



Week Without Walls (WWW)

Middle School



Parent Package

The following document has been designed to assist in preparing for the DAA Middle School *Week Without Walls* program. **PLEASE – read carefully.**



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October 19, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

We are very pleased to offer our students the opportunity to participate in this year's **Week Without Walls** (WWW) program. This exciting program is designed to offer opportunities for students to experience personal growth and learning outside of the traditional school environment.

This year's **Week Without Walls** program will be offered from March 6-10, 2011. The learning adventures have been planned to focus on providing our students opportunities to build lifelong skills, be involved in community service opportunities, all while making connections to our Middle School curriculum.

Grade 6 will be placed in groups with opportunities to participate in certification/recognition programs and lifelong skills within the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and potentially on international opportunities. The Grade 7 and 8 students will once again be selecting from a variety of activities both within and outside of the UAE. All activities will be chaperoned and lead by Middle School teachers and administrators. Please know that student safety concerns have been our top priority in planning these trips.

Week Without Walls involves every student and every teacher in the middle school. The organization and implementation of the program is a real team effort and we ask that parents and students play their part in meeting all requirements. A special acknowledgment and appreciation must go out to our teachers who have spent a significant number of hours bringing trips from proposal ideas to approved WWW trips.

Should a student have a religious and/or medical reason that prevents him or her from participating in the **Week Without Walls** program, please call us at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to a successful week of learning outside the classroom.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Ball
MS Principal

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Joan Wiens
MS Assistant Principal



WWW Timeline 2010-2011

October 19, 2010	All WWW local and international presentations are viewable on Edline and through our parent link on our website: www.daa-connect.org
October 19-21	During Life Skills, all students will see presentations about trips
October 21, 2010	All students will receive their registration package
October 24, 2010	Registrations Begins (All forms must be signed to register)
November 3, 2010	Registration Ends
November 9, 2010	Notification of trip assignments to students through Life Skills classes
November 15, 2010	Full Payment Due (AED 1 500 of which is Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable to another WWW option)
March 6-10, 2011	Week Without Walls!



VISION

Week Without Walls is designed to involve students in an outside-the-classroom experience. The primary purpose of WWW is to provide unique learning opportunities otherwise not possible in the daily classroom. It is an opportunity for students to travel to locations outside the school, and often the country, to experience unfamiliar cultures, view new sights, and participate in activity based programs (often providing community support). And finally, WWW is built upon the school's curricular objectives and goals; students are thus expected to fulfill pre and post-curricular obligations.

RESULTS

Being involved in the *Week Without Walls* program allows our students to build upon many of the social, academic, physical and ethic awareness required for adulthood. *Week Without Walls* will assist students in:

- building a sense of independence
- building friendships with peers and others
- building an understanding of new cultures and values
- building organizational skills
- building an understanding of school curricular needs
- building upon their strengths in communication and articulation
- building and strengthening personal directions
- building tolerance
- building an appreciation for others
- building their cognitive development
- building a sense of community involvement
- building a globally minded citizen
- building on risk taking while remaining safe
- building leadership roles

SAFETY

The nature and purpose of *Week Without Walls* exposes students to certain risks not typical of the classroom. Any event that involves travel, physical activity and exploration are not without risk. Thus, safety remains a primary factor in the *Week Without Walls* program. Criteria have been established in order to assess and minimize the potential risks associated with *Week Without Walls*.

1. All students participating in *Week Without Walls* international trips will be required to provide the trip leader with a copy of a health insurance card.
2. All students participating in *Week Without Walls* will require up-to-date health records. Parents will be required to inform teachers/organizer of any health issues related to their child's needs.
3. Specific trips/events may require students to submit a medical clearance form by a certified physician.



4. Trips/events which require physical exercise or special skills may require mandatory pre-course training or assessment.
5. First aid kits and/or medical outlets will be identified in the trip/event's outline. Access to emergency medical care, communications and travel conditions will be confirmed by the trip/event organizer. This information will be communicated to all participants and their parents prior to departure.
6. Upon completion of a Week Without Walls trip/event, the sponsor will submit a report to Middle School administration outlining the concerns with quality of trip/event, travel conditions, safety standards, student/teacher ratio, and any discipline matters.
7. Safety will remain priority #1 throughout the trip/event.

STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **The Student must** become familiar with their trip/event itinerary.
2. **The Student must** obtain parent approval for any trip/event they participate in.
3. **The Student must** meet all the requirements outlined in the trip/event guide.
4. **The Student must** attend ALL orientations and meetings.
5. **The Student must** complete all registration requirements.
6. **The Student must** ensure that parents have ALL the information given.
7. **The Student must** agree to all pre and post-course work associated with the trip/event.
8. **The Student must** adhere to all behavior expectations as identified.
9. **The Student must** cooperate equally with all members of their group.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. **The Parent should** assist their sons/daughters in making the trip/event decision that best supports their strengths.
2. **The Parent should** attend the information sessions.
3. **The Parent should** ensure that their child continues to stay focused on their studies and behavioral responsibilities.
4. **The Parent should** support the teachers/organizers by encouraging their child to value and make the most of their trip/event.
5. **The Parent should** support the teachers/organizers of the trip/event to ensure that their child has attended by participating in the after-trip/event information sessions.
6. **The Parent should** support the eligibility requirements as outlined below.
7. **The Parent MUST** ensure that all forms and funding issues are processed prior or on due dates – we are unable to allow any exceptions.
8. **The Parent MUST** understand that the WWW is a regularly scheduled week of school and that all students must participate as part of their academic year.



ELIGIBILITY

1. Any student who has had an out-of-school suspension during any part of the academic year may be ineligible to attend the *Week Without Walls* out-of-country trips. They may be required to attend an in-country excursion only.
2. Any student on academic probation **may** be subject to pre-evaluation before they receive permission to attend an out-of-country Week Without Walls trip.
3. Any student with significant behavioral concerns **will** be subject to pre-evaluation before they receive permission to attend an out-of-country Week Without Walls trip.
4. Students will be expected to fulfill all classroom assignments prior to departure day.
5. Due to limitation of space, students may not be placed on the same WWW experience two years in a row.

EVALUATION

All participating students will be expected to complete the following assessment criteria in order to receive course credit.

1. During the trip/event, students will be required to complete a daily log outlining/recording the following (trip specific):
 - a. their personal views
 - b. those they associated with (cultures/peers/etc)
 - c. possible people/animals they helped/assisted
 - d. locations they visited
 - e. time spent
2. After returning back to DAA, students are expected to reflect on their WWW to solidify their experiences during the trip/event. The specifics of this assignment will be subject to teacher requirements.
3. All students will be required to be available for a Middle School wide presentation of their experience. Students will be required to help organize and **MUST** participate in this presentation.

SELECTION PROCESS

All selections will be based on a ‘**lottery system**’ process. **All students are required to sign up for something.** As WWW remains recognized as part of the instructional school year, students who do not participate in the WWW program will be required to fulfill home-based assignments. These assignments will be designed on an individual basis. **No student will remain at the school during the Week Without Walls program unless for short times on specific WWW experiences.**

The process for registration will follow these guidelines:

- 1) Students will pick from a ‘hat’ a number between 1 and 480.
- 2) The student’s number will be registered with administration and a WWW parent package will be given to the student along with a registration option form.
- 3) Administration will then pick a number out of the ‘hat’ (containing the numbers 1-480) which will indicate the ‘**starting number**’ for the lottery. (Example ...if 56 is the number picked, that is the first number we will



register. We will then register 57, 58 and so on until 480 at which time we will go back to number 1 and continue until the last number, 55.)

- 4) Before submitting the package to the middle school office, **parents MUST sign all forms** and all **three options** must be filled in unless Home Study is your option. A **copy of the student's passport** must accompany the package if one of the options is for an international trip. If any parts of this package are missing, the student will be moved out of the lottery and will have to register after the initial process is complete.
- 5) **Upon notification of trip selection, students will have until November 15 at 9:00am to pay for the trip in order to hold their spot on the trip.**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION/OBLIGATIONS

1. All forms completed/signed as required (Needed in order to register).
 - a. Registration Form
 - b. Waiver Form
 - c. Physical Approval Form
 - d. Emergency Authorization Form
 - e. Behavior Expectations Form
 - f. Swim Permission Form – if applicable
 - g. Mobile Phone Waiver Form
 - h. Travel Acceptance and Permission Contract
2. A non-refundable and non-transferable processing deposit fee along with full payment.
3. A legally up-to-date photocopy of student's passport for those traveling out-of-country.
4. Processing of trip visas well in advance of departure. (if applicable)

It must be noted that if one or all obligations have not been met as agreed, the student will be subject to being placed on a trip that they may not have initially shown interest in.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

It will be expected that participating students must follow all DAA rules and regulations as outlined in the *Middle School Student Handbook – 'Student Life'*. It remains a priority that students do not jeopardize the safety of the whole group, or themselves. Students must be able to assure teachers/organizers that they will support the program and the group for the duration of the event. Equally important is the value of being on time, fulfilling all form obligations, and completing school work prior to departure on *Week Without Walls*.

WEEK WITHOUT WALLS CREDIT

Students will be graded on their overall performance as outlined by the individual program in *Week Without Walls*. Performance, academic, and behavioral standards will be used as part of their individual evaluation. It must be noted that all program requirements **MUST** be completed to receive a grade.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Parents are asked to forward their payments to the DAA Finance Department upon registration approval and before the recorded payment date deadline. Payments can be made with **cash, company check or credit card** (2% charge levied for credit card payment) at the **MS/HS Cashier Offices** located by the Front Desk in the main lobby.



**GRADE 6
Day Camp
JEBEL ALI RESORT CLUB**

Teachers Organizers: Donna Reeves / Chourk Dabyan

Cost: **1700 AED**

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 30

Timings: March 6-10 (8:15 am - 2:30 pm)

Schedule of Events

1st Day: Water Adventure
2nd Day: Olympic Day
3rd Day: Green Day
4th Day: Arts & Craft

Events:

- Wake Board / Water ski Instruction
- Biogarden Orientation
- Sailing Instruction
- Photo Frame Making
- Banana Ride
- Biogarden Quiz
- Fun Beach Olympic Events
- Make your own Canvas
- Golf Clinic
- Green Hand (Planting)
- Soccer Clinic
- Design your own Accessories

5th Day: Best of the Week Events

- Students will get to choose which activities they enjoyed and would like to replay again.

Transportation

- Bus will leave school at 8:15AM and return at 2:30PM

Includes

- Events
- Transportation
- Buffet Lunch and Snacks
- All equipment including water sports, tennis racquets and golf clubs



GRADE 6 Film Making - SAE in Dubai

Teacher Organizer: Laura Dziubaniuk

Cost: 2500 AED

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 30

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10 (8:30 am – 2:00 pm)

Schedule of Events

Day 1

- Getting to know the camera
- Generating Ideas
- Shooting Techniques – using angles, arc shots, close-up, cut away, establishing shots, extreme close-ups, over the shoulder, reaction shots, and others
- 3 types of storyboarding – digital, by hand, and using digital photography

Day 2

- Producing, Directing, and Acting– performing different roles in the filmmaking process
- Shooting – using dollies, microphones, and various shot compositions

Day 3

- Downloading the *Video*
- Reflection and Sharing – students show accomplishments and share experiences and troubleshoot
- Back to More Shooting
- Green Screens
- Editing

Day 4

- Editing and Special Effects
- Audio Tracks

Day 5

- Editing
- Wrap – Academy Awards and Certifications

Additional Information

- Lunch: One hour on campus at the food court
- Meals at the food court (students can bring bagged lunch or pay for food)
- Breaks: Two twenty minute breaks – one in the morning and one in the afternoon

Transportation

- Bus will leave school at 8:00AM and return before bus departure – 2:45PM

Includes

- Event / Transportation

Not Included

Meals / Spending money



GRADE 6 Oasis Adventure

Teacher Organizers: Cynthia Guest, Marie Perin, John Morris and Anne Marie Houle

Cost: 2850 AED

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 50

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Ecoventure Camp in the U.A.E.

Schedule of Events

Sunday 6th March

- Depart for the Oasis Camp
- Rock Climbing
- Wobbly Beams
- Leap of Faith

Monday 7th March

- Kayak
- Canoe
- Beach and team building games

Tuesday 8th March

- Orienteering skills and using a compass and topographic map
- Fire starting
- First Aid
- Swimming in the pool

Wednesday 9th March

- Teambuilding; spiders web, golden river, obstacle course, x-country
- High ropes course

Thursday 10th March

- Nature walk
- Tracking animals
- Wildlife center
- Falcon bird of prey show

Includes

- Events
- Lodging in huts (Students will need their own sleeping bags)
- All Food
- Transportation from DAA to the camp and return



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 PADI Open Water Diver Course

Teacher Organizers: Julie Addison and Brandon Girard

Cost: **3100 AED**

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 32

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Jebel Ali Resort and Wednesday Overnight in Oman at the Golden Tulip

Now is the time to dive into the PADI Open Water Diver course, the most popular dive program in the world! This is your ticket to a lifetime of intense adventure with PADI.

Why PADI Open Water?

As a certified PADI Open Water Diver, the most widely recognized and respected rating in the world; you have the freedom to dive with a buddy independent of a professional.

What do I need to start?

Virtually anyone who is in good health, reasonably fit, and comfortable in the water can earn a PADI Open Water Diver certification.

What will I do?

Throughout the course, you'll learn fundamentals of scuba diving, including dive equipment and techniques. You earn this rating by completing five pool dives and knowledge development sessions and by making four open water (ocean or lake) dives in Dibba, Oman.

What must I bring?

Your local PADI dive center will have everything you need. Just bring your swimming suit, a towel, some sunscreen and some snacks and drinks to get you through the day.

How long will it take?

During the 5 days of Week Without Walls you will carry out 5 classroom sessions, 5 pool dives and 4 open water dives. The course is 30 hours, which will be split over the 5 days. Transport provided by the school.

Includes:

- Dive gear rental
- DAN Insurance
- training material
- Cert-card
- Dive instructors
- Accommodation and meals while on overnight in Dibba
- Transportation to/from DAA to diving locations
- All dives



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 Living in UAE

Teacher Organizers: Sybille Ecroyd and Jibola Ajayi

Cost: 1800 AED

Maximum Number of Students: 30

Schedule of Events

Sunday 6th March – Tour of Abu Dhabi

- Visit the Women's handicraft workshop
- Drive to Dhow building yard, fish market and Persian market
- Visit the Scenic cornice with its volcano fountain, Breakwater Island, Emirates Palace hotel, Presidential palace.
- Visit The Grand Mosque
- Lunch in the hotel

Monday 7th March – Hyatt Regency

- Arabic Cooking Class
- Skating at the Ice Rink
- Lunch

Tuesday 8th March – Desert and Hatta Mountain

- Drive to desert for dune bashing for 45 minutes
- Drive to Hatta and visit the wadi pools
- Reach the heritage village museum for 30 minutes
- Hatta Forte Hotel for lunch

Wednesday 9th March – Um Al Qwain

- Full day on a houseboat
- Lunch on board in the Mangroves
- Swimming, Kayaking and team building

Thursday 10th March – Al Ain

- Explore the Al Ain Zoo learning about wildlife conservation
- Visit Hot Springs
- Visit Jabal Hafeet
- Visit a farm
- Lunch

Included:

- All activities mentioned above
- Transfers to/from activity sites from DAA
- Lunches



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 Elementary School Volunteering

Teacher Organizers: Ruba Abu El-Einein

Cost: 50 AED

Maximum Number of Students: We do our best to accommodate all interested students

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 9

Trip Location: Dubai American Academy

Why Volunteer?

You will be partnered with a teacher in the elementary school and perform duties assigned by them. It is possible to have two middle school volunteers in one classroom. The special teachers also appreciate having the extra support in the classroom.

What do I need to start?

You will need a positive attitude and enthusiasm to work with younger students.

What will I do?

You may design bulletin boards, work with small groups of students, read a story, or even teach a lesson!

What must I bring?

Your camera!

How long will it take?

You will work from 8:00am until 12:00pm from Sunday to Wednesday. You will have Thursday to prepare your presentation at home.

What is included?

All volunteers will get a new shirt to wear while in the Elementary School.



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 External Volunteering

Teacher Organizers: Lisa Ball

Cost: 100 AED

Maximum Number of Students: 12

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Various locations around Dubai

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering offers you a way to provide a meaningful, positive impact on the community that we often take for granted. Volunteering is ultimately about helping others and giving back.

What do I need to start?

You will need a positive attitude and enthusiasm to work in situations and use skills you may not be used to using. It is about giving of your time and energy freely.

What will I do?

You will work with children with different disabilities, animals that need help and possibly do some physical labor to help the environment.

What must I bring?

Your camera!

Includes

- Events
- Bus transportation to events



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 Photography

Teacher Organizers: Rania Nasr with Lara Debruyne (Professional Photographer)

Cost: 800 AED

Maximum Number of Students: 15 (Students MUST have their own digital camera)

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 9

Trip Location: Dubai American Academy, Umm Suqeim Beach, Fish Market

Schedule of Events

Sunday 6th March

- Classroom lessons and Practice around the school from 8:00am – 10:30pm
- Afternoons are for you to start working on your presentation.

Monday 7th March

- Classroom lessons and Practice around the school from 8:00am – 10:30pm
- Afternoons are for you to start working on your presentation.

Tuesday 8th March

- Field trip to the fish market to take pictures. 8:00am – 12:00 pm
- Afternoons are for you to start working on your presentation.

Wednesday 9th March

- Field trip to the Umm Suqeim Beach to take pictures. 8:00am – 12:00 pm
- Afternoons are for you to start working on your presentation.

Thursday 10th March

- You have the day to work on your presentation at home until the afternoon presentations.
- Presentations will be made starting at 1:00pm in the commons area at DAA.

Included:

- Training from a professional photographer
- A print of your favorite photo
- Bus transportation on field trip days

Not included:

- Spending money while on field trips
- A digital camera



GRADE 6 / 7 / 8 Art Classes

Teacher Organizers: Rania Nasr with Ruby Ambrocio (Artist)

Cost: **100 AED**

Maximum Number of Students: 12

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 9

Trip Location: Dubai American Academy

Schedule of Events:

You will spend from 8:00am until 11:00pm on Sunday, March 6th until Wednesday, March 9th working in the art room at DAA on a variety of genres of art.

On Thursday, March 10th you will show your art for the other students in the commons area at school. You may attend or simply have your art pieces on display for all to appreciate. The presentations will start at 1:00pm.

Includes

- Art Supplies



GRADE 7 Greece

Teacher Organizers: Megan Aleven and Ryan McChesney

Cost: 7300 AED

Maximum Number of Students: 24

Timings: March 4 -11

Trip Location:



Schedule of Events:

Friday, March 4

- Travel to Athens from Dubai
- Drive to Piraeus passing the Port of Zeas and stopping at the famous Mikrolimano
- Enjoy an evening eating a typical Greek meal and watching Greek folk dances

Saturday, March 5

- Start the day with a sightseeing tour of Athens.

Sunday, March 6

- Start the day early with a drive along the coastal road to Corinth seeing all the Greek and Roman sites.
- Proceed to Mycenae and visit the prehistoric citadel, the Lionesses' Gate, the remains of the Mycenaean palace and the Tomb of King Agamemnon.
- Continue on to visit Epidaurus and finish the drive to Olympia.

Monday, March 7

- Visit archaeological site of Olympia and the museum.
- Begin drive to Delphi crossing the suspended bridge along the way

Tuesday, March 8

- Visit the archaeological site of Delphi

Wednesday, March 9

- Transfer to Geitonas school for a visit.
- Transfer to location for tree planting service

Thursday, March 10

- One-day boat cruise to the Greek island of Aegina, Poros, and Hydra
- Time for strolling, shopping or swimming

Friday, March 11

- Depart for Dubai



GRADE 7 Laos

Teacher Organizers: Linda Olson and Nate Moffett

Cost: 7100 AED

Maximum Number of Students: 30

Timings: Thursday, March 3 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Luang Prabang, and Seuang River Community Laos



Schedule of Events:

Day 2 - Friday March 4 – Fly into Luang Prabang, Laos. Walk around Luang Prabang to introduce the historical and cultural importance of the UNESCO world heritage sights. Visit temples, river walk, local markets. After dinner, stroll through the evening market to observe the local culture and shop for souvenirs and collectables. Hotel stay in Luang Prabang.

Day 3 – Saturday March 5 – Drive to community service location in Seuang River Community. Basket weaving to help make community garbage containers and designing bamboo rafts with village guides followed by evening games and activities with local residents. Eat and interact with locals. Homestay with local villagers in Seuang River Community.

Day 4 – Sunday March 6 – Construction of toilet and bathing facilities for regional high school. Construction of bamboo rafts with village guides. Rafting / swimming in the Seuang River. Group activities with villagers. Homestay with local villagers in Seuang River Community.

Day 5 – Monday March 7 – Visit to regional elementary/middle school to conduct games and activities. Continued construction of toilet and bathing facilities for regional high school. Hands-on Lao cooking lessons and meal with villagers. Traditional songs and dance with villagers. Homestay with local villagers in Seuang River Community.

Day 6 – Tuesday March 8 – Basci ceremony with villagers upon departure. Boat ride to visit famous and sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves. River boat ride along Mekong River back to Luang Prabang. Observe people panning for gold and rice paper being made. Dinner at a restaurant in the city. After dinner stroll through the evening market in search of souvenirs. Hotel stay in Luang Prabang.

Day 7 – Wednesday March 9 – Visit Elephant Park Project to feed and ride the elephants. Boat ride to Tad Sae waterfalls to view various waterfalls and swim. Local style BBQ restaurant for dinner. After dinner stroll through the evening market in search of souvenirs and collectables. Hotel stay in Luang Prabang.

Day 8 – Thursday March 10 - Transfer to airport for trip back to Dubai.

Included

- Full-board accommodations (Students pay for their own meal in the airport)
- All events
- Airfare and transportation in Laos
- Visa
- Bus trip to airport in Dubai
- Community and Service project supplies in Laos



GRADE 7 Philippines Sailing

Teacher Organizers: Hardi Fichardt and Heather Barker

Cost: **6600 AED**

Maximum Number of Students: 20

Timings: Thursday, March 3 to Friday, March 11

Trip Location: Lea Beach Batanga, Southern Luzon, Philippines

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, March 3

- Overnight flight to Hong Kong

Friday, March 4

- Transfer planes arrive at resort in La Laguna El Galleon Resort

Saturday, March 5 to Monday, March 7

- Sailing instructions

Tuesday, March 8

- Community and Service project helping a small village in the area

Wednesday, March 9

- Last day of sailing instruction

Thursday, March 10

- Start trip back to Dubai

Friday, March 11

- Arrive back in Dubai in the early morning

Includes

- Full-board accommodations
- Sailing certification
- Dinghy rental
- Hike & Cultural show
- Airfare and transportation in Philippines
- Bus trip to airport in Dubai



WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

GRADE 7/8 Kenya

Teacher Organizers: Luke Klopp and Rebecca Catlin

Company Organizers: World Challenge Guides

Cost: **8500 AED**

Maximum Number of Students: 30

Timings: Friday, March 4, 2011 to Friday, March 11, 2011

Trip Location: Nairobi, Lake Naivasha, Gilgil, Lake Nakuru

Itinerary:

Day 1:

- Travel to Nairobi and stay the night at Nairobi International Youth Hostel

Day 2:

- Travel by bus to the beautiful Lake Naivasha
- Set up at Fisherman's Camp
- Survival skills

Day 3

- Travel to Hell's Gate National Park
- Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the park while trekking across the grassland, Leleawa woodland and rugged cliffs

Day 4

- Move on to Gilgil for community and service project
- Plan activities for the children in the village
- Camp at the school for the night

Day 5

- Continue your project work while learning about the people, culture and food of Kenya
- Camp at the school for the night

Day 6

- Travel to Lake Nakuru for a game drive
- On the way to Sagana you will stop at Nyahururu, Kenya's highest town and famous Thomson's Falls

Day 7

- White water rafting near the Sagana camp site

Day 8

- Travel back to Nairobi and onwards to Dubai





WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

GRADE 7/8 France Skiing



Teacher Organizers: Brendan Matheson, Basim Hadi and Maria Agnes

Cost: **7600 AED**

Maximum Number of Students: 30 (equal spots held for 7th and 8th grade)

Timings: Saturday, March 5, 2011 to Friday, March 11, 2011

Trip Location: La Plagne, France

Itinerary:

Day 1:

- Fly to Geneva and then bus transfer to La Plagne
- Lunch at hotel and ski fittings
- Evening activities

Day 2 and 3:

- Ski during the day
- Evening meal and activities

Day 4:

- Visit historical market town of Annecy
- Traditional French lunch
- Tour of Beaufort cheese factory
- Optional Bobsleigh ride in La Plagne

Day 5 and 6:

- Ski during the day
- Evening meal and activities

Day 7:

- Return to Geneva for your flight to Dubai

Includes

- Round trip flights
- Bus to airport in Dubai
- All transportation in France
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Equipment rental including helmets
- Ski tuition and lift passes for 4 days
- Cultural day entrance fees



GRADE 7/8 Wilderness Adventure

Teacher Organizers: Adrienne Olsen and Jeff Wessel

Cost: 2850 AED

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 40

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Ecoventure Camp in the U.A.E.

Schedule of Events

Sunday 6th March

- Depart for the Wilderness Camp
- Learn kayaking and canoeing skills
- Raft building

Monday 7th March

- Map and compass skills
- Fire making skills
- Hike to bivouac site and build a bivi building
- Set up tents for the night
- Campfire with marshmallows

Tuesday 8th March

- Hike to the Oasis Camp using navigation, first aid, leadership and self reliance skills
- Swim in the pool at the Oasis Camp

Wednesday 9th March

- Hike along the mountainous wadi (Wadi Bih)
- Along the way learn more first aid techniques
- Along the way build a rope bridge to get your team across

Thursday 10th March

- Team building activities: Spiders Web, River Crossing, Waterfall, Human Knot
- High ropes course
- Abseiling
- Sand boarding



GRADE 8 Thailand

Teacher Organizers: Jean Evertsen and Patrick Cauley

Company Organizers: World Challenge Guides

Cost: 8000 AED

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 30

Timings: Friday, March 4, 2011 to Friday, March, March 11, 2011

Itinerary:

Day 1 and 2:

- Overnight Flight to Chiang Rai
- Transfer by minibus to activity center
- Afternoon of Team activities
- Accommodation in dormitories

Day 3:

- Team building activities
- Raft building
- Cookery course – preparing delicious Thai dishes

Day 4:

- Trek through the jungle and visit remote hill tribe
- Visit temple with spectacular views
- Spend the afternoon at a local Thai school
- Evening activities at activity center

Day 5:

- Survival skills and canoeing down the river
- Stop on a beach and make own utensils and cook dinner
- Overnight in tents

Day 6:

- Transferred back to center
- Climbing wall, archery
- Evening activities including low beam

Day 7:

- Transfer to Chiang Mai stopping at Elephant camp
- Umbrella factory and Elephant Dung factory
- Evening in the Chiang Mai Night Bazaar
- Accommodations at the Eagle ii Guest House

Day 8:

- Return to Dubai



GRADE 8

Paris, France

Teacher Organizers: Alberto Castano and Diana Razouk

Cost: **9000 AED**

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 24

Timings: Thursday, March 4 to Friday, March 11

Trip Location: Paris, France

Itinerary:

Day 1: Tour Paris
Triumph Arch, Champs Elysees Avenue, Concorde Square, Tuileries Garden
Le Louvre Museum, Garden of the Royal Palace

Day 2: Tour Versailles Castle

Day 3: Sacred Heart Basilica at Montmartre, Tarte Square, St. Peter of Montmartre church
Funicular railway at Montmartre, Garnier Opera, Abbesses Square
Haussmann Boulevard - Lafayette Galleries

Day 4: Visit to a Paris School

Day 5: Climb the Eiffel tower, Boat trip on the Seine, Bike ride in Champ De Mars Park
Trocadero Garden, Neuf Bridge, Ile de La Cite, Notre Dame de Paris.
Shakespeare Bookstore and Company opposite Notre Dame

Day 6: Des Plantes Garden including a visit the Museum of Natural History

Includes

- Bus to airport from DAA on Departure day
- Flights
- Accommodation including Breakfasts and Dinners
- Transportation in Paris
- English speaking French leader during entire experience
- Entrance fees



GRADE 8 Philippines Diving

Teacher Organizers: Ralph Russell, Martha Ivy and Emily Rentsch

Cost: 7500 AED

Maximum Number of Students Participating: 30

Timings: Sunday, March 6 to Thursday, March 10

Trip Location: Lea Beach Batanga, Southern Luzon, Philippines

Itinerary:

Thursday, March 3, 2011:

- Depart on Cathy Pacific to Hong Kong (overnight flight)

Friday, March 4, 2011:

- Arrive in Hong Kong and transfer planes to Manila
- Coach transfer to Lea Beach Batanga, Southern Luzon
- Boat transfer to Small La Laguna El Galleon Resort

Saturday, March 5, 2011 to Wednesday, March 9, 2011

- Dive instruction
- ½ day trek to village for community service project

Thursday, March 10, 2011

- Depart Resort and begin journey back to Dubai

Friday, March 11, 2011

- Arrive in Dubai in the early morning

Includes

- Full-board accommodation for 6 nights
- 5-day PADI certification program (Open Water, Padi or Advanced Open Water)
- Bus transfer from DAA to airport

