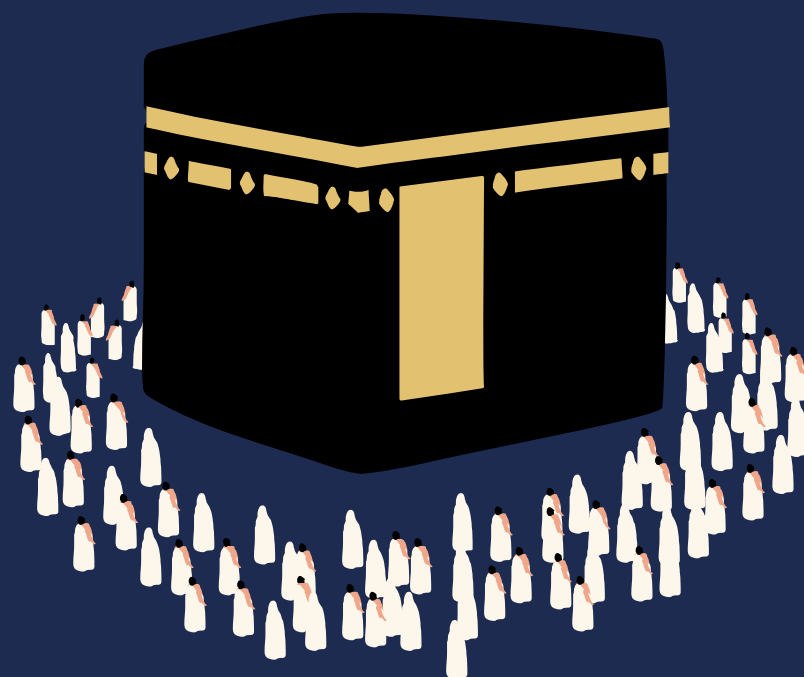




Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Hajj Activities





	Intro	1
My Faith/Let's Celebrate		2
	Global Issues	9
	Fundraising	15
Environmental Conservation		18
	Disability Awareness	21
	Hikes Away	24



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

As-salamualaikum

Welcome to MSF's Hajj Activities Pack! This pack has been curated to provide activity ideas during the month of Dhul Hijjah, catered to the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, and contributing towards a selection of badges.

Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam; it's a time when millions of Muslims from across the world make pilgrimage to Makkah, and is a profound journey with deep significance for each pilgrim. Our guide provides a variety of activities that will not only educate our young people about the rituals and history of Hajj, but also instil values of community, spirituality, and cultural awareness.

Thank you for your dedication to educating and inspiring the next generation, We hope this guide aids you in fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Hajj among your young people. We ask that Allah provides us all with the means to accept His invitation to Hajj, and that He accepts the worship of the pilgrims embarking on the beautiful journey. Ameen.

~ MSF Programme Team



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

My Faith/Let's Celebrate Badges



Squirrels



Beavers



Cubs



Scouts



Badge: My Faith/Let's Celebrate

This badge focuses on exploring personal faith and the beliefs of others. Scouts can learn about the spiritual aspects of Hajj and the significance it holds for Muslims.

Theme: Spiritual Development



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Squirrels and Beavers	Squirrels: this badge is called 'Let's Celebrate'. Find out about some new festivals or celebrations by reading or listening to a story together. Take part in a festival or celebration from a different culture with the other Squirrels. Get creative, make something to help you celebrate, and try some different festive foods.	Crafting the Kaaba: • Create a simple model of the Kaaba using boxes and black paper. YP can decorate it with gold paper or stickers • Explain that the Kaaba is a special place where Muslims gather during Hajj, signifying the house of Allah Designing Prayer Mats: • Provide materials for YP to design their own mini prayer mats using fabric, felt, or paper • Talk about the importance of prayer in Islam and how Muslims use prayer mats Making Eid Cards: • Create Eid cards to celebrate the festival of Eid, which marks the end of Hajj • Use colourful paper, stickers, and markers. Explain that Eid is a time of celebration and giving Drawing and Colouring: • Provide colouring pages with images related to Hajj and Eid • Ask children to draw their own pictures of what they learned about Hajj and Islam



Badge: My Faith/Let's Celebrate



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Beavers	Beavers: Visit a place of worship. Read or share a prayer or reflection. Find and tell a story about doing your best and helping other people.	Introduction to Hajj and Islam: - Explain what Hajj is and its importance in Islam using simple language and visual aids like pictures or videos - Show a map to explain where Mecca is located Introduction to Islamic Practices: - Talk about the 5 pillars of Islam, basic Islamic practices such as daily prayers, fasting during Ramadan, and the significance of the Hajj pilgrimage Interactive Learning - Hajj Simulation: - Set up a simple activity course that mimics the journey of Hajj. Include stations that represent different parts of the pilgrimage, such as the Sa'i (walking between the hills of Safa and Marwah)
Cubs	Cubs: Find out about your place of worship. Choose a favourite prayer or reading. Explain what it celebrates or means and talk about the food, clothes and customs associated with Hajj.	Interactive Storytelling: - Journey of Hajj Play: Organise a short play or skit where Cubs act out the story of a pilgrim going on Hajj. Provide simple costumes and props Build a Miniature Kaaba: - Use LEGO, building blocks or recycled materials to construct a detailed model of the Kaaba and the surrounding mosque area - Discuss its importance and the role it plays during Hajj Islamic Calligraphy Workshop: - Provide materials for Cubs to try their hand at Islamic calligraphy. Teach them to write simple words or phrases in Arabic, such as "Hajj" or "Eid" - Display their artwork in the meeting area



Badge: My Faith/Let's Celebrate



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Cubs		Craft Activities: • Make tasbeehs • Make Eid lanterns Visit a Local Mosque: • Arrange a visit to a local mosque for a guided tour and a talk on Hajj and Islamic practices. Many mosques welcome educational visits and can provide hands-on learning experiences • Have Cubs prepare questions beforehand to ask during the visit. Hajj-themed Treasure Hunt: • Organise a treasure hunt with clues and stations related to the Hajj pilgrimage. Each clue leads to a different part of the site where they can learn about a specific aspect of Hajj • Incorporate fun tasks or challenges at each station Hajj Reflection Circle: • After completing the activities, have a reflection circle where Cubs share what they learned and enjoyed most about the activities
Scouts	Scouts: Take an active part in your place of worship. Find out more about the origins of your faith. Explore something about the history of your faith at a local, national or international level	Islamic Culture and History Presentation: • Assign Scouts to research different aspects of Islamic culture and the history of Hajj. They can present their findings through creative mediums like posters, PowerPoint presentations, or videos (Topics could include the history of the Kaaba, the significance of Mecca, and the global impact of Hajj) Islamic Calligraphy and Art Workshop: • Conduct a workshop on Islamic calligraphy. Provide materials for Scouts to practise writing Arabic script and creating intricate designs • Explore the use of geometric patterns and their significance in Islamic art



Badge: My Faith/Let's Celebrate



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Scouts		Cooking Traditional Islamic Foods: • Organise a cooking session where Scouts prepare traditional foods associated with Hajj or Islamic festivals, such as lamb dishes, dates, and sweets • Discuss the cultural and religious significance of the foods and share a meal together Create a Hajj Documentary: • Have Scouts create a short documentary film about Hajj. They can include interviews, research, and visual storytelling to convey the significance of the pilgrimage • Share the documentary with the group and discuss the production process and findings. Build a Detailed Model of the Kaaba: • Use materials like cardboard, clay, or LEGO to create a detailed and accurate model of the Kaaba and its surrounding area • Scouts can research the architectural details and the significance of the different elements



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Global Issues Badge



Beavers



Cubs



Scouts



Explorers



Badge: Global Issues

Hajj brings together Muslims worldwide, promoting cultural exchange and understanding. This badge encourages scouts to learn about different cultures, religions, and international events and to strive to make the world a better place by supporting and aiding everyone regardless of their background. It all starts with having a greater understanding of different people's needs and the struggles people may face attending Hajj.



Theme: Spiritual Development

Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Beavers	Beavers: take an active role in making our world a better, more sustainable place.	Understanding Community and Pilgrimage • Storytime Read a simple story or show a short video about Hajj, explaining why it is an important event for Muslims • Discuss the idea of people coming together from all over the world for a common purpose Cultural Awareness and Respect • Global Pilgrimages: Discuss other global pilgrimages and journeys people make for their faith. Compare these with Hajj to show the similarities • Create a simple world map activity where Beavers can place stickers on countries where different pilgrimages take place and where hajj takes place Postcards from Mecca: • Have Beavers create postcards or drawings depicting scenes from Hajj, such as the Kaaba, pilgrims, or traditional clothing • Discuss how people from different parts of the world come together during Hajj and what it means to be part of a global community



Badge: Global Issues



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Beavers		Global Connections: • Sit in a circle and discuss what Beavers have learned about Hajj and how it connects to global issues like community, the environment, and charity • Encourage Beavers to share their thoughts on how people from different cultures and religions can work together to solve global issues Reflective Drawing: • Ask Beavers to draw something they learned about Hajj and how it relates to global issues • Display the drawings and have each Beaver explain their picture to the group
Cubs	Cubs: Find out about an international charity; what do they do and why is it important. Identify five belongings of yours that have come from other countries. Monitor the waste you produce as a Cub Pack and make a plan to reduce, reuse and recycle your Pack's waste.	Learning About Hajj and Charity • Interactive Presentation: Show a short video or presentation about Hajj, focusing on the acts of charity that are integral to the pilgrimage, such as the distribution of food to the needy during Eid al-Adha • Discuss the concept of Zakat in Islam and its importance for all parties involved Charity work: • Get Cubs to learn about one international charity that helps during the distribution of food during Hajj to the needy and discuss the importance of this Hands-On Charity Projects • Create Care Packages: Organize a project where Cubs assemble care packages for local or international charities. These could include non-perishable foods, hygiene products, or school supplies • Discuss how these items can make a difference in the lives of people around the world including those in Palestine or women around the world



Badge: Global Issues



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Cubs		World Map Activity: • Create a large world map and have Cubs place stickers on countries where Hajj pilgrims might come from and where their chosen charities operate • Discuss the global nature of Hajj and the widespread impact of charity Crafting Eid Cards: • Create Eid cards that can be sent to children in need through an international charity. Decorate them with positive messages and drawings • Discuss the significance of Eid and the joy of giving and receiving during this festival
Scouts	Scouts: Learn about an international health issue and use a creative way to share what you have learnt with your Troop. Think about the rights that we have in the UK (like the right to vote, the right to go to school and equal gender rights) and how Islam promotes these rights, and link it back to Hajj.	Exploring Global Issues and Charity • Charity Research Project: Have Scouts research different international charities that operate in Muslim-majority countries or focus on issues highlighted during Hajj, such as hunger, clean water, and disaster relief • Ask them to present their findings, highlighting how these charities address global issues and the impact of their work Fundraising and Community Service • Global Fundraising Campaign: Plan and execute a fundraising campaign that highlights themes of Hajj (like community, unity, and sacrifice) to support an international charity such as Islamic Relief Worldwide • Scouts can use this opportunity to educate their community about the charity and the issues it addresses Documentary Creation: • Have Scouts create a short documentary about Hajj and its global impact. They can include interviews with people who have performed Hajj, research, and visual storytelling to highlight the significance of Hajj • Share the documentary with the group and wider community



Badge: Global Issues



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Scouts		Sustainable Practices Workshop: • Conduct a workshop on sustainable practices and how they can be applied globally, including during large gatherings like Hajj. Discuss issues such as waste management and clean water • Implement a local environmental project, such as a park clean-up or tree-planting activity, and relate it to the global efforts to maintain a clean and healthy environment Charity and Global Issues Presentation: • Assign Scouts to research various global issues such as hunger, clean water, education, and health care, and how international charities are addressing these issues • Have them present their findings to the troop, focusing on the connection between these global issues and the charitable acts emphasised during Hajj
Explorers	Explorers: Individually or as a group compare youth issues in the UK with the same issues in another country, such as voting age, access to education or youth services. Visit a homeless shelter, food bank or other social enterprise in your local community and consider the challenges faced by homeless people and what factors lead to homelessness. Deliver a game or activity to others about a global issue that you feel passionate about and explore what small action you could take to have a positive impact on that issue.	In-depth Understanding of Hajj: • Research and Presentation: Conduct detailed research on the history, significance, and rituals of Hajj. Create a comprehensive multimedia presentation or a detailed report. Explorers can use video cameras, presentations, or posters Exploring the Concept of Charity in Islam • Guest Speaker Event: Invite a knowledgeable guest speaker, such as an imam or a representative from an Islamic charity, to discuss the concepts of Zakat and Sadaqah Investigating International Charities • Charity Research Project: Research three international charities focusing on global issues such as hunger relief, clean water, and education. Prepare a comparative analysis of their missions, activities, and impact



Badge: Global Issues



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Explorers		Engaging in Community Service Projects: - Service Project Leadership: Lead a community service project that addresses a global issue, such as organising a local clean-up, creating care packages for refugees, or volunteering with a charity Collaborative Global Projects: - Global Pen Pal Program: Establish a pen pal program with Scouts from a country where Hajj is a significant part of the culture. Exchange letters or emails discussing cultural practices, global issues, and personal experiences. Cultural Storytelling Night: - Host a storytelling night where participants share stories and experiences of different themes like pilgrimage, charity, and community



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Fundraising Badge



Scouts



Explorers



Badge: Fundraising

Scouts and Explorers can learn about the financial challenges some Muslims face in undertaking Hajj. They can explore how fundraising can help subsidise the costs for pilgrims who might not otherwise afford this important religious journey. Many organisations provide support to disadvantaged communities during Hajj, including food, medical aid, and shelter. YP can investigate these organisations and understand the importance of charity in this context.



Theme: Citizenship and Community

Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Scouts	Scouts: Identify and organise a fundraising initiative for either: 1. A registered UK charity 2. Your local group 3. The Scout Association, to promote and grow Scouting nationally Think of a short reason that tells potential donors about your chosen cause. Set a target and a date by which you'll have raised the money. Write a short report about your fundraising challenge.	Funds raised from the below activities could, for example, be donated to Islamic Relief's Qurbani Delivery across the world Hajj-themed Bake Sale: • Organise a bake sale featuring Eid themed treats and delicacies which can be from different cultures. Scouts can bake and sell items such as date-filled cookies (a traditional Hajj snack), Middle Eastern pastries, and other desserts inspired by Hajj pilgrimage traditions Hajj Charity Walkathon: • Organise a charity walkathon where Scouts walk a designated route or distance while raising funds through sponsorships or pledges. The event can be themed around Hajj pilgrimage routes, with informational stations along the route highlighting Hajj traditions and challenges Hajj Accessible Facilities Project: • Discuss accessibility issues pilgrims with disabilities might face during the different stages of Hajj • Strategise to raise funds for organisations that improve the accessibility of Hajj, for example Al Isharah, who deliver Hajj in British Sign Language



Badge: Fundraising



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Explorers	Explorers: Identify and organise a fundraising initiative for either: 1. A registered UK charity 2. Your local group 3. The Scout Association, to promote and grow Scouting nationally Find a compelling message – a short reason you can communicate to potential donors about your chosen cause. Use social media to promote your fundraising initiative. Set a fundraising target and a date to raise it by. We suggest a minimum of £500. Call on others to help you and form a fundraising team. Motivate and inspire them to encourage others to donate.	Hajj Challenge Expedition: • Plan a hiking or trekking expedition that simulates the physical challenges and endurance required during Hajj pilgrimage. Participants can seek sponsorships or pledges for completing the expedition Hajj Fundraising Challenge: • Organise a fundraising challenge where Explorers compete in teams to raise funds through creative initiatives and events. Teams can brainstorm and implement fundraising ideas such as bake sales, car washes, talent shows, and social media campaigns Awareness Campaigns: • Launch awareness campaigns to educate peers, families, and communities about the challenges faced by underprivileged Hajj pilgrims and the importance of supporting charitable initiatives • Use social media, presentations, and educational materials to raise awareness about specific issues that underprivileged people experience and the importance of aiding the less fortunate and why Muslims donate Qurbani on Eid al Adha Community Service Projects: • Volunteer at local charities or organisations supporting refugees, migrants, or individuals in need around Eid time • Participate in community service projects such as packing gifts, hygiene kits, assembling food parcels, or organising clothing drives to support charitable initiatives and increase in your personal charity



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Environmental Conservation Badge



Cubs



Scouts



Badge: Environmental Conservation

Pilgrims are encouraged to keep the holy sites clean and respect the environment. This badge teaches scouts the principles of environmental stewardship and minimising their ecological footprint as well as emphasising ethical behaviour in the outdoors, which includes respecting nature and other people.

Theme: Citizenship and Community



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Cubs	Cubs: Find out how to reduce the energy and water you use in your home. Find out about one type of renewable energy. Take part in two projects with a group of other people. You could: 1. Plant a tree or shrub 2. Clear a ditch, pond or creek 3. Make, set up and look after a bird feeder, table, nesting box or bath 4. Look after a piece of land or a garden 5. Tidy up a piece of wasteland 6. Take part in an anti-litter campaign 7. Look after a compost bin	Zamzam Well Water Conservation Project: • Implement a water conservation project inspired by the Zamzam Well in Mecca. Cubs can learn about water conservation techniques such as rainwater harvesting, greywater recycling, and efficient irrigation methods • They can also learn about the history of Zamzam water and why its so important to Muslims Pollinator Garden for Hajj Bees: • Establish a mini pollinator garden featuring plants that attract bees, inspired by the role of bees in pollinating date palms in the Hajj region. Cubs can learn about the importance of pollinators and create bee-friendly habitats Sustainable Living Workshop: • Conduct a workshop where Cubs learn practical tips and strategies for living more sustainably, such as reducing energy consumption, minimising waste, and supporting eco-friendly products • Organise a discussion session where Cubs explore environmental dilemmas related to Hajj, such as the impact of mass pilgrimage on local ecosystems or the challenges of waste management in pilgrimage sites • Get them to come up with solutions on how to reduce waste on an ecological and environmental scale and make posters



Badge: Environmental Conservation



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Scouts	Scouts: Find out about an environmental issue that is important to your local community. Take part in an activity or project that improves local conservation. Get involved in a campaign to make others aware of an environmental issue.	Hajj-themed Environmental Case Studies • Present Scouts with case studies of environmental challenges and solutions in pilgrimage regions. Scouts can analyse real-world scenarios, discuss the factors contributing to environmental degradation or conservation success, and propose innovative solutions Hajj-themed Environmental Debate: • Organise an environmental debate where Scouts discuss and debate topics related to Hajj and environmental conservation, such as sustainable travel practices, wildlife conservation in pilgrimage regions, or waste management in mass pilgrimage sites • Give them time to prepare, note down their points then debate a topic. They can then go home, do more research on their topic, then present again in a debate the next session Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Action Planning: • Guide Scouts in a brainstorming and action planning session focused on addressing environmental challenges related to Hajj through the lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Scouts can discuss strategies for achieving goals such as clean water and sanitation, sustainable cities and communities, and climate action in pilgrimage regions



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Disability Awareness Badge



Beavers



Cubs



Badge: Disability Awareness

The Disability Awareness badge focuses on understanding disabilities, promoting inclusion, and advocating for accessibility. YP should delve deeper into accessibility challenges, physical barriers pilgrims with disabilities may face, advocating for inclusion and maybe getting first-hand accounts of those who have performed hajj with a disability and understanding the struggles they may have experienced and what can be done to ease pilgrims journeys.



Theme: Citizenship and Community

Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Beavers	Beavers: do some of the following: • Explain what a disability is • Visit an activity centre or playground for people with disabilities • Talk about how your Scout hall could be made better so that everyone can take part • Make a poster that tells others about a disability • Physical disability awareness: Show how to safely push a wheelchair. Talk about an aid that can help a disabled person. It could be a type of wheelchair, computer, grabber or rising chair • Deaf awareness: Learn how to fingerspell your name. Learn the Promise in British Sign Language • Sight awareness: Talk about what guide dogs for blind people do	Sensory Experience of Hajj: • Create a sensory experience of Hajj rituals for Beavers with a focus on tactile, auditory, and olfactory sensations. Beavers can touch and feel items such as prayer rugs, dates, and pebbles, listen to recordings of Hajj prayers and chants, and smell fragrances associated with Hajj rituals Inclusive Hajj Storytime • Read and discuss stories or biographies of individuals with disabilities who have participated in Hajj. Beavers can learn about their experiences, challenges, and contributions to the Hajj community, and discuss ways to promote inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities during Hajj. Accessible Hajj Poster Campaign • Create posters promoting accessibility and inclusion for individuals with disabilities during Hajj. Beavers can design posters with messages advocating for ramps, braille signage, accessible transportation, and other accommodations to support pilgrims with disabilities



Badge: Disability Awareness



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Cubs	Cubs: do some of the following: • Explain what a disability is. What are the different types of disability? • Visit a local community building How accessible is it for someone with a disability? • Physical disability awareness: Find out about two different aids that can assist a disabled person. How do they help? Find out about three ways to make it easier for a wheelchair user to use public places. How could your meeting place be made better for a wheelchair user? • Deaf awareness: Learn the alphabet using fingerspelling. Learn a song in British Sign Language. Explain what equipment a deaf person might use in the home. Show how you would approach a deaf person and speak to them so they can lip-read. • Sight awareness: Describe two different ways a blind or visually impaired person can read. Explain what guide dogs for blind people do. How are they trained? Learn and read your name in Braille. Show how to approach a blind or visually impaired person. How would you identify yourself?	Braille Hajj Map: • Create a braille map of Hajj pilgrimage sites and routes. Cubs can learn about the layout and significance of key locations, such as the Kaaba, Mina, and Arafat, and translate that information into a braille map, promoting accessibility for individuals with visual impairments Sign Language Hajj Vocabulary: • Explore basic sign language vocabulary related to Hajj rituals and concepts. Cubs can learn signs for words such as "Kaaba," "prayer," "pilgrimage," and "unity," and practice communicating using sign language Inclusive Hajj Storytime: • Read and discuss stories or biographies of individuals with disabilities who have participated in Hajj. Cubs can learn about their experiences, challenges, and contributions to the Hajj community, and discuss ways to promote inclusivity and support for individuals with disabilities during Hajj Empathy Through Simulation Games: • Engage Cubs in simulation games or activities that simulate the experiences of individuals with disabilities during Hajj. Cubs can participate in activities such as navigating a crowded space with a wheelchair, completing tasks while blindfolded, or communicating using sign language Disability Awareness Video: • Produce a video that explores disability awareness and inclusion in Hajj pilgrimage sites. Cubs can research, script, record, and edit the video compiling their learnings from the above activities • Raise awareness, promote understanding, and advocate for inclusivity in Hajj through digital storytelling and dialogue



Muslim Scout
Fellowship

Hikes Away Staged Badge



Squirrels



Beavers



Cubs



Scouts



Explorers



Badge: Hikes Away Staged

Hajj involves a lot of intense walking between sites. The Hikes Away Badge is a good way of practising physical endurance and understanding the experiences of Hajj pilgrims better.

Theme: Physical Endurance



Section	Badge Requirements	Activity Ideas
Squirrels and Beavers	Squirrels: Each hike or journey must involve at least one hour of activity and a purpose Beavers: Each hike or journey must involve at least two hours of activity and a purpose	• Take a walk around your local area and discover what's around you • Go on a nature walk to look for plants and animals • Explore somewhere new on a hike • Walk to a local masjid
Cubs	Cubs: Each hike or journey must involve at least three hours of activity	• Explore a country park or nature reserve on foot • Walk to a local masjid and do interactive activities inside • Take part in a woodland walk and look out for wildlife. Do a wildlife scavenger hunt bingo activity
Scouts	Scouts: Each hike or journey must involve at least three hours of activity	• Follow a trail • Explore a local town or village while you're on camp or as a session • Walk up a hill and enjoy the view • Walk to a masjid and walk back
Explorers	Explorers: Each hike or journey must involve at least five hours of activity	• Take part in a dusk to dawn hike during a camp or on the weekend • Overnight expedition by foot • Travel by horseback (sunnah) • Walk to two masjids across the city in one day • Mountain climbing