



WJCEF SCHOOL

2008

CAMPING TRIP REPORT

ZAMBEZI BREEZERS

ISLAAMIYAAT DEPARTMENT

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Alhamdulillah through the Grace and Mercy of Almighty Allah, the school made arrangements for a Camping Trip to **Zambezi Breezers** situated on the Zambezi River, 6-8km's off Chirundu. The trip was scheduled for the **26th, 27th and 28th of July, 2008** during the August school holidays. The cost of the trip was quoted at **K375,000-00** per student (of which **K50,000-00** was returned to each of the students as a remainder from the trips' expense) which included transport, accommodation, food and boat hiring. Provisional booking was made and circulars were sent to all pupils in the boys' secondary section. Although the notice given was very short but Alhamdulillah pupils responded quickly and the "18 students" quota was full. There were four other students who were much eager to go so Mr. M. Y. Patel made special arrangements to accommodate them as well which made a total of **22 pupils**. It was decided that Mol. Shahid and Mol. Bilal make all the necessary arrangements for the trip and accompany the students.

Preparations began with getting the cheapest quote for fitting a tow-bar on the school bus so that a trailer can be towed where all the food could be kept. Alhamdulillah with the help of Brother A. Sa'eed Motala, Brother A. S. Patel and Mol. Shahid, the tow-bar was fitted on the bus. Mol. Shahid sought permission from his father for a trailer and Alhamdulillah he agreed.

The next thing was the tents for sleeping in. The school owns a ten-sleeper tent bought from game stores last year but this tent was not enough as there were 25 of us. Alhamdulillah Mol. Shahid, Huzaifah Deedat, Muhammad Sa'eed Chhadaat and Yazdaan Ticklay volunteered to bring a four-sleeper tent each with an additional one-sleeper from Mol. Shahid.

Thereafter Mol. Bilal and Mol. Shahid with the help of Brother A. S. Patel went to do the necessary shopping. The items used during the trip were as follows:

8	Cases x 24 can drinks
3	Trays x 30 eggs
46	Full chickens
2	Polony (Big loafs)
10	Loaves bread
60	Buns
10	Baked beans (big tins)
10	Cases water x 15 (500ml)
01	Tin fish
01	Corn flakes (1kg)
01	Cooking oil (5ltr)
01	Salt (1kg)
01	Sugar (2kg)
01	Teabags x 100
04	Sauce bottles
01	Charcoal (big)
06	Assorted biscuit packs
28	Milk packs x 500mls
01	Potatoes bag
	15 cups rice
	60 litres fuel

Another circular was given to all those participating in the trip. This circular highlighted all personal requirements during our stay at the camp site. The main items that needed to be brought to the pupils' attention were bedding, toiletries, cups, plates, fishing tackle and Saturday lunch food, which they were to bring from home. All pupils complied with the circular and started preparations.

Departure was scheduled for **07:15hrs** on Saturday, the 26th of July from the school. However, we only departed at 08:15hrs due to certain unforeseen circumstances. Being the main co-ordinator for the trip, Brother A. S. Patel was present at the school and he gave parting advice to all of us. Thereafter, Mol. Bilal made dua and the students boarded the bus, with **Mr. Nyati** driving.

Pupils read their dua's for the journey collectively and started to have fun. Some managed to finish all their sweets before we could reach the camp.

Alhamdulillah, we reached the camp at 11:15hrs. The receptionist was expecting us and she had already made the necessary arrangements. We looked for a suitable place and thereafter the pupils were instructed to offload all the goods from the bus, placing bags, beddings, foodstuffs and tents separately.

Now came the real test. Mol. Bilal and Mol. Shahid pulled a chair each and relaxed while pupils were biting their fingers. Who and how will the tents be

erected? All pupils were called together and instructed to erect the tents in a big circle. One after the other, tents were being assembled by them and they needed no instructions as the small tents were easy, but when it came to assembling the school tent, they were stuck. A large tent with so many poles is not easy to assemble if a diagram with instructions is not available. Mol. Bilal guided them and the pupils managed to assemble the school tent like the rest of the tents. Finally, we had six tents in their respective positions.

Once all that was done, pupils were called together and told where they shall be sleeping. It was quite simple as the G11's volunteered to sleep together in the big tent, while others chose their own partners. Rules and regulations were highlighted by Mol. Bilal and they were warned that they might lose their places for any misconduct. By then it was 13:00hrs. However, pupils were still fresh so they were told to offload the cooler boxes, table, chairs, stools, charcoal and the utensils' box.

As almost everything was in place, Mol. Shahid then made arrangements for the boats. In the meantime, pupils were told to prepare for Zohr Salaah. Mol. Shahid had brought Hajj mats from home which were used for all the Salaah as well as for dining purposes.

Azhaan was then given and Zohr Salaah was performed. After Salaah, we had our lunch. All

students shared their food with each other and they enjoyed their shared meal.

Once all the dining utensils had been washed the pupils began preparing their fishing rods for a good catch. Mol. Shahid with the help of other G11 pupils sorted out all the fishing rods and tied the necessary tackle on them. Some pupils who did not bring their own fishing rods from home hired them from the reception at the camp site at a fee of K20,000-00 each per day.

At around 15:00hrs, two groups of six set out in the two hired boats. The first two groups went out for an hour followed by the other two groups for another hour. Mol. Shahid accompanied the students of the first group while Mol. Bilal accompanied those of the second group.

While the first group was were trying their luck from the boats, some pupils tried to catch fish from the bank near the camp site while others helped Mol. Bilal in arranging the lighting for the camp. Zambezi Breezers has power-points at different places of the campsite, however due to the campsite being spread out over a big area, the lights provided are insufficient. We had carried a roll of twinflex cable, bulbs and bulb holders which we then assembled and lit-up the area where our tents were. At night, our campsite was so well lit, it looked like we were still at home!

By around 17:30hrs everyone was back at camp with no fish caught by anyone, and a lot of tackle lost by many who had Tiger Fish bites on their lines. Asr salaah was performed and thereafter pupils were told to put charcoal in the braii-stand and light the fire. This exercise was something new for many but they managed on their own. Thereafter, Mol. Bilal taught pupils how to make tea as many did not know. Some were amazed to see how simple a task it is to make tea!

While tea was being made, some pupils were told to perform their Maghrib Salaah and thereafter clean the surroundings of the campsite. A dustbin was provided by the reception which we made use of, making sure that nothing was being thrown in the river by any student. They also provided us with one of their general workers who was with us most of the time till we left. At no time was the camp left unguarded by our students and there was always someone present in camp.

By the time the camp had been cleaned the tea had also been brewed and was now being served. Mol. Bilal and Mol. Shahid spoke to the pupils on general topics till it was time for Esha. After performing Esha, Mol. Bilal started the braii with the help of G11 pupils, while Mol. Shahid fried the chips which had been peeled and sliced by the students. Mol. Bilal handed the braii over to the pupils so that he could go around and inspect the tents to see if they were in order for the night. As the chips were taking long to fry, the first lot was given to the G8

and G9 pupils with the braii chicken so that they could start their meal. Drinks were served to them by their fellow friends.

At around about 22:30hrs pupils started disappearing one after the other heading for their tents. By 23:00hrs only a handful of them remained with Mol. Shahid by the braii stand, enjoying the cool air around them.

At 05:00hrs, some pupils were already wide awake, busy with their rods, trying to get them ready for an early morning catch. The other pupils were woken up by 05:30hrs and thereafter the Fajr Azhaan was given. We performed our Salaah and thereafter prepared for breakfast. No student went back to sleep and they were all quite keen to learn how breakfast is prepared.

Mol. Shahid taught pupils how to crack eggs while Mol. Bilal was busy with the tea. As many hands were at work, breakfast was ready to be served by 06:30hrs. We all ate together and then made mashwera on how to spend the day. Besides fishing, there were no other plans that the students had thought of, so priority was given to fishing, but on condition that the groups would interchange, and the first to go would be cooking lunch for the rest. It was agreed upon and the times were set for leaving and returning.

Mol. Shahid went with the early morning group while Mol. Bilal stayed over with the rest, cleaning up the

breakfast mess and seeing to the cleanliness of all the tents. Thereafter, the students engaged themselves in different activities; some tried to fish from the banks, others played football, some went swimming while one lazy one decided to take a nap, only to wake up at 10:30hrs.

As soon as the first two groups returned, the other two groups went out with Mol. Bilal. Mol. Shahid then made preparations for cooking lunch and taught the remaining students how to cook Chicken Curry and Rice. Alhamdulillah they had a good time learning how to prepare a meal and the end result was brilliant to say the least. It was infact so good that we almost ran short of curry though we did have a bit of rice left over.

The second group returned at 12:30hrs and joined the others in performing Zohr Salaah. No one had caught any fish as yet, and although the bites were uncountable the loss of tackle was mounting.

At 14:00hrs we set off for the second round of the day with Mol. Bilal accompanying the first group while Mol. Shahid took the second group. Once again, lots of bites but no fish on the line. As the first group of students returned empty handed, knowing full well that they would not be getting another chance of going back on the river, the second group also returned the same way. We all read our Asr Salaah and then tidied the camp. Whilst waiting for Maghrib, some passed time chatting around and some prepared tea for their friends.

Immediately after Maghrib Salaah, tea and biscuits were served as at their request supper was to be delayed. After tea, some were told to peel and slice potatoes while others were told to arrange the charcoal and the braii stand. Whilst slicing the potatoes, one student cut his finger and rushed to the water in order to conceal his wound. However, it was not long before he was discovered and attended to using methylated spirit, cotton wool and a small bandage. Just then another student comes up and says that he had a big scratch on his back which had occurred in the afternoon whilst walking under a tree. We examined the injury and cleaned it out for him as well. We had carried a complimentary 'First Aid Box' given to us by 'Savers Pharmaceuticals' which was relatively equipped with our requirements. It was nice to note that there was keen interest amongst the students in administering basic First Aid.

Mol. Shahid started frying the chips with some students so that there would be no delay after Esha and we could all eat together. The other students were engaged in various other activities till Esha.

After Esha some of the students started the braii while others made other preparations. At 21:30hrs we all sat down to eat a well prepared meal which we thoroughly enjoyed. A while later the students started to sneak into their tents one at a time until only a handful remained who chatting with Mol. Bilal and Mol. Shahid till mid-night.

Once again, at Fajr time many were already wide awake waiting for the sun to rise so that they could hopefully catch their first fish. We performed our Fajr Salaah and the breakfast routine was carried out like on the previous day. However, on this day the school was not hiring any boats but, some of the students still wanted to go fishing. They hired two boats at their own expense and immediately set off with Mol. Shahid. It proved to be a successful outing as one Grade 11 student landed a 2.7kg Tiger fish. **At least we had one to show for all our efforts!** In the meantime Mol. Bilal and the other students had sorted out all the things that were not going to be of use during lunch and had them packed up. They also tried their luck fishing from the banks but to no avail.

By 11:00hrs everyone was back at the camp, busy packing their beddings and bags. Once packed, all the luggage was put in one place so that the tents could be dismantled. It was not difficult to dismantle them but rolling and fitting them back into their respective bags proved to be a mission. By 13:15hrs all the luggage including the tents had been packed back into the bus and the camping area was cleaned. We then performed Zohr Salaah and had our last meal, a Braii again.

After the braii, Mol. Bilal addressed the students regarding the stay at camp, comparing with our daily lives at home. The pupils were made to realize how much the parents go through in our upbringing

etc. Thereafter we departed from the camp. It was 14:45hrs when we reached the tar road. Pupils were falling off to sleep. But not for long, as soon they started looking for something to chew on, a sweet, biscuit, crisps, chocolate or anything. They still had left-over supplies which they shared with one another but made a mess of the bus. The students were all still having a good time when we reached the school at 17:20hrs. Some parents were already waiting while others were on their way to pick up their children.

OBSERVATIONS

In order to improve on preparations for future trips, we request LICEF SCHOOL to look into the following:-

- A. If possible, to purchase another 10/12 sleeper tent as individual students may not always be able to provide their own smaller tents as was the case on this trip.*

- B. If possible, to mount a large roof carrier on the bus as a trailer may not always be readily available for school use from members of the public.
We must also point out that on this trip the trailer that we had towed had been loaded beyond its maximum capacity.*

- C. In future, to see if either a game scout or an adult member of the Boy Scout Movement could possibly accompany the students with a view to teach them basic bush skills. Please note that this idea will also incur a cost.*

CONCLUSION

It was a successful trip despite having made the preparations at the last minute. Many parents made positive remarks about the trip and have verbally thanked the committee for having arranged such a trip. They have also recommended that such trips should be encouraged so that our children may be able to learn about nature and our environment and this can only be achieved by taking them out on field trips.

We would like to thank the school administration, Islaamiyaat committee and brother A. S. Patel for all their efforts in making this trip a success. May Almighty Allah reward you and accept you for your effort. Jazakumullah.

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EDITED BY:

BRO. A. SA'EED PATEL

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRIP

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3	Yazdaan Ticklay	8b2
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5	Almuaaz Latiff	9b2
6	Ridwaan Motala	9b2
7	Hamayun Khan	9b2
8	Mohsin Munshi	9b2
9	Ahmed Asmal	9b1
10	Ahmed Zamakda	9b2
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12	Abdurrashid Khanat	9b2
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17	Nadeem Asmal	11b2
18	Ubaid Asmal	11b2
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23	MOL. SHAHID ADAM	STAFF
24	MOL. BILAL VALLI	STAFF
25	MR. NYATI	DRIVER

LIST OF CONTENTS IN THE FIRST AID BOX

QTY	NAME
09	10's Paracetamol Tabs
05	ORS
06	Sachets ENO
02	20g Flamar Cream (muscle pain, sprains, joint pain)
02	15g Anti-Histamine Cream
01	5cm Zinc Oxide Plaster
02	Mims vapour rub
02	Betadine Antiseptic Cream
10	Brufen tabs x 10
01	Stomaease box (M.M.T)
01	Silverleb 50g -Burn Cream
01	Libeng Plasters x 30
01	Razor blades x 5
01	Scissors
01	Spirit 250ml
01	Tweezer
10	5cm Cotton bandage
10	7.5cm Cotton bandage
10	10cm Cotton bandage
02	5cm Crepe bandage
02	7.5cm Crepe bandage
01	10cm Crepe bandage
02	Dettol 50ml
04	50g cotton wool
04	Surgical Gloves
06	Splints (pairs)
05	Triangular Bandages
10	Safety pins
10	Flora Norm Sachets
02	Eye pads (pairs)

PHOTO GALLERY

