Zhailau.
- ⊕ Payment should be made by check or money order only, payable to the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. and drawn on U.S. funds. Please mail all payments and completed registration forms to:

Kazakh Aul of the U.S.
c/o Leah Russell
302 Flagg Hill Road
Boxborough, MA 01719

For questions or additional information, please email: info@kazakh-aul-us.org.

Geneva Point Center

Moultonboro, New Hampshire

603-253-4366

www.genevapoint.org



1. The Abbott Administration Building (Office)
2. Red House (Private)
3. Well House
4. Shaw Cottage
5. WINNI Scoop and Camp Store
6. Guest Laundry
7. Outdoor Stage
8. Center Laundry (GPC Staff Only)
9. INN (Dining Rooms on ground floor, Crossroad Gift Shop on first floor)
10. Chapel
11. Pine Haven
12. Chapel Line Cabins
13. Cottage F
14. Pear/Repeat
15. Malden Health Center
16. Cottage E (GPC Staff Only)
17. Pasture Line
18. Toddler Playground
19. Siftar Cottage
20. Barn
21. Children's Playground
22. Shower House
23. Cabin Z
24. College Row Cabins
25. Dock Road Cabins
26. The Meeting House
27. Gibbes House
28. State Line Cabins
29. Maintenance Shop
30. Lake View Cabins
31. Lake View Lodge
32. Nature Center
33. Geneva Woods Program Lodge 1
34. Geneva Woods Program Lodge 2
35. Geneva Woods Program Lodge 3
36. Geneva Woods Shower House
37. Geneva Woods Cabins
38. Sports Area (Tennis, Softball, Volleyball)
39. Outdoor Chapel

Tree Cabins

Bird's Eye View
birdseyemap@aol.com



Directions to Geneva Point

By Plane:

Manchester Regional Airport in Manchester, NH is about 1 ½ hours south of Geneva Point. It is serviced by many major airlines, including Southwest, United, US Airways, Delta, Northwest, and Continental. If you fly into Manchester, you can rent a car and drive to Geneva Point using the driving directions below.

Boston Logan Airport is 2 ½ hours by car from Geneva Point. If you fly to Logan Airport, you can rent a car and drive to Geneva Point, or take the bus as described below.

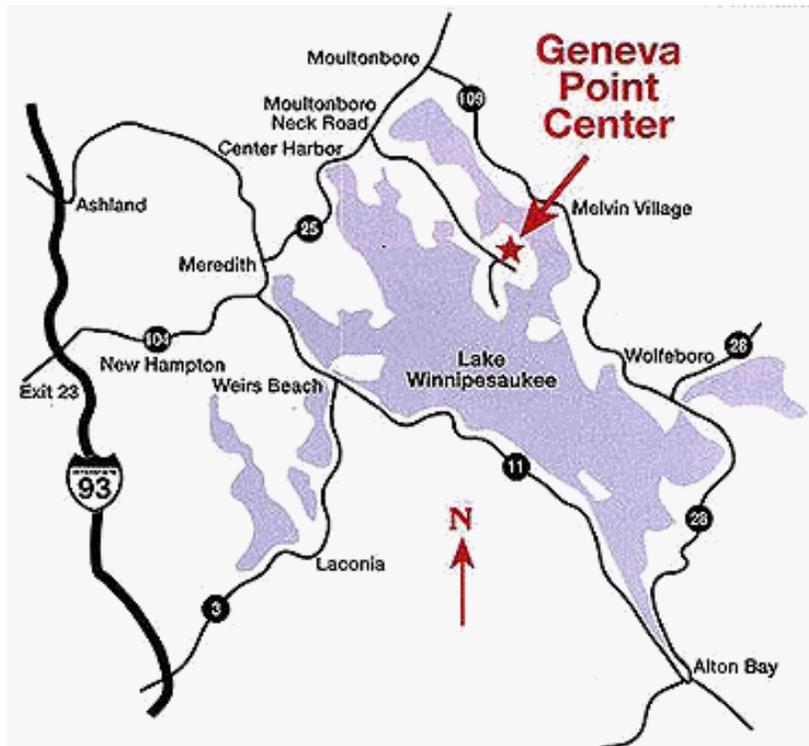
By Bus:

There is bus service from Logan or Boston's South Station to Center Harbor, NH, but you must arrange your own transportation from Center Harbor to the Geneva Point Center. There is a taxi service available that you may contact in advance to arrange a pickup. If you are interested in the bus/taxi option, you can investigate the bus schedule at www.concordcoachlines.com. You will need the Boston <-> Berlin schedule. KAUS has used Steve's Taxi Service in the past. You may contact Steve directly at stevenstaxi@metrocast.net or 603-279-3437. Please advise us if you anticipate a late arrival after check-in.

By Car:

From the South: Take I-93 North to exit 23 and turn right onto route 104 for 9 miles. At the junction of Route 104 and U.S. Route 3, take a left onto Route 3 for approximately 1 mile. At the traffic lights in Meredith, bear right onto Route 25 (stay on Route 25) for 8 miles. Take a right onto Moultonborough Neck Road at the traffic lights (just beyond the Service Station) and travel for 5.7 miles. Bear left at fork in the road. Turn left onto Geneva Point Road and follow to the Geneva Point Center entrance sign.

For GPS and mapping services, use the address 108 Geneva Point Road, Moultonborough, NH





Policy for Care & Supervision of Children

The safety, happiness, and well-being of all Zhailau participants is of the utmost importance to the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. Please note that Zhailau is unlike other camps with respect to child supervision.

- ⊕ At Zhailau, the care and supervision of children is **solely** the responsibility of parents or parent-designated adults. All parents/guardians who attend Zhailau are responsible **at all times** for their children. Representatives of the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. are NOT responsible at any time for the care of Zhailau participants, other than their own children.
- ⊕ ALL underage children (i.e. less than 18 years of age) must be supervised by an adult at ALL times.
- ⊕ Parents or guardians must ensure that his/her child(ren) is/are respectful of Geneva Point Center and Kazakh Aul of the U.S. property (e.g., equipment, games, books, facilities, instruments, etc.). Parents will compensate Geneva Point Center and/or the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. for any damages incurred by themselves or their children.
- ⊕ Due to safety concerns, NO children under the age of 18 will be allowed into the cooking area during Kazakh Cooking.
- ⊕ Bike riders are required to wear helmets at all times, must yield to pedestrians in walkways, observe reasonable speeds, and respond immediately to any adult request to stop or reduce speed. A formal written bicycle riding permission policy will be emailed to all families. Bicycle riding at Zhailau is a privilege that can be revoked by the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. or Geneva Point Center.



Classroom Code of Conduct - Children

- ⊕ Our Kazakh volunteers teach with the memory of their own education, which puts a very strong emphasis on **classroom discipline** and **respect** for teachers. Children are expected to:
 - Participate to the best of their ability.
 - Sit up straight in chairs – no slumping.
 - Do not talk when the teacher is talking.
 - Do not rough house or horse around during class.
 - Remember it is an honor to have these special teachers available to us all.
- ⊕ **Children aged 9+ are expected to attend all sessions.**
- ⊕ **The teen group has one evening meeting each night.**



Classroom Code of Conduct - Parents

Our Kazakh teachers may require your assistance with your children, especially during the first meeting of each class. With this in mind:

- ⊕ **Classes are progressive.** This may be a vacation for you, however for 3-5 hours a day, please encourage your children to attend all sessions. Makeup sessions do not occur.
- ⊕ **A parent, guardian, or parent-designated adult caregiver of children 8 and younger must be present in each class.** In some classes, adult participation is recommended.
- ⊕ **Parents of children aged 9+ may be asked to assist if behavior becomes an issue.**
- ⊕ We understand parents' desire to socialize, however, please **no talking while class is in session.**

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name		
Street ()	City	State	Zip Code
Phone	Email Address		

Check here if you do NOT want your email address added to the KAUS e-list on Yahoo Groups.

FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER / FRIEND ATTENDING, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>BIRTH DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GENDER</u>	<u>BIRTH DATE</u>
1. _____			3. _____		
2. _____			4. _____		

IF YOU HAVE A PREFERRED NICKNAME FOR YOUR NAMETAG, FOOD ALLERGIES, OR ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS PLEASE INFORM US IN THE SPACE BELOW (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGE IF NECESSARY). WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE REASONABLE SPECIAL REQUESTS.

*****ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ON PAGES 3 & 5 OF THESE MATERIALS REGARDING MODIFICATIONS TO PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES.*****

HOUSING & FEES

Refer to page 4 of the Zhailau 2017 General Information Guide to determine rates. Gibbes is designated Quiet Housing.

HOUSING PREFERENCE	
PLEASE USE COST OF <u>1ST CHOICE</u> TO CALCULATE FEES	
1 ST CHOICE:	
2 ND CHOICE:	

ZHAILAU 2017 FEES			
	Number attending	Individual Rate	Enter Total
Adult(s):		\$	\$
Youth(s):		\$	\$
Child(ren):		\$	\$
OPTIONAL DONATION			\$
TOTAL AMOUNT OWED			\$

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION (2 PAGES) TO:
Kazakh Aul of the U.S. c/o Leah Russell 302 Flagg Hill Road Boxborough, MA 01719

PAYMENT SCHEDULE	
*** new for 2017*** Non-refundable deposit per family due with registration	\$ 400
Final Balance due in full by May 31, 2017 (Total amount less deposit)	\$

Note: You will receive e-mail confirmation of your registration within 5-7 business days of receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation by then, please contact info@kazakh-aul-us.org. Confirmation of indoor housing will be sent by April 7th.

DO NOT mail your forms to the KAUS post office box in Providence, RI. Use the address above.

For office use only
\$ _____

CONDITIONS FOR ENROLLMENT

I / we the undersigned:

- 1) Have read, thoroughly understand, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set by the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. and the Geneva Point Center for the health, safety and welfare of all participants.
- 2) Request the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. to reserve accommodations for her/his family and guests listed above for the Zhailau Heritage Camp on July 17-22, 2017 at the Geneva Point Center in Moultonborough, NH. All indoor housing will be assigned based on lottery, need, availability, and I/we may not get my/our first preference.
- 3) Have read, thoroughly understand, and agree to the **Payment Policy** set forth on page 5 of the General Information Guide. Deposits are *nonrefundable*, and I/we agree to comply with the payment schedule. No allowances, refunds or rebates will be made if cancellation occurs after May 31, 2017.
- 4) Acknowledge that the Kazakh Aul of the U.S. does not provide or operate the site and facilities where the event is held and is not responsible in the unlikely event that weather, fire, or other factors beyond our control, including the actions of the site/facilities provider, force cancellation of the event. The Kazakh Aul of the U.S. and the Geneva Point Center are not responsible for articles of clothing or personal belongings lost or damaged by fire, theft, or laundering.
- 5) Consent to the use of any pictures and/or video of family members for marketing or promotional purposes.
- 6) Acknowledge that certain activities provided by the Camp (including, but not limited to, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sports, etc.) have an increased risk of injury. I/We assume full responsibility for my/our family's safety and hereby agree to release and indemnify the Kazakh Aul of the U.S, and the Geneva Point Center and all of their officers, employees, agents and representatives whatsoever, from any claims, cost, expense, including attorney fees and or damages which any of them may incur arising from my/our family's participation in such activities.
- 7) Have read, thoroughly understand, and agree to abide by the **Policy for the Care and Supervision of Children**. As parents or guardians of minor participants listed in Family Information above, I/we are solely responsible for the supervision and safety of our children at all times during Zhailau.
- 8) Have read and agree to the **Classroom Codes of Conduct (Children and Parents)**.

I/WE HEREBY AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature

Date

Printed Name of Second Parent or Guardian attending Zhailau 2017 (if applicable)

Signature

Date