



VIRTUAL ZHAILAU 2021

An Online Kazakh Heritage Camp for Families

Online Registration is Now Open

Assorted dates between July 11 and 25, 2021



GENERAL INFORMATION GUIDE

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. is a unique community dedicated to Kazakh culture that provides opportunities for genuine kinship across generations and has always been inspired by traditional, nomadic Kazakh villages, known as Auls. Though COVID-19 is again preventing an in-person gathering, we will repeat last year's successful Virtual Zhailau.

We will again be joined by dedicated and enthusiastic team members who share their knowledge, passion and enthusiasm with our community. The team includes both native Kazakhstanis who offer cultural insights and adopted Kazakh-American role models who particularly understand the unique perspectives of our adopted youths. The bonds that are formed with the Kazakhstani team have a lasting impact on our families.

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



Kazakh Cultural Experiences

Virtual Zhailau will offer families the chance to choose from multiple Zoom sessions which have been carefully designed to enhance families' cultural understanding. Popular workshops from last summer, like Kazakh cooking and musical/dance performances, will be updated for 2021. There will be opportunities for social interaction and new offerings are being developed which *may* include activities such as Kazakh history, games, crafts and falconry.

Rates are inclusive for all family members, regardless of how many sessions are attended or devices are employed.



Adoption Identity Workshops

Adoption Identity workshops will focus on the unique identity challenges facing adoptive families. Both adults and youths will have a session on the highly relevant topic of Asian racism and the COVID pandemic.

Youth Sessions:

Sessions will be divided by age group and each group will receive 2 Adoption Identity sessions run by Tanya Kaanta – a Korean transracial adoptee who has a PhD in Sociology and an MS in Student Affairs in Higher Education. Her research focused on Korean intercountry adoption, identity formation process, emotion work, agency and advocacy work of adult adoptees. She has led workshops at China and Korea heritage camps and has also journeyed to Kazakhstan with the TIES adoptive family travel program.

Specific dates and times are being finalized, but older youths will have evening groups and younger youths will have daytime groups. Children 4th grade and up may participate.

Adult Sessions:

Two sessions dedicated to parental issues led by Tanya Kaanta will also be available.



Registration & Payment

- ⊕ \$200/family (Virtual Zhailau Only)– includes all activities for all family members
- ⊕ \$300/family (Virtual Zhailau + Identity) – includes all activities PLUS adoption identity workshops for all family members
- ⊕ Please submit your registration on-line at www.kazakhaul.org by June 1 and enjoy the lowest pricing. After June 1, the pricing will be \$225 for Virtual Zhailau only and \$325 for Virtual Zhailau + Identity.
- ⊕ No reservations can be made after July 1, 2021.
- ⊕ Immediate payment can be made via PayPal or use the mail-in payment option.
- ⊕ For online registrations, a receipt of deposit is automatically generated. E-mail confirmation of receipt of deposit for mailed in payments will be sent within 3-5 business days.
- ⊕ 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 to:

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

- ⊕ Full payment is required at the time of registration, which is non-refundable.
- ⊕ After payment, you will be sent a Sign-Up Genius link to sign up for the specific activities your family members will participate in, INCLUDING adoption identity workshops. Please sign up as soon as possible as some activities may have maximum participant limits and could close out. You must sign up EACH of your family members for each event, so that we have numbers of total participants.

For questions or additional information, please email: info@kazakhaul.org or chris@kazakhaul.org.