**Year 7-10 Campout 2017**

Dear Year 7-10 Parents

Our Secondary program is off to a great start! Our year 7-10 students are well on their way, working together and learning together. To further develop this relationship and collaboration, the year 7-10 students will be going on a Campout to Barrage Moulay Youssef (70 kms from Marrakech) on Thursday 12th October until Saturday morning the 14th of October. They will stay overnight in tents and participate in a variety of activities such as a community service project, an environmental investigation and wilderness survival skills.

Students will take a hired van from school at 8:30 am on Thursday 12th of October, stay 2 nights and return Saturday morning at 1:00 pm. The van, security, plus a school vehicle will be at the site at all times. Mr Kelly has Wilderness First Aid certification and a hospital is close by if needed.

The campout is an opportunity for students to learn outdoor survival skills (camping, wilderness cooking and starting fires), environmental awareness (caring for the environment, Leave No Trace philosophy), leadership skills (responsibilities such as cooking assigned to teams) and participate in a community service project within a Berber community (build a foot bridge over a stream, visit a local school). **No electronic devices will be allowed on this trip including phones so that our focus is on a natural world instead of a digital one.** A WhatsApp group will be created to keep parents informed and to address questions that parents may have. Also Mr. Moniz will have his phone for emergency purposes only.

**The cost for camping and activities will be 1500 DHS per student depending on the number of students who sign up to go on the trip (due Monday October 9th).** Please sign below and help our students gain important experiences, bond as a class and build life-long skills!

Sincerely

Mr Moniz, Mr Kelly, Ms Achlim, Mr Achlim

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the campout.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agenda

(The times indicated are an estimate of actual times)

**Day 1 (Thursday 12th of October)**

8:30- Depart ISM (stop at service stations for breaks).

12:00 Arrive at water control system in nearby village.

12:30 Arrive at the Moulay Youssef Dam and learn about its function and purpose.

13:00 Arrive at the campsite for lunch (already prepared).

13:30 Set up camp, tents and sleeping arrangements.

14:30 Visit a local school (Community Service).

16:30 Return to camp for games.

18:30 Students prepare dinner, eating dinner, clean up.

20:00 Learn to start camp fires.

20:30 Roasting marshmallows (non-pork products).

21:00 Campfire stories.

22:00 Lights out.

**Day 2 (Friday 13th of October)**

8:00 students prepare breakfast, eat and clean up.

9:30 Head into town to build foot bridge (Environmental project).

12:00 Lunch prep, lunch and clean up.

14:00 Cave exploring.

16:00 Showers in outdoor Berber showers.

19:00 Dinner prepared by community source.

20:00 clean up.

20:30 Bon fire and stories.

22:00 Lights out

**Day 3 (Saturday 14th of October)**

8:00 students prepare breakfast, eat and pack up.

9:30 Leave for ISM.

13:00 Arrival at ISM.

**Year 7-10 Campout Checklist**

We will need to bring the following items in preparation for the camp out

**FROM THE SCHOOL PROVIDED BY EACH STUDENT**

❑ Tents, pillows and cots will be furnished. ❑ Bring your own large backpack/duffle bag

❑ Cooking equipment will be furnished. ❑ Bring your own sleeping bag.

❑ Food, drink and transportation will be provided ❑ Bring your own school appropriate snacks

 and drinks.

A good attitude is required for the campout. Sturdy shoes that are suitable for hiking or ankle high running shoes will be useful. The following is a list of equipment that would be useful on the campout. **No phones or electronic devices are allowed as this is an outdoor learning experience.** Check off each item in pencil as you lay out your pack.

**Pack**

❑ Poncho or raincoat

❑ Warm jacket or fleece sweater

❑ Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants

❑ Extra durable shoes – hiking boots or running shoes

❑ Hat or cap

❑ Extra socks

❑ Two changes of clothing (plus the clothes worn on the first day)

❑ Sunglasses

❑ Swimsuit for showers

**Toilet Kit**

❑ Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb

❑ Towel

❑ Soap in a non-breakable container

❑ Toilet paper in a ziplock bag for 3 days

❑ Extra plastic bags (ziplock preferred)

❑ Additional personal toiletries as needed

**First Aid**

❑ First aid kit (provided by ISM)

❑ Plastic Water bottle (1 litre or larger)

❑ Flashlight, extra batteries

❑ Sunscreen

❑ Insect repellent

❑ Any medications needed for the student (must be reported to a teacher)

**Extras (optional)**

❑ Camera (not a phone)

❑ Binoculars

❑ Folding and locking camp knife (blade no longer than 10cm)

❑ Notebook and pencil

❑ Nature books and/or novel

❑ No school books or homework!

❑ Fishing gear