



# VICTORY BASE COUNCIL BAGHDAD

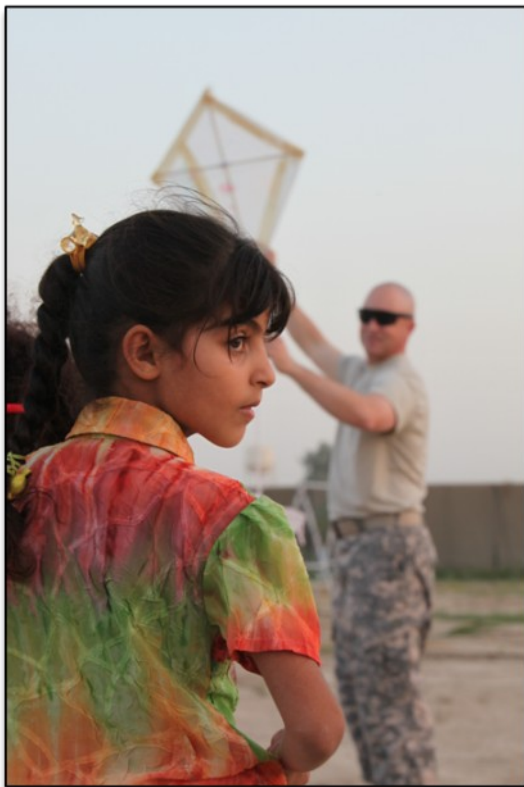
## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### CAMPOUT EDITION

2 - 3 October 2009



After much preparation, the campout weekend was upon us. The afternoon crowd crafted kites, aimed bows and arrows, and swung at baseballs. As the sun set on soaring kites, volunteers set up tents and threw wood on the campfire. The Scouts, or Kashafa, utilized the new stage for dancing, singing, and even some story telling. The full moon lit the night sky, as both children and adults gathered around the campfire to make the essential delicacy of any campout: s'mores. Being tired didn't slow the Kashafa down the next morning, as they were up early to continue their activities from the previous day.



#### Up and Away

After decorating their sheets of paper, Kashafa (Scouts), along with help from volunteers, crafted kites from dowels, masking tape, and kite string. Some kites fluttered gracefully though the air, while others never even made it off the ground.



#### Read, Aim, Fire

Practicing what they learned in archery class, the older boys aimed their arrows with precision. The toughest part of this class to teach? Why the safety part, of course!





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Spotlighted by a full moon, the Kashafa took to the stage. The girls sang about carrots, potatoes, and cucumbers, and took home the prize for best singers. Some sang, some danced, some turned flips, some did “the worm” (below) and all had fun. The kids even laughed at the volunteers’ rendition of the “invisible bench” skit.





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On Saturday morning, the boys worked on teambuilding exercises. Blindfolded Kashafa were led through a maze by their teammates.



How do you get the tarp folded without stepping off of it? These young Scouts figured it out by working together.



The girls made t-shirts as one of just many art projects. MAJ Gary Farley helps a young Scout write her name in English on her design.



These fashion designers proudly display their artwork with volunteers Jessica Slaughter, Lisa Pasternak, and Jacqueline Hopkins.



After weeks of developing soccer skills, the younger boys earned their belt loop in soccer. The soccer team took a break for a picture with volunteers LS1 Nancy Tostado, SFC Mark Lopez, Henry Malmgren, and Salim Elghusain.