



CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES
Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota USA

Arabic Language Village

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Al-Wāḥa
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Al-Wāḥa, the Arabic Language Village

- Sessions lasting two or four weeks for youth, ages 8-18
- High school credit session
- Sessions lasting one week for families



Where

Camp Trowbridge near Vergas, Minn. (Northwest of Minneapolis 3.5 hours)



Facts About Arabic Language and Culture

- There are more than 200 million Arabic language speakers worldwide and more than 615,000 in the United States (www.mla.org).
- The United Nations adopted Arabic as one of its six official languages in 1974.

About the Arabic Alphabet

- Arabic is written right to left
- The alphabet is composed of 28 basic letters
- The writing is uncase (i.e., the concept of upper and lower case letters does not exist).
- The Arabic alphabet is also used in writing non-Arabic languages such as Persian and Urdu.
- Arabic is part of the Semitic language family.
- Arab poets, long before the Islamic period, developed Arabic into a language of richness and flexibility.

22 Members of the League of Arab States

Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Arabic is spoken in many other nations and regions of the world not included in the League.

Activities at Al-Wāḥa

- soccer
- calligraphy
- folk dancing
- music
- cooking
- canoeing
- pottery
- weaving
- games
- fabric dyeing
- needlework
- woodcutting
- chess
- backgammon
- cards
- storytelling
- theater
- volleyball

All activities conducted in Arabic.



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