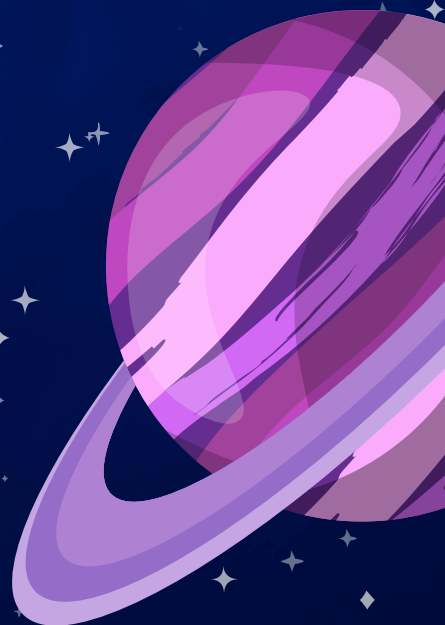




Camp CoEJ Diaries

Day 2: Monday 29th July



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The day started with us mentors waking up the campers, taking them down to have a breakfast of various fresh pastries and yoghurts. We started the day with classes by our teachers.

Today's class with Mustafa Bha focused on the intricacies of Salaah and tips on how to better focus in Salaah.

In Shabab Bha's class, he covered multiple verses in the Quran focusing on their meaning and how we can implement these in our day to day lives.

In Hasnain Bha's class, the campers ran various debates including religious and secular topics such as "Should schools hold exams.

After the classes, the campers join in for Zohr and Asr Jamaat Salah. Today, Ali Kanani recited Adhan, Ali Ridha Jaffer recited Zohr Dua, Zainul Abideen recited Asr Dua, and Ibrahim Jawad recited Ziyarat.

In between namaaz, Mustafa Bha told us about the importance and meaning of Namaaz E Mayaat. Shortly after, we got the opportunity to join Namaaz E Mayaat in Birmingham Mosque.

It's really beautiful to see the campers coming forward and maintaining upmost respect during the Mayaat.

Lunch was thereafter served by Saturn. Today's menu was pizza. After lunch, we had some time to allow the campers to talk to their mentors and play some board games before heading on the coach to make the journey to the campsite.

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After reaching the campsite, campers were given opportunity to settle in their rooms and freshen up. Shortly after, Personal Development Time was used to add and refine to the ground rules resulting in a finished set of rules that all campers, mentors and core support team could sign and agree on.

It was then dinner time which was Pilau served by Mars followed by the Muharram Workshop. This consisted of a Quranic recitation, multiple english and urdu Marthiyas, a short talk by Mustafa Bha and Matam.

The day ended with dessert, and wind down time for the campers before lights out, to ensure they are rested for the next day which is jam packed with activities.

It's been really encouraging and inspiring to see the maturity and akhlaq from the campers as well as their eagerness to volunteer and serve which can be seen throughout the day from our mealtimes to namaaz and the Muharram Workshop. Looking forward to an action packed week ahead.

Signing off from the Mentor Team,
Salman Bha Jafferli

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The campers began their morning waking up at 8am to the beaming sunshine and the smell of delicious toast and croissants, served with a variety of fresh fruit, yogurt, and juice. They then swiftly packed up their sleeping bags and clothes ready to be brought down before heading to their morning classes.

Today's class with Raihana Bai focussed on the role models in Karbala. The campers all chose individuals from Karbala who inspired them, and made mini suitcases to serve as a constant reminder to 'carry' around the traits that these individuals portrayed, with the aim of trying to be more like them.

Zameena D Bai's class covered the importance of our senses, linking it closely to the Quran. The campers thoroughly enjoyed the obstacle course, whereby a camper was blindfolded whilst another was guiding them with their voice. However, some of the other campers were given the role of 'misleading' the blindfolded camper, making it more difficult for them to succeed. This activity highlighted how Allah is the voice guiding us through the obstacles we face in our lives as we walk through it 'blindfolded', whilst the other voices acted as the misguiding whisperings of others that may lead us astray.

Lastly, Zamina R Bai's class discussed the significance of body language and communication skills. The campers were astonished to learn that 55% of communication is portrayed through body language, whilst only 7% of what we actually say is comprehended.

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Through the activity of 2 truths and a lie, the campers experimented using specific body language and tone to deter their peers without them realising, exemplifying just how much body language dictates how we are perceived.

After the classes, we all had pizza for lunch and it was Neptune turn to serve. The campers then headed to the salaah room where Raihana bai and Zainab bai demonstrated the performance of wudhoo, before praying Zohr and Asr Jamaat salaah. Alhamdulillah it was enlightening to see so many of the campers eager to take part in reciting various parts such as the salaah's themselves, along with the duas that's followed.

After salaah, the planets collected their bags and made their way to the coaches as we departed for Malvern. After about an hour drive, we arrived at the Campsite and the campers took some time to settle into their rooms and freshen up. At 6pm, the campers were joined by Zainab Bai for their PDT session, focusing on bullying and banter, and reinforcing the ground rules which the campers devised yesterday. Raihana bai also shared some personal experiences which have made her the person she is today, inspiring not only the campers but the mentors alike.

It was then dinner time where the campers delved into pilau and salad, shortly followed by our first Muharram workshop. We began the majlis with recitation of Quran, followed by a short talk by Raihana bai on the etiquettes of majalis. We then ended with a nawha recitation and ziyarat, before preparing for Jamaat salaah.

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The campers then ended the day with ice cream and brownies for dessert, which was entertained with the post bag announcements, leaving the campers touched by their parents words.

Alhamdullilah the day was a success, and us mentors were so proud of each and every camper for their contributions throughout the day, be it participating in classes, volunteering to recite during Salaat, or simply putting a smile on someone's face :)

I have already learnt so much from these incredible individuals and I can't wait to see what the next few days bring inshallah!

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