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Summer Camp = Fun!!

With his youth counselors and camp friends watching and cheering, Mousa approached the horse, stroked its nose, and, with help, settled into the saddle. This was the first horse he had seen that didn't carry a policeman. Nadia was amazed to learn about the antiquities that were underneath her feet everyday as she walks the Old City of Jerusalem. The SCC summer campers visited museums, and saw artifacts from Herodian, Byzantine, and Crusader times. Ghassan smiled as a counselor helped him swim at the water park in Jericho. Barreling down a water slide, and riding the waves in big, yellow tubes was fun for these Palestinian kids who face stress and tension in their communities. SCC camp provides experiences that expand the world for children who deserve every opportunity to live fulfilling lives.



Intensive Courses at SCC

Summer is a time to catch up on missed lessons. At the SCC children perfect their Arabic grammar, learn new mathematical operations, and practice English. The intensive classes give teachers more time to focus on the specific learning needs of each child. Maybe he gets overwhelmed in his regular school classroom of 50 kids; or she has trouble focusing because her 14-year-old brother is in detention and her family is not allowed to visit. Skilled SCC teachers with patience and understanding help fill the learning gap.





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