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## **OPEN WORLD PROGRAM**

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### **THEME**

**Emergency Management and Disaster Planning  
October 28 - November 5**

### **Delegate and facilitator names**

**Assei Kalybayeva  
Bekbolat Metanov  
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Aidyn Ashimkhanov  
Dinara Amanzholova (facilitator)**

### **Official host city**

**Madison, Wisconsin, USA**

**Host organization: Friendship Force of Wisconsin- Madison**

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### **Administered by**

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison**

## **OPEN WORLD 2022 : FRIENDSHIP FORCE WISCONSIN - MADISON**

Hosted by The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison with members in the Madison area and surrounding South Central Wisconsin area. The Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison is a non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy through homestay Journeys and personal friendships. We believe that each individual can contribute to global goodwill. In our travel programs our members host people from around the world in their homes and are in turn hosted in the homes of club members around the world.

### **PROGRAM FORMAT**

#### **Friday, October 28, 2022**

**Delegates arrive via UA 3730 at 11:52 am at the Dane County Airport** where they will be greeted by Sandi Wysock and other members of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison. They will be transported to the home of Sandi & George Wysock, 102 Acadia Drive Madison, WI 53717 where they will meet their hosts, other members of Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison, and receive information about the week's program. Food and beverage will be provided.

Evening with hosts

#### **Saturday, October 29, 2022**

9:30 Hosts or Day hosts will transport delegates to the Capitol and meet at the State Street Entrance

10:00 Tour the Wisconsin State Capitol which sits on an isthmus between Lakes Mendota and Monona. The building construction was completed in 1917 and it is the tallest building in Madison because regulations will not allow any other building to exceed its height. The building is home to our Governor's office, both houses of our legislature and the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

11:30 Visit the largest local-produce-only Farmers' Market in the US. Lunch at Farmers' Market or eat in a local restaurant. Students from the University will join us who have either Russian or Kazakh language skills.

1:00 Walk from Capitol down State Street to the University Union Terrace to experience the unique shops and view Lake Mendota from the Union Terrace, as well as other activities planned by the host families.

Free evening with hosts.

CREECA will provide additional interpreters – students who speak Russian and/or Kazakh during our walk around Farmers' Market and State Street.

## **Sunday, October 30, 2022**

Free time with hosts and time to rest, explore Madison or shop.

- 4:30 Meet at Holy Wisdom, 4200 Highway M, Middleton WI. 608-836-1631  
Hosts will provide transportation
- 5:30 – 8:30 Buffet dinner with members of the Friendship Force and guests.  
Delegates will be asked to share information about Kazakhstan and about their own interests and backgrounds with the members of the Friendship Force and guests. CREECA will provide additional interpreters as needed to facilitate communication.

## **Monday, October 31, 2022**

- 8:00 Meet and travel to Wisconsin Emergency Management, 2400 Wright Street Madison, WI  
Phone: 608 242 3000  
<https://wem.wi.gov/home/about/>
- Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) coordinates effective disaster response and Recovery efforts in support of local governments. Through planning, training and preparedness exercises they support Emergency Management teams, our citizens and response personnel to respond to a range of emergencies and minimize the loss of lives and property.
- Presenters:  
Kevin Wernet, Exercise and Training Instructor/State Training Officer and members of his team [kevin.Wernet@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kevin.Wernet@wisconsin.gov)
- 8:45 Arrive at Wisconsin Emergency Management
- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome and introduction: **Greg Engle; Administrator**
- 9:30 - 10:00 Wisconsin Emergency Management overview: **Katie Sommers; Bureau of Administration**
- 10:00 – 10:45 Department of Health Services preparedness and volunteer management: **John Longo**  
Emergency Human Services Coordinator
- 10:45 – 11:15 Introduction to State Emergency Operations Center Operations
- 11:15 – 12:15 Lunch (local options) TBD
- 12:30 – 1:30 State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to tour and observe SEOC exercise
- 1:30 - 2:30 SEOC- Volunteer management and working with business partners

- 2:30 - 3:00 Questions and closing remarks
- 3:30 - 4:00 **Delegates debrief with at Sandi Wysock's home 102 Acadia Dr.  
: opportunity to raise additional questions and offer comments**
- 5:00 Hosts pick up delegates at 102 Acadia Drive, Madison  
Dinner with Host Families

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

- 8:15 Meet for travel to Wisconsin Emergency Management, 2400 Wright Street, Madison, WI  
Phone: 608 242 3000 <https://wem.wi.gov/home/about/>
- Presenter: Gannon Gann: Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator  
[gannon.gann@wisconsin.gov](mailto:gannon.gann@wisconsin.gov)
- 9:00-11:00 Focus on programs coordinating volunteer organization assistance during emergency events  
and afterward to provide continuing support to those affected.
- Programs and training for local governments
- Identify key volunteer organizations and their missions, coordination of efforts
- Public Health Emergency Response Plan
- 11:15 – 1:15 Lunch at The Great Dane 123 W. Doty Street Madison
- 1:20 Arrive at: Dane County Emergency Management, 115 W Doty St. #2107 Madison, WI 53703  
<https://em.countyofdane.com> (608) 266-4330
- Dane County Emergency Management's mission is to support and strengthen an effective  
Emergency Management System with our stakeholders and to protect the lives, property, and  
environment of residents and visitors of Dane County
- 1:30 - 3:30 Program at Dane County Emergency Management
- Presenters:  
J. McLellan, Strategic Community and Emergency Planning, Population Protection Planner  
[mclellan@countyofdane.com](mailto:mclellan@countyofdane.com) (608) 267-2542
- Charles A. Tubbs, Director [tubbs.charles@countyofdane.com](mailto:tubbs.charles@countyofdane.com) (608) 266-4330\*attended  
virtually**
- The Program will cover:  
Dane County Emergency Management introductions, a review of the Dane County Emer-  
gency Management functions in the Emergency Management Cycle: preparation and plan-  
ning, response, mitigation.

Emergency Response Activities (municipal, county, state and federal) as a whole

Visit to the Dane County Emergency Operations Center with focus on its purpose and standing operational goals, staffing, equipment and recovery activities and responsibilities.

Opportunity to see the ambulance

3:30 - Free Time

EST 8:00 Hosts pick up at Wysock's 102 Acadia Dr.

### **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

8:30 Meet at Sandi Wysock's, 102 Acadia Dr. Madison, WI 53717

9:00 - 9:30 Arrive **Congressman Mark Pocan's office**

10 East Doty #405 , Madison, WI

Mark Pocan is the US representative from Wisconsin's 2nd congressional district. He has Served in this capacity since 2013. The district is based in Madison. He is a member of the Democratic party.

10:30- 1:00 Depart for Milwaukee, with lunch on the way at Machine Shed Waukesha

1:00 - 4:30 Meeting with Dr. Colella and faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin  
9000 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI [colella@mcw.edu](mailto:colella@mcw.edu)

Dr. Colella is the Medical Director for Flight for Life. He is the Assistant Director of Medical Services for the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Service, a national leader in EMS serving a population of approximately one million citizens. He is a consultant for the Center for International Health developing academic EMS curriculum for international physician development and other projects

Presentations from

Tiffany Frazer: Global Health Overview

Dr. Ben Weston MD and EMS physician

Dr. Jason Liu - Medical College of Wisconsin emergency plan

Dr. Tom Engel: Building and Linking Trauma Systems

Natalie Czarkowski Emergency Management coordinatro Milwaukee County

Visit to the Medical College of Wisconsin Emergency Room

4:30 - 6:30 Travel to meeting point. Meet hosts. Evening with hosts

### **Thursday, November 3, 2022**

- 8:30 Meet at Sandi Wysock's: 102 Acadia Drive, Madison
- 9:45 Depart Madison for Dodgeville Wisconsin to Iowa County Emergency Management, 109 E. Leffler St., Dodgeville WI 608 930-9540 [icem@iowacounty.org](mailto:icem@iowacounty.org)
- Presenters Keith Hurlbert, Iowa County Emergency Management
- Discussion of relationship with State programs; Upland Hills Hospital and tour of new facility. Our trip to Dodgeville will highlight emergency management strategies in a smaller rural community where there is a greater reliance on volunteers. The program will also cover the way that they connect to the statewide system. Along the way, delegates will be able to see the Wisconsin countryside.
- 9:30 Arrive at 101 E. Leffler St Dodgeville - meet with Keith Hurlbert and get tour of 911 dispatch center, followed by gathering in meeting room for rest of program
- 12-ish: Walk to lunch at Country Cafe – room is reserved for our group.
- 1:30: Upland Hills Hospital for program with Kurt Hoeper, Emergency Coordinator, Upland Hills Health Hospital [hoeperk@uplandhillshealth.org](mailto:hoeperk@uplandhillshealth.org)
- 3:30 ish: Leave Dodgeville to Return to Madison  
On the way visit Mt. Horeb where delegates will have a time to explore a small town known as the troll capital of the world, which draws tourists to take photos with the troll sculptures, purchase troll-like gifts and paraphernalia, and eat and drink at the Grumpy Troll Brew Pub.
- 4:00 - 4:15 Arrive Mt. Horeb & time to explore
- 4:45 Dinner at the Grumpy Troll
- 6:00 Arrive Sandi Wysock's home 102 Acadia Drive, Madison

### **Friday, November 4, 2022**

- 8:45 Meet at Sandi Wysock's home
- 9:00 Depart for Meadowood Community Center  
5740 Raymond Road, Madison, WI 53711 Phone: 608 467-8360  
[meadowood@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:meadowood@madison.k12.wi.us)
- 9:30 - 1:00

Presenters:

Steve Haskell, Safety and Emergency Management Officer -UW Health  
608-422-8349 [shaskell@uwhealth.org](mailto:shaskell@uwhealth.org)

Nathan Bubenzer, Emergency Preparedness Safety Manager, UnityPoint Health-Meriter  
[nathan.bubenzer@unitypoint.org](mailto:nathan.bubenzer@unitypoint.org)

This presentation will focus on planning, implementing, testing, and evaluating hospital emergency plans. The presenters are the Emergency Managers from the three hospitals in Madison that can take mass casualties.

11:00 -12:30 Lunch: Los Atlantes — an opportunity to taste authentic Mexican food

12:30 - Travel to Senator Baldwin's office: Senator Baldwin's office was unable to arrange a meeting due to staffing conflicts.

12:30 - 1:30 Debrief\_ An opportunity to review the entire week

5:30 - 8:30 **Farewell party** -Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Country Club Rd ,Madison, WI 53711

Dinner with hosts and key presenters. An opportunity, to solidify and expand on relationships

CREECA will provide additional interpreters to facilitate communication

Saturday, November 5

**Flight canceled due to weather: Delegates departed via Coach USA bus**

2:00 Meet at Dane County airport for UA Flight 1626 departing at 4:13 for Chicago



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*Host Family Background and Contact Information*

**Host Family: Michael Hoon & Diana Rodum    Delegate: Kurmangazy Taimanuly Amanov**

406 Bryce Canyon Cir.,

Madison, WI 53705

Telephone: (608)- 203-5711

E-mail: dianarodum@aol.com

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Michael Hoon	M	71	retired	Softball, travel, canoeing/kayaking, camping, reading
Diana Rodum	F	70	retired	Gardening, travel, canoeing/kayaking, camping, art, reading

Pets: none

Smoking permitted inside the house:        Yes   X   No

Internet Connection: Dialup        Cable/DSL   X   Wi-Fi   X   None       

Any foreign languages spoken:   French



**Host Family: Gabor Kemeny & Kathy Speck Delegate Aidyn Nurtasovich Ashimkhanov**

Address: 7749 Summerfield Dr

Verona, WI 53593

Telephone: ( 608)-8360272

E-mail: [kspeckemeny@gmail.com](mailto:kspeckemeny@gmail.com)

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Kathy Speck	F	69	Retired health care manager & helping with family business	kayaking, sailing, bicycling hiking, reading, music, theater, art, architecture, cooking & travel
Gabor Kemeny	M	72	Engineer & Owner of small optical business	kayaking, sailing, hiking, reading, history, music, the arts, architecture, cooking, travel

Pets: dog\_\_\_\_\_

Smoking permitted inside the house: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      ☒ No

Internet Connection: Dialup \_\_\_\_\_ Cable/DSL \_\_\_\_\_ Wi-Fi ☒ None \_\_\_\_\_

Any foreign languages spoken: Hungarian

Gabor grew up in Hungary and has lived in the US for over 30 years. Both Kathy and Gabor have traveled extensively in the US and internationally and have hosted numerous visitors. Kathy has also tutored and befriended a number of international students through the Madison Friends of International Students

**Host Family: Tom & Donna Miller    Delegate(s): Bekbolat Yermekovich Metanov**

Address: 5414 Denton Place  
Madison, WI 53711

Telephone:

608-334-3327 (Tom's cell)

608-609-2617 (Donna's cell)

E-mail: miller1950@sbcglobal.net

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Tom Miller	M	72	Retired –Health Care Administration, Employee Education	Photography, reading, writing, gardening
Donna Miller	F	72	Retired Nurse	Quilting, sewing, cooking, gardening

Pets: None

Smoking permitted inside the house:        Yes   x   No

Internet Connection: Dialup        Cable/DSL        Wi-Fi   x   None       

Any foreign languages spoken:   None  

Please briefly describe any additional interesting information about the home hosts, including previous international living and home hosting, and any potential interest in maintaining contact with their assigned delegate(s) through joint projects, ad hoc and/or formal organization-to-organization ties, or regular communications.

Tom and Donna have traveled extensively. They have visited Scotland, England, France, Italy, Cuba, Costa Rica, Panama, Ukraine and Australia.

Tom writes a travel blog and displays his photographs at local galleries. <https://travelingwithtom.com> is his blog

Host Family: John and Mary Witte  
Madison, WI 53717

Telephone: 608-445-5026 John

608-223-5026 Mary

E-mail: [witte@lafollette.wisc.edu](mailto:witte@lafollette.wisc.edu) (John)

[marpowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:marpowitz@yahoo.com) (Mary)

Delegate(s): Alizhan Zhalgassuly Zharkynbek

Family Member Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
John	M	76	Retire Professor	reading, golf, bocce grandchildren
Mary	F	76	Retired Office Worker and Teacher	Reading, Cooking, Volunteering, Bocce, Water Exercise and grandchildren

Pets: None

Smoking permitted inside the house:            Yes   x   No

Internet Connection: Dialup            Cable/DSL            Wi-Fi   x   None           

Any foreign languages spoken:            None           

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John and Mary have lived in Budapest, Hungary: London England: Canberra Australia: Auckland, New Zealand: and Astana Kazakhstan. They have hosted guests from New Caledonia Guadeloupe, Ukraine, Russia and New Caledonia. John also was the founding Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan

E-mail: Jangelo@jangelo.com

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Host Name: George & Sandi Wysock  
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Madison, WI 53717  
Telephone: ( 608 )-288 1981  
E-mail: [sandrawysock@msn.com](mailto:sandrawysock@msn.com)  
[georgewysock@msn.com](mailto:georgewysock@msn.com)

**Delegate(s): Arman Syrymovich Amantayev**

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
George Wysock	male	77	Retired Accountant	Golf, travel, reading, Friendship Force, Stock Market
Sandi Wysock	Female	76	Retired Operations Manager	Golf, travel, felted art, singing, Friendship Force

Pets: dog- Keeshond

Smoking permitted inside the house:        Yes   x   No

Internet Connection: Dialup        Cable/DSL        Wi-Fi   x   None       

Any foreign languages spoken: None

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We have traveled to Russia, Turkey, Cost Rica, Guadeloupe, England, Germany, Japan, Australia, Puerto Rico and most of the Carribean islands. We have also hosted people from many countries in our homes. Sandi is one of the program coordinators.

**Host Family:** Maureen Kind

**Delegate(s):** Dinara Amanzholova

Address: 5901 Mayhill Drive, Madison, WI 53711-4121

Telephone: ( 608 )-274-6754

E-mail: dmkind@sbcglobal.net

Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Hobbies/Sports
Maureen	F	77	Retired French Teacher	Biking, Reading, Hiking, Choral Singing, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, travel, Gardening

Pets: \_\_\_\_yes\_\_ dog\_\_\_\_\_

Smoking permitted inside the house: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_x\_\_\_\_ No

Internet Connection: Dialup \_\_\_\_\_ Cable/DSL \_\_\_\_\_ Wi-Fi \_\_x\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

Any foreign languages spoken: \_\_French\_\_\_\_\_

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International travel before COVID: Friendship Force trips including home hosting in Poland/ Berlin, Russia, Greece and Guadeloupe. Maureen has hosted people in her home from Canada, Guadeloupe and New Caledonia. She has also made numerous trips to France and Europe traveling on her own. Maureen lived in France for 1 year in college and then for one year in 1991 and 1992. She has also studied and taught in Taiwan and China.