

WEEK 1

PATHFINDERS

SUMMER CAMP NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaikum Parents,

Alhamdulillah, we had a wonderful **first week of AFA Summer Camp!** It was a joy getting to know your children and beginning our summer journey together. Throughout the week, campers explored our first theme, **"Who Am I?"**, reflecting on the unique gifts Allah has given each of us and discovering how those gifts can be used to benefit others.

This Week's Journey

We began the week by asking a simple but meaningful question: **"What makes me special?"**

Through our **morning circles, journaling, creative projects, and discussions**, campers reflected on their strengths, interests, and the many blessings Allah has given them. One favorite activity invited each child to look inside a "treasure box" containing a mirror, reminding them that every person is a unique and valuable creation of Allah.

As the week unfolded, our conversations naturally grew from "Who am I?" to **"How can I use my strengths to help my community?"** We saw campers begin to encourage one another, solve problems together, teach each other new skills, and form meaningful friendships.



Voices of Our Campers

"Today was the best day of my life."

"Together, me and my friends can help the earth."

"I learned how to pray today."



Highlights from the Week

Forest Exploration

Campers observed insects, trees, leaves, and wildlife while learning to recognize the signs of Allah in creation.



Nature Shelter Challenge

Using sticks, leaves, and teamwork, campers designed shelters together.



Garden Day

Everyone planted seeds and learned how caring for creation is an act of responsibility.



STEM Village Challenge

Children worked together to build communities, towers, and creative structures.



Outdoor Adventures

Cooperative games helped campers practice communication, leadership, and teamwork.



Daily Prayer & Reflection

Each afternoon we gathered for prayer and quiet reflection before heading home.



"Allah amazed me by all the plants I saw."



Character in Action

This week we witnessed campers:

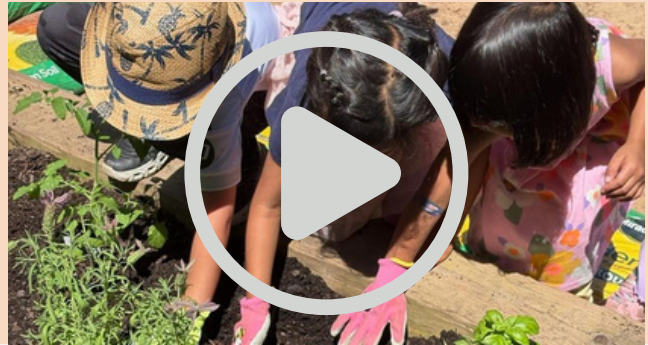
- ★ welcoming new friends
- ★ encouraging one another
- ★ sharing responsibilities
- ★ solving problems together
- ★ showing perseverance during challenges

We especially loved seeing children discover confidence while climbing a tree for the first time, exploring nature independently, and finding excitement in the outdoors.

Week 1 Video Recap

We put together a short recap of our first week! We hope you enjoy looking back at some of these special moments.

[Click here to view the reel!](#)



Looking Ahead

This coming week, our campers will begin exploring our new theme, **"Knowing Allah Through His Creation."** Through **nature walks, gardening, observation, creative projects, and reflection**, we'll slow down to notice the signs of Allah all around us. Campers will be encouraged to ask questions, wonder about the natural world, and develop a deeper appreciation for the beauty, balance, and purpose found in His creation.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children this summer. It has been a privilege to witness their curiosity, kindness, and growth during our first week together. We look forward to another meaningful week of learning, exploration, and fun, insha'Allah.

Jazakum Allahu khairan,

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