

Camp CoEJ Diaries, Day 3

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Day 3 – Boys Camp

Today marked the first full day of camp activities and the energy was sky-high. After Fajr prayers and some well-earned rest, our campers were treated to a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, toast, cereals, and tea.

The morning kicked off with Jupiter's team-building activity, which ended with most of the group covered in mud whilst problem-solving. Reactions were mixed, but it definitely made for a memorable start to the day.



Jupiter also headed into the woods for a zip-lining adventure. It was a mix of nerves and excitement, with both campers and mentors getting fully involved and cheering each other on. It was a great experience overall, with everyone getting involved and having a fantastic time.

Mars and Saturn spent the morning at rifle shooting, going head-to-head with mentors in some friendly competition. They also took on the quad pole – an activity that tested nerves but saw several campers challenging themselves and stepping out of their comfort zone. For lunch, campers had jacket potatoes and salad, which went down well after a busy morning.

The Arbreen workshop was hosted by Jupiter. It included a beautiful Quran recitation, followed by emotional poetry and short speeches about Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS). Since it was a Tuesday night, the session also included a reflection on Dua Tawassul. The workshop ended with Matam.

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PDT (Personal Development Time) was led by Mars. As part of the session, the planets went head-to-head in a series of competitive quizzes. The energy was high as campers raced to answer questions and rack up points for their teams. Messages from home were also read out loud – some had campers burying their faces, while others laughed. Dinner was chicken biryani, which the campers enjoyed after a long day.

The day closed with Jamaat prayers and a relaxed evening atmosphere. To finish, a late-night snack of fruit salad and cheese toasties was served. Everyone's settling in well – looking forward to what tomorrow holds.

Signing off from the mentor team,

Adnan Bha Bhamani (Jupiter mentor)



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The third day of camp started with Fajr Namaz. Campers from Neptune had the opportunity to lead – we had beautiful recitations from; Aliya B (Adhan), Hawra R (Dua after Fajr), Raihana bai (Salaah) and Amaana W (Ziyarat).

When the campers woke up again for the day, they had a lovely breakfast of eggs, chai and cereal. Classes began with Raihana bai leading a session on Tawakkul, Aaliya bai taught campers a Dua to recite upon entering a room and Fatema bai continued her sewing class!

Mercury contributed beautifully during the Zohr and Asr Salaah with Sakina R and Aasiya I reciting Adhan, Raihana bai leading salaah, Malika (Zohr Dua), Sakina J (Asr Dua) and Sara M (Ziyarat).

After Salaah and a lunch consisting of jacket potatoes, we had our first day of activities. Today, Mercury and Venus had the opportunity to reach new heights with zip lining and the quad pole, while Neptune had fun with airsoft rifles and problem solving!

Despite the crazy rainfall, the campers persevered, were in high spirits and had a blast! They then got to enjoy a hearty mixed chicken biryani for dinner.



For this evening's Arbaeen workshop, we had a beautiful recitation of Surah Asr by Jannah J, a soulful marsiya by our very own mentor Zainab bai Bandali, and then an awakening talk by Sakina bai Datoos on our responsibilities towards the humanitarian crisis in Palestine. For Tabarruk, everyone enjoyed some yummy fruit custard before we all got ready for Salaah.

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Today, campers from Venus led Maghrib and Isha – Safiyeh D (Adhan), Raihana bai (Maghrib Salaah), Zahra B (Maghrib dua), Zahra K (Isha Salaah), Zahra C (Isha Dua), Imaan K and Haniyah bai Rajani (Ziyarat).

We then had a fascinating talk show led by Sakina bai Dato where campers were put in groups and presented different viewpoints from various countries on the issue of Palestine. Through this, we explored the true meaning of “Every day is Ashura, Every Land is Karbala” and our responsibility as lovers of Imam Hussain towards the injustices of today. The campers also received beautiful Palestinian flag pins by Sakina bai which they will inshallah wear with pride.

The campers then had a chance to bond further with their friends and planets before another fun day tomorrow!

Sakina bai Suleiman (Neptune)
Sakina bai Rahemani (Venus)

