

WEEK 2

PATHFINDERS

SUMMER CAMP NEWSLETTER



Assalamu Alaikum Parents,

Alhamdulillah, we have completed another wonderful week at AFA Summer Camp!

This week's theme, **Knowing Allah Through His Creation**, invited campers to slow down, observe, and reflect on the incredible world Allah has created around them. Whether exploring the forest, tending our garden, practicing new outdoor skills, or sharing reflections after prayer, **campers discovered that every part of creation points back to its Creator.**

More than simply learning facts about nature, our children practiced curiosity, gratitude, teamwork, and thoughtful observation. It has been a joy watching their confidence and sense of wonder continue to grow.

This Week's Big Idea

"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth...are signs for people who reflect."

This week, campers explored a simple but powerful question:

How can Allah's creation help us know Him better?

Through quiet observation, discussion, journaling, and hands-on exploration, children discovered that Allah's signs can be found everywhere—from towering trees and tiny insects to the changing sky, growing plants, and even within ourselves.



Together we explored how emotions naturally come and go—some lasting only moments while others stay with us longer.

Campers learned that no matter how we feel, our trust in Allah remains constant.

Each afternoon after Dhuhr, campers gathered for a special reflection circle focused on emotions, gratitude, and contentment (Ridha).



**Happy? Alhamdulillah.
Sad? Alhamdulillah.
Excited? Alhamdulillah.**

These conversations helped children understand that gratitude is not dependent on our circumstances—it is rooted in our relationship with Allah.

"Allah lets the plants grow."

Highlights from the Week

Forest Explorers

Campers slowed down to notice the small wonders of Allah's creation—from moss and mushrooms to insects, feathers, and leaves. As they explored, they sketched, asked questions, and shared discoveries, turning each observation into a moment of curiosity and reflection. While learning to recognize the signs of Allah in creation.



Learning New Outdoor Skills

Campers learned practical knot-tying techniques and quickly put their new skills to work by strengthening shelters, carrying branches, organizing materials, and building creative structures. It was exciting to watch them problem-solve, collaborate, and confidently apply what they learned.



Caring for Our Garden

Our garden continues to flourish as campers water plants, observe new growth, and learn that caring for creation takes patience, consistency, and responsibility. Each visit reminds us that meaningful growth happens one step at a time.



Growing Beyond Activities

One of the biggest changes we've noticed is how campers are beginning to take ownership of their learning.

They are no longer simply participating in activities—they are asking thoughtful questions, making observations, solving problems, encouraging one another, and connecting what they experience back to Allah's creation.

Watching this growth unfold has been one of the greatest blessings of our summer.



"Something that amazes me is all of the people in the world."

"I prefer this camp to normal school."

Character in Action

This week we witnessed campers:

- ★ welcoming new friends
- ★ older campers naturally mentoring younger campers
- ★ working together during games and building challengesolving problems together
- ★ taking initiative without being asked

The friendships and teamwork developing each day are becoming one of the most meaningful parts of camp.

Week 2 Video Recap

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

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



Looking Ahead

Week 3 • Attachment & Awareness

Big Question: What is my heart attached to?

Next week, campers will explore the things that naturally capture our hearts—people, possessions, praise, comfort, technology, nature, and ultimately our relationship with Allah.

Through stories, outdoor experiences, creative projects, and meaningful discussions, we'll help children reflect on what truly deserves the greatest place in our hearts.

Jazakum Allahu khairan for trusting us with your children this summer. It is a privilege to witness their growth—not only in knowledge and skills, but also in faith, confidence, curiosity, and character.

We look forward to another meaningful week of learning and adventure together, insha'Allah.

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