"What are you doing this summer? Join the BMA Archaeological Project!

The Baruun Mukhdagiin Am (BMA) Archaeological Project is now organizing its 2014 field season in Central Mongolia. Our joint US-Mongolian team will excavate at a Hunnu/Xiongnu imperial cemetery and at ancient herder campsites identified in 2013, and will conduct pedestrian survey of the nearby river valleys and low foothills where modern Mongolian nomadic families make their seasonal encampments. This season will include a special focus on bioarchaeological and zooarchaeological analyses, and volunteers will be trained in a number of fundamental methods relevant to excavation, survey, and data recording. No prior experience is required; our only requirements of BMA team members are a great attitude and a desire to step outside one's comfort zone! This summer's archaeological expedition will include excursions to sites and events of ethnographic, historical, and outdoorsy interest in Central Mongolia.

The BMA Archaeological Project is a joint venture of the National University of Mongolia and the Institute of Archaeology at the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. We have extended our application deadline to MAY 15TH and are currently accepting applications for Session I (July 14 - August 4), Session II (August 7 - 28), or both sessions. We welcome paying volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to the BMA team. Please visit our AIA AFOB listing and project website at the main Center for the Study of Eurasian Nomads page or e-mail our senior staff for more details (see below).

Our senior staff would like to issue a special invitation to members of the Evergreen community to join the BMA team this summer. Ulam ikh amjilt huseye (Mongolian: We wish you good luck)!

Best wishes,

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http://www.archaeological.org/fieldwork/afob/14669 BMA Archaeological Project website: http://www.csen.org/BMA%20_Hite_2014/BMA%20Text/BMAPage1.html

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