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# Letter from the Consul General



Virginia Ramadan has been the Consul General and Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs in Saudi Arabia since August 2015. She will be leaving the Kingdom later this summer for Washington D.C.

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The summer is now in full swing and while some U.S. citizens have left the Kingdom for vacation, many of us are still here braving the Saudi heat! Our American Citizen Services teams in Riyadh, Jeddah, and Dhahran have been working tirelessly to process U.S. passport applications ahead of our citizens' much anticipated summer travel. The U.S. Department of State expected a surge in U.S. passport applications this summer, because the 10-year passports produced in record numbers due to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) in 2007 have begun to expire. True to the prediction, ACS has seen an increase in passport applications compared to last year.

Along with all the work our teams have been doing with passports, they have also been busy issuing Consular Reports of Birth Abroad to our newest U.S. citizens, accepting applications for social security, and experiencing an increase in requests for our notarial services. We have also continued our important emergency work such as assisting U.S. citizens who have been victims of crime and domestic abuse, helping families who have lost a loved one, visiting U.S. citizens who have been arrested in Saudi Arabia, and keeping you informed with Safety and Security messages. We highly recommend that all U.S. citizens traveling or living overseas enroll with the U.S. Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/>. Spread the word and encourage your family and friends to sign up to receive important updates and security messages from their nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate!

As the summer draws to a close, it will be my turn to depart Saudi Arabia for my next adventure in the U.S. Department of State. Over the last two years we have been through significant transformations, both in our own government as well as in Saudi Arabia. Despite these changes, there remains one constant: our mandate and promise to provide the best service to our citizens in Saudi Arabia.

It has been a joy and honor to serve you as Consul General and Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs in Saudi Arabia and to work together with our large team of consular officers and local staff and experts. Our consular team strives daily to provide you with the best service possible and to communicate in a timely manner any and all information that may affect you as an American Citizen abroad in Saudi Arabia.

Ma Salama!

*Virginia Ramadan*

# EXTRA EXTRA! RIYADH ALL ABOUT IT!

## WORKING TO FIGHT DOMESTIC ABUSE

In an effort to better understand the options available to U.S. citizen victims of domestic violence in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh's ACS Team met with employees of Saudi Arabia's **National Family Safety Program (NFSP)**. The dedicated staff at NFSP operate the Child Abuse hotline (116111) and assist victims through the medical and legal system in Saudi Arabia, as well as connect them with the appropriate Saudi government offices.

The ACS unit has also met with local attorneys to learn more about the what legal options U.S. citizens can take when faced with a domestic violence situation. An **updated list of attorneys** can be found on our website.

Another valuable resource for victims is the **"Know Your Rights" app**, an application created by a Saudi lawyer designed to help victims navigate the Saudi legal system.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence in Saudi Arabia, please contact the ACS team at your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to discuss what resources and options are available to you in the Kingdom.



## ANNUAL CRIME & SAFETY REPORT UPDATED FOR RIYADH

The Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) was created in 1985 by the Secretary of State to promote an open dialogue between the U.S. Government and the American private sector on security issues abroad. OSAC operates an Internet web site, [www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov), which is one of its principal means of information exchange with the private sector. You can find OSAC information specific for Saudi Arabia on their website by selecting "Near East > Saudi Arabia" from the drop-down menu on their Region Locator. On their website you will be able to find the annual Crime and Safety Report for Riyadh updated in June 2017. Jeddah also has a report that was updated April 2017.

## LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Riyadh ACS team continued it's outreach to the local U.S. Citizen community by visiting the Vinnell Corporation in Saudi Arabia. ACS staff gave an overview of services that we can provide to citizens overseas and spent time answering questions about U.S. passports, social security, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, veterans benefits, and U.S. visas.

## CHILDREN'S ISSUES AGREEMENT

On July 17, 2017, Consul General Virginia Ramadan signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi government regarding children's issues (pictured). This agreement establishes a joint commission between the United States and Saudi Arabia that will meet twice a year in an effort to improve cooperation against international parental child abduction. You can find more information on the U.S. Department of State's **Office of Children's Issues website**.

# Notes from Dhahran



## Monthly ACS Warden Wednesday Meetings by Popular Demand

Our warden meetings, which are part of a monthly speaker series organized in conjunction with Dhahran's Consular Section, USERA, and the Warden Steering Committee, have served as a valuable outreach tool to strengthen the relationship and communication between the Consulate and the ACS wardens in the eastern province. Over the last 3 months, the ACS Dhahran team has hosted a number of well attended forums covering a diverse range of topics such as expatriate taxes, changing economic conditions in Saudi Arabia, Virtual Private Networks (VPN) and Saudi visa and immigration policy and procedures. We do not have any Warden Wednesday meetings scheduled in the summer, but will resume in the fall.

## Dhahran ACS Team hits the road to Aramco Dhahran & Ras Tanura

When the going gets tough, the tough get going! Due to the various circumstances which make it difficult for some American citizens to get to the Consulate from far-away places in the Eastern Province, the ACS team - Vito DiPaola, Brian Santhumayor, Mouyed Abdelqabbar, and Mihira Ramadan - traveled to Saudi Aramco's Dhahran and Ras Tanura facilities to provide a range of services to Americans based at the camps. Consular Chief Vito DiPaola also visited the John Hopkins Aramco Hospital to meet with U.S. doctors and greet a newly born American baby while the grateful parents filled out the CRBA application. The American Aramcons thanked the consular team for offering convenient services within the comfort of their own offices.

## Dhahran ACS Team is on a Roll!

In the last 3 months, the ACS Dhahran team has dealt with a big spike in the number of requests for ACS services from American citizens in the Eastern Province. The team has faced the challenge head-on. The numbers and results speak for themselves! The ACS team processed a record number of passport applications, notarials, CRBAs, and other special citizen services cases. ACS Dhahran also successfully resolved several challenging welfare and whereabouts cases and repatriated the remains of an American citizen, which was delayed due to a legal dispute between the next of kin.

## Building Relationships with Saudi Authorities and Local Organizations

The ACS team has been working on an increasing number of Special Citizens Services (SCS) cases in the Eastern Province. Some of these complex cases involve the arrest and incarceration of American citizens on various charges, spousal abuse, labor disputes, etc. As a result, the ACS team has been proactively building relationships with the Saudi Ministry of Labor, police, prison officials, hospitals, and a host of other government entities. Their support and our access to good offices have been instrumental in addressing and resolving complex ACS cases. We also plan on meeting with the Saudi and Bahrain immigration and customs officials at the Saudi-Bahrain Causeway due to the high volume of American citizens traveling back and forth. We are also planning an outreach to the Child Protection Centers located in the Eastern Province.

# Tips for Hajj from Jeddah's ACS Team

*Hajj is an annual religious pilgrimage to Mecca undertaken each year by 2-3 million people. The approximate dates for the 2017 Hajj are August 30 to September 4. Umrah is a pilgrimage that can be completed at any time of the year.*

*Jeddah's ACS team is gearing up for Hajj season by meeting with Hajj tour providers and the Ministry of Hajj.*

*Here is some important information to keep in mind during Hajj:*

## Americans in Saudi Arabia

U.S. citizens who reside in Saudi Arabia and wish to participate in Hajj must travel with Saudi-government-approved sponsor groups to perform Hajj. Foreign Muslim residents of Saudi Arabia may perform the Hajj once every five years. Advance approval must be obtained from an immigration office and with the approval of your Saudi sponsor. Keep travel documents (your U.S. passport or U.S. "green card" residency permit) secure during your trip. Make two copies of your passport—including pages stamped with Saudi visas—with one set at home and the other in a safe place while you travel.

## Photographs

Saudi authorities forbid the taking of photographs (still or video, including those taken with your phone) at the Holy Mosque at Mecca or at the Prophet's Mosque at Medina. Any violation of official instructions is likely to lead to the confiscation of your device. While a prior ban on cameras and camera phones has been relaxed, exercise good judgment and respect the rules of each site.

## What We Can Do

We hope that you will have a trouble-free Hajj or Umrah, as thousands of other pilgrims from the United States do each year. If something does go wrong, however, the Consulate General in Jeddah can provide you appropriate consular services, such as:

- Arrange for emergency U.S. passports and "boarding foils" for lost I-551 ("green cards") for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents. After Hajj, please bring a report from the police station regarding the theft or loss, and a copy of your U.S. passport or green card.
- Make special arrangements in case of civil disturbances or disasters.
- Seek to contact you within 24 hours of being told that you have been arrested.
- Provide contact information for local lawyers and hospitals.
- Arrange for a spouse or next of kin to be informed if you are involved in an accident, arrested, or die, and advise them on the appropriate procedures.

## What We Cannot Do

- Arrange for travel outside of the designated areas in Mecca and Medina.
- Resolve immigration violations.
- Become involved in any disagreements, e.g. pilgrim and travel agency disputes or lost baggage.
- Rearrange airline, hotel, or other travel bookings.
- Pay for hotel, legal, medical, travel, or other bills.
- Obtain someone's release from prison.
- Provide legal advice or intervene in court cases or criminal investigations.

## Emergency Contact Information for U.S. Citizens

U.S. Consulate General Jeddah: (966) (12) 667-0080

Normal hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm local time in Saudi Arabia, Sunday through Thursday for routine inquiries. During regular business hours, please ask for the American Citizens Services Unit. During the 2017 Hajj period, the U.S. Embassy and Consulates General will be closed for routine services from September 1-9, and September 24 for Saudi National Day. Pilgrims making Umrah at other times of the year should be aware that the Embassy and Consulates are typically closed on major U.S. and Saudi holidays.

For emergency cases outside of regular business hours or during holidays, use the same numbers listed above to reach a duty officer for assistance.

In addition, you can call the Department of State from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays):

From the U.S. & Canada: 1-888-407-4747

From Overseas: +1-202-501-4444



# EUROPE

# travel alert

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*The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens to the continued threat of terrorist attacks throughout Europe. This Travel Alert expires on September 1, 2017.*

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Recent, widely-reported incidents in France, Russia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom demonstrate that the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS or Da'esh), al-Qa'ida, and their affiliates have the ability to plan and execute terrorist attacks in Europe. While local governments continue counterterrorism operations, the Department nevertheless remains concerned about the potential for future terrorist attacks. U.S. citizens should always be alert to the possibility that terrorist sympathizers or self-radicalized extremists may conduct attacks with little or no warning.

Extremists continue to focus on tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities as viable targets. In addition, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, high-profile events, educational institutions, airports, and other soft targets remain priority locations for possible attacks. U.S. citizens should exercise additional vigilance in these and similar locations, in particular during the upcoming summer travel season when large crowds may be common.

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Terrorists persist in employing a variety of tactics, including firearms, explosives, using vehicles as ramming devices, and sharp-edged weapons that are difficult to detect prior to an attack.

If you are traveling between countries in Europe, please check the website of the U.S. embassy or consulate in your destination city for any recent security messages. Review security information from local officials, who are responsible for the safety and security of all visitors to their host country. U.S. citizens should also:

- Follow the instructions of local authorities. Monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities.
- Be prepared for additional security screening and unexpected disruptions.
- Stay in touch with your family members and ensure they know how to reach you in the event of an emergency.
- Have an emergency plan of action ready.
- Register in our Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).



We continue to work closely with our European partners and allies on the threat from international terrorism. Information is routinely shared between the United States and our key partners to disrupt terrorist plotting, identify and take action against potential operatives, and strengthen our defenses against potential threats.



### *For more information:*

- See the Department of State's [travel website](#) for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow us on [Twitter](#)
- Follow us on [Facebook](#)



# AVIATION SECURITY

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*JULY 21, 2017 UPDATE*



Evaluated intelligence indicates that terrorist groups continue to target commercial aviation and are aggressively pursuing innovative methods to undertake their attacks, to include smuggling explosive devices in various consumer items. Based on this information, Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly and Transportation Security Administration Acting Administrator Huban Gowadia have determined it is necessary to enhance security procedures for passengers at certain last point of departure airports to the United States.

## Impacted International Flights Bound for the United States

There are currently no airlines under restrictions for large personal electronic devices. The Transportation Security Agency (TSA) has lifted the restrictions on large personal electronic devices for the ten airports/nine airlines in the Middle East and North Africa, which were announced in March. These airports and airlines have also successfully implemented the first phase of enhanced security measures.



FOR MORE INFO  
VISIT:

*TRANSPORTATION SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION  
WWW.TSA.GOV*

*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY  
WWW.DHS.GOV*



# SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS?

WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!

Social Security reaches almost every family, and at some point, touches the lives of nearly all Americans. Social Security helps older Americans, workers who become disabled, and families in which a spouse or parent dies. Today, about 167 million people work and pay Social Security taxes and about 59 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits. Most Social Security beneficiaries are retirees and their families — about 42 million people.

Social Security related appointments can be made at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh or the U.S. Consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran using the online appointment system that you can access on [our website](#).

Please choose “Request notarial and other services not listed above” when making your appointment. All applicants over the age of 12 must appear in person. For questions about required documentation, email the ACS Team at your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

**Q: I do not have a Social Security number. Can I apply for one at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in Saudi Arabia?**

Yes, you can apply for your first Social Security card at the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh or the U.S. Consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran. We will collect your application and all required documents and submit your application package to the Social Security Administration on your behalf. For a list of required documents, please email the ACS Team at your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate or visit the Social Security Administration's website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

**Q: What if I have a Social Security number, but I can't remember it and/or I lost my Social Security card?**

We do not have records of Social Security numbers. You will need to request a replacement Social Security card in order to get your number.

You can replace your Social Security card for free if it is lost or stolen. You are limited to three (3) replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions do not count toward these limits. For a list of required documents, please email the ACS Team at your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate or visit the Social Security Administration's website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

**Q: How do I change or correct my name on my Social Security number card?**

**A:** If you legally change your name because of marriage, divorce, court order or any other reason, you must tell Social Security so you can get a corrected card. Your new card will have the same number as your previous card, but will show your new name. If you do not tell us when your name changes, it may:

- \*Prevent your wages from being posted correctly to your Social Security record, which may lower the amount of your future Social Security benefits.
- \*Cause delays when you file your taxes.

You must schedule an appointment for this service. For a list of required documents, please email the ACS Team at your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate or visit the Social Security Administration's website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).



# ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN 2017?

A few more States will be having special elections this year. Remember that even if you voted in 2016, you need to request a new ballot from your State this year. You can do that by using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The FPCA is a form you can use to register to vote and request absentee ballots for the year. We suggest that you send in a new FPCA every year and when you move.

Many States allow you to submit your FPCA electronically and all States allow for at least one form of electronic transmission of your blank ballot. Mail delivery times will vary based on where you are and customs requirements. Mail your materials early enough to account for the mail delivery time. Using electronic options can help reduce the ballot transit time for your election materials.

It only takes a few quick steps to make sure your vote is counted no matter where you are in the world. The FPCA can be completed by using the FPCA online assistant located at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov), filling out the PDF or picking up a hard copy version from your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. The online assistant will guide you through the process of completing the form. Once you complete the form, you will be able to download and print the PDF package to sign and send to your election office. This PDF package even includes a pre-addressed and postage-paid label so you don't have to worry about finding stamps!

You can find additional voting resources as well as a calendar of upcoming State Election Dates at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov).

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## Can I travel overseas if my passport is expiring in 6 months or less?

*Some countries require 6 months validity for entry and/or exit. You can check the requirements for your country of destination on the U.S. Department of State's travel website: [travel.state.gov/country](https://travel.state.gov/country)*



# HOW DOES CONSULAR AFFAIRS HELP U.S. CITIZENS ABROAD?

CHECK OUT OUR NUMBERS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2016

## CA BY THE NUMBERS\*

OUR MISSION: The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) provides consular services that protect U.S. citizens and their interests abroad, ensures U.S. border security, facilitates the entry of legitimate travelers, and fosters economic growth.



### STRENGTHEN U.S. BORDER SECURITY



- Adjudicated **13.3 MILLION** NIV applications
- Issued **10.4 MILLION** nonimmigrant visas
- Issued **617,752** immigrant visas
- Issued **482,033** student visas
- Issued **339,712** exchange visitor visas
- **88 PERCENT** of applicants obtained a visa appointment within three weeks

We prevent unqualified applicants from gaining visas, while efficiently facilitating legitimate travel to the United States.



### HELP U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS



- Registered **70,666** overseas births of U.S. citizens
- Issued **50,307** emergency passports
- Responded to **33,867** welfare/whereabouts inquiries
- Assisted families of **10,992** U.S. citizens who died while overseas
- **10,629** visits to U.S. citizens in prison
- Published **2,050** emergency messages
- Repatriated **1,218** U.S. citizens

### GROW THE ECONOMY



- International visitors contributed **\$246 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
  - International students contributed **\$41.4 BILLION** to the U.S. economy
  - **1.2 MILLION** U.S. jobs supported by international travelers
  - **11 PERCENT** of all U.S. exports are related to Travel and Tourism
- (CY 2016)

### PASSPORTS



Passports and passport cards: **18.6 MILLION** issued

PASSPORTS IN CIRCULATION:

- **132 MILLION** valid U.S. passports are in circulation
- **12.3 MILLION** Passport cards issued since 2008
- **41 PERCENT** of U.S. citizens have a passport
- **25** domestic passport agencies
- **4** adjudication centers, and approximately 8,000 passport application acceptance facilities nationwide

### HELP CHILDREN



We have a special commitment to the world's most vulnerable citizens.

Intercountry Adoptions:

- Adoptions to the United States: **5,372**
- Adopted from the United States: **89**

DID YOU KNOW?

**9 MILLION**

U.S. citizens live overseas.



### PREVENT FRAUD



- Adjudicators referred **138,324** passport and visa applications to specialized Fraud Prevention Units globally
- **50** fraud prevention courses offered to consular employees worldwide
- **3** new online tools to help prevent fraud

### STAY CONNECTED

[Travel.state.gov](http://Travel.state.gov) - Find travel warnings and alerts, country specific information, passport information and visa requirements.

[Adoption.state.gov](http://Adoption.state.gov) - General information and country-by-country statistics, alerts, and notices on intercountry adoptions.

[Studentsabroad.state.gov](http://Studentsabroad.state.gov) - Information for student travelers.

[Step.state.gov](http://Step.state.gov) - Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for security and travel updates on the go.

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### CONTACT US



In an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, call: 1-888-407-4747 or 202-501-4444 (outside the United States & Canada)

U.S. Passport Information:  
1-877-4USAPPT (1-877-487-2778);  
TTY/TDD 1-888-874-7793

# *UPCOMING CLOSURES*

The U.S. Embassy and  
Consulates in Saudi  
Arabia will be closed:

## **SEPT. 03**

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
LABOR DAY

## **SEPT. 04-07**

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## **SEPT. 24**

SAUDI NATIONAL DAY

## **OCT. 8**

IN OBSERVANCE OF  
COLUMBUS DAY

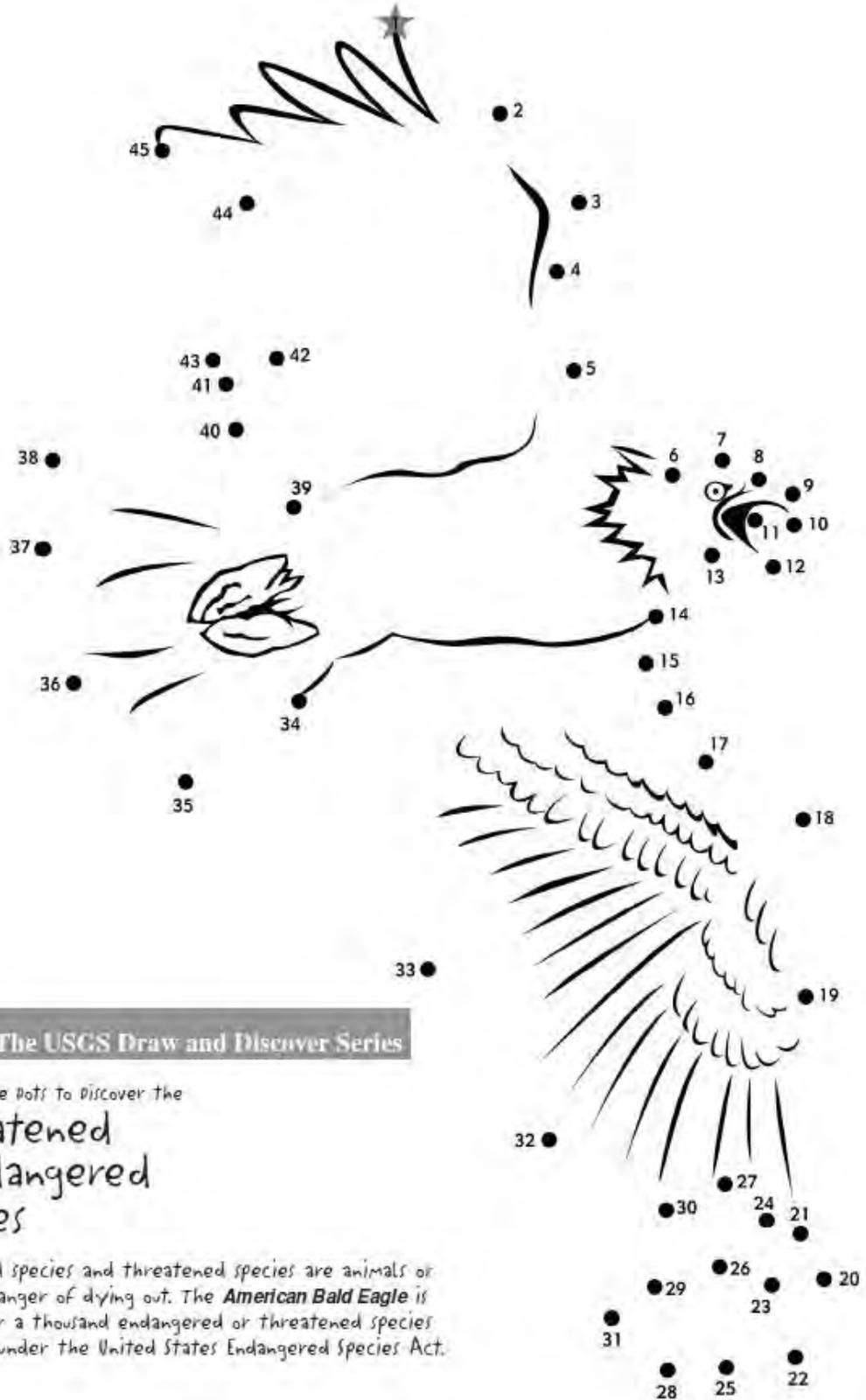
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# KIDS CORNER

## AMERICAN BALD EAGLE



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Connect the Dots to Discover the  
**Threatened  
& Endangered  
Species**

Endangered species and threatened species are animals or plants in danger of dying out. The **American Bald Eagle** is one of over a thousand endangered or threatened species protected under the United States Endangered Species Act.

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4, 2017

On Independence Day, all across the United States, people wish each other a happy Fourth of July. On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. Though it is the Constitution that provides the legal and governmental framework for the United States, the Declaration, with its eloquent assertion "all Men are created equal," is equally beloved by the American people.

In the past, large public events were arranged to take place on July 4 in order to coincide with the holiday. The groundbreaking ceremonies for the Erie Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad both took place on July 4.

But even without these events, Americans have long celebrated Independence Day with great fanfare. Picnics and parades fill the day while fireworks fill the night sky. A band may play one of John Philip Sousa's marches, such as "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Friends and families barbeque, hold contests and races, wave flags, sing, or listen to patriotic speeches. By the 1870s, the Fourth of July was one of America's most important holidays.

The Fourth of July became a legal holiday in 1941. Every year the celebration of the American ideal that—"all Men are created equal"—continues.

How do you celebrate Independence Day?

# LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2017



## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

Why do you think Labor Day is so important?

Can a job be dangerous?

Should there be rules or laws to keep workers safe?

What do you want to be when you grow up?

The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. The parade inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing a “workingmen’s holiday” on one day or another. Later that year, with Congress passing legislation and President Grover Cleveland signing the bill on June 29, the first Monday in September was designated “Labor Day.” This national holiday is a creation of the labor movement in the late 19th century and pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

For many decades, Labor Day was viewed by workers not only as a means to celebrate their accomplishments, but also as a day to air their grievances and discuss strategies for securing better working conditions and salaries. Nowadays, Labor Day is associated less with union activities and protest marches and more with leisure. For many, the holiday is a time for family picnics, sporting events, and summer’s last hurrah.