



مدرسة ديرة الدولية
DEIRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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YEAR 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

Please read carefully

Thursday 15th September, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As many of you will already be aware, the Middle School will be conducting outdoor education camps for our students. Year 6 & 7 students will be attending their camp with North Star Adventures in Musandam, Oman. Middle School teachers will attend the camps to assist instructors and supervise the various groups.

Activities included on this camp are rock climbing, abseiling, team building, kayaking, mountain biking, trekking, GPS navigation & a dhow trip with swimming, snorkeling and a whole lot of fun! Some of the skills we will pick up along the way include leadership, self-confidence, teamwork, cooperation, perseverance and independence.

These camps are part of the Middle School curriculum and it is expected that all students will attend. If for any reason you are not allowing your child to attend, you will need to contact Mrs. Clifford by phone, 04 232 552 ext 2599.

The dates for the camps are as follows:

- Year **6** Camp: Monday 5th – Thursday 8th **December** 2011
- Year **7** Camp: Monday 24th – Thursday 27th **October** 2011

OMAN CONSULATE VISA INFORMATION:

Attached are the visa requirements for the Camp at Musandam. Student Passports + passport photocopy, Copies of No Objection letters from father or sponsor, copy of father's (or UAE sponsor) residency visa page, must be handed to homeroom teachers no later than **Thursday 3rd November 2011.**

North Star will then need approximately 5 working days to complete the visa process. Please see attached information. North Star has undertaken this operation for 10 years and will take good care of your child's passport.

****All students are required to submit their passport and all other documents by this date regardless if a visa to Oman is required or not****

Students requiring to use passports during the November holiday break (4th – 13th) will need to submit all completed forms by Thursday 3rd November and hand their passports to their homeroom teacher on the first day back at school after the holidays; **Monday 14th November.**

North Star is an adventure education company that DIS has used to provide quality outdoor education learning experiences for the past 5 years. They have highly qualified and trained staff to ensure this is a VERY safe camp for all students..... and staff! All locations used by North Star are secured and totally fenced off with a watchman.

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The fee for this fantastic annual camp is AED 2250. Cash or a cheque made out to Deira International School, must be handed to the cashier for a receipt at the school office. Please show the receipt to the homeroom teacher so we can check off your child's name.

The due date for payment of camp fees is **Thursday 3rd November.**

(Failure to meet this deadline may result in your child not being able to attend camp).

All students must be present to load their bags onto the busses and have names checked off the school register no later than 7:45am on the day of their departure. Our group will travel on busses that are equipped with safety belts which must be worn for the duration of the journey. We will be returning back to school at approximately 4:00pm (depending on border procedures and traffic). **Please ensure arrangements are made to pick up your child.** The school bus service will be running as per the usual schedule. However, if our camp buses happen to be running slightly late then students planning to take school transport home will not be able to do so.

The weather will be pleasant during the day and will cool down during the evening hours. It is important for students to pack something warm to wear after the sun goes down. Students are reminded that this is NOT a fashion show, and comfortable, durable clothes should be packed. Only one 'medium' size bag should be used to pack clothes and toiletries etc in. One small day rucksack (school bag) for carrying lunch + towel etc should also be taken.

Taking some snacks is permitted, but parents are advised to check exactly what has been packed and not to fill student bags full of 'junk food'. A packed lunch will be required on our first day – there will be a few shops in the local village that students will pass on one of the afternoon walk. It is at the parent's discretion whether any pocket money is sent with their child. A maximum of AED50 will be allowed if students wish to buy any gifts or souvenirs. Teachers will not be responsible for any student pocket money. Students will be responsible for their own money.

There will be more information posted on the DIS Outdoor Education facebook site. Simply type '**DIS Outdoor Education**' and click to become a fan and receive regular updates. A selection of photos after the camp will also be uploaded and made available from this site.

Yours sincerely,

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EQUIPMENT and CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

On the day of departure students should travel in suitable casual clothing. Clothing should be well-worn and suitable for rough, potentially dirty activities. For safety reasons, where activities involve moving in and out of water on the beach, such as raft building, an extra old pair of training shoes is important. Please ensure all items are clearly labeled.

- **A packed lunch for the day of departure**
- Washing bag of personal toilet items
- 2x Towels, one for showering and one for water activities
- Sleeping bag + 1 small pillow
- Swim wear
- Underwear and socks
- Pajamas or other night-wear
- One complete change of clothes for each day
- Sturdy walking shoes – normal sneakers / running shoes are fine
- Spare training or beach shoes for water activities (not flip flops)
- Crocks, jandals or flip flops are ok for wearing around the hotel.
- Sun hat and sun glasses – VERY IMPORTANT
- A sweatshirt for when it cools down
- Sunscreen
- Small day pack or school bag
- 2 black bin liners for wet/dirty clothing
- An inexpensive camera (optional) – I recommend a disposable camera
- Torch

Mobile phones, electronic games music machines or knives of any sort at the camp are strictly prohibited. Please ensure none of these items are taken to Musandam by your child.

Relatives who wish to communicate with students will do so through teachers who will have a school mobile phone. **This will ONLY be for emergencies!** The number is **0555093718**. We will be accommodated at the Khasab Hotel complex in Musandam, Oman <http://www.khasabhotel.net> You may also leave a message in the case of emergency at the hotel +968 26730267 / 26730271.

In all other cases, parents may call the school to gain additional information as to how the camp is going. Ph: 04 232 5552.

We are very excited about the next stage of our adventure pursuit of 'Outdoor Education'. We all look forward to getting to know your child better.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP PERMISSION FORM

DATES:

Year **6** Camp: Monday 5th – Thursday 8th **December** 2011

Year **7** Camp: Monday 24th – Thursday 27th **October** 2011

STUDENT NAME: _____ Year: _____
(Please print clearly)

We/I _____
(Full name of parents/guardian)

_____ give permission
for _____
(full name of child)

to attend the DIS Middle School, North Star Adventure Camp to Musandam, Oman.

Signed: _____ (Parent or legal guardian)

Date: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MEDICAL EMERGENCY AUTHORISATION

In the event of a medical emergency while my child is participating in a school trip, I authorize Deira International School representatives to release the following information to the healthcare provider. I understand school officials will use the contact information provided below to contact me in the event of such an emergency. If any emergency, medical procedures or treatment are required during the trip, I consent to the trip supervisor arranging for and consenting to the procedures or treatment. I will pay the costs of any such medical procedures or treatment.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Name of student: _____ Year: _____
Please Print

Emergency Contact Information

1st Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Night) _____

Mobile _____

2nd Contact

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Night) _____

Mobile _____

Emergency Medical Information (Please complete)

Routine Medication

(Please provide us with a name, dose, route and frequency. Your child will need to be responsible for the storage and administration of any medication on the trip. No medication will be given by the representatives of Deira International School)

Allergies _____

Does your child suffer with Asthma? Yes or No (please circle)

Health History _____

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OMAN CONSULATE VISA REQUIREMENTS

1. Student's **Original Passport** *and* passport photocopy.
2. Letter of consent/ no objection, signed by father or sponsor. This signature must match the signature in the passport.
(Please use form provided)
3. A copy of sponsor's (father) Passport including visa page and signature page.

All students are required to submit these documents by the due dates regardless if a visa to Oman is required or not.

****This includes Omani and UAE nationals****

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Letter of No Objection

I consent that _____ (name of child)
Block Letters

is allowed to travel to Musandam, Oman, with Deira International School Middle School teachers to attend a 4-day camp with North Star International.

I have no objection to _____ (name of student) attending.

Thank you.

Signature of Sponsor _____
(this signature must match your signature in passport)

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