

Jonathan Phillips, Peace Corps Volunteer, Mongolia (2003–2005)

Biography

My name is Jonathan Phillips. I am from Bartlett, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. I graduated from Driscoll Catholic High School in 1998 and from the Milwaukee



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School of Engineering in 2001 with a degree in business and computer systems. Soccer has always been a passion in my life—I will continue to force it

on my unfortunate Mongolian friends until they like it or I leave, whichever happens first. My immediate family all still reside in the Chicago area. My younger brother and sister, Hunter and Charlotte, are in middle school and high school respectively. They recently visited me in Mongolia!

Site Assignment

I am a business and economic development Volunteer in a remote area of western Mongolia. My primary assignment is with the Economics University of Zavkhan, where I teach business, marketing, computer, and English classes. I also work with the teachers to update the curriculum and improve their methodologies. My main side project in the community is an eco-tourism development project in which we hope to promote this beautiful, quiet corner of the world to spur local economic growth while encouraging responsible management of the environment.



Jonathan (far right) with fellow teachers from the university on a recruiting visit to the small town of Ider



Elementary schoolchildren learning English in a Mongolian village school outside of Darhan (photo provided by Tori Oliver)



A Mongolian family's camp outside of Subbaatar (photo provided by Tori Oliver)