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WPI at the Arava Institute

Orientation schedule and other extracurricular events throughout the program

Tuesday, January 10

4:00PM	Arrival to Kibbutz Ketura, check in Campus rooms
5:00	Welcome to the Arava Institute – meet the team
6:30	Introduction to Dining Room and walk together to dining room via Kibbutz store and more
7:00	Dinner in the dining room

Wednesday, January 11

7:00AM	Breakfast
8:00	Tour of Kibbutz Ketura - bring water & walking shoes. Starting outside of the dining room
9:20	Toilet break at the Arava Institute
9:30	Logistics for today
9:40	Introduction to the Arava Institute
10:20	Arava Institute office orientation in 2 groups
10:40	Walk to Campus
10:50	Coffee break at Campus lounge
11:05	Check-in documents and paperwork
12:45PM	Lunch & get prepared for hike (bring water and walking shoes)
2:00	Program logistics & schedule for the weekend
3:00 – 5:00	Hike up Electricity Mountain (short but steep)
6:30	Dinner. Meet Adir at Campus to walk together.

Thursday, January 12

	Work assignments begin
6:30PM	Dinner
7:30	Games Night with Ketura volunteers & young adults – with Avigail Morris (after dinner)

Friday, January 13

7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
8:30-10:00	Ketura second hand store is open (cash only)
9:00	Intro to Judaism
10:15	Meet Brenda – group counselor
11:30	Meet Meital for special sport activity
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner

Saturday, January 14

	Breakfast – self made in campus dorms/lounge
12:00-13:00PM	Lunch- available in the dining room
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual



Sunday, January 15

4:00+5:00PM	check in Keren Kolot Guest house & check out Campus rooms and Lounge.
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Monday, January 16

9:00-11:00AM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
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Tuesday, January 17

7:30AM	Optional: Sport session with Meital
2:30-5:30PM	Get to know the Argan projects: tour towards the Jordanian border and Experimental Orchards – with Nadav Soloway. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and walking shoes. Meet Adir at the K.K lobby by 2:30 for a 30 min walk.

Thursday, January 19

5:00PM	KVAP activity: Kibbutz values and practice - what is kibbutz living? with the BGU group (BEN GURION UNIVERSITY: AFRICAN STUDIES). At the Blue room – next to the AIES offices.
10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.

Friday, January 20

7:00-8:45AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
11:00AM-1:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
1:00PM	Optional activity: "Energiya Global" - Israeli vision for a solar world: Lecture by Yosef Abramowitz, Energia Global, with the BGU group . At the Blue room – next to the AIES offices.
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner

Saturday, January 21

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
5:45PM	Sport session with Meital.
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual

Sunday, January 22

8:30PM	Optional film night with BGU students: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind , at the lounge.
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Monday, January 23

9:00-11:00AM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
2:50-5:15PM	Optional and very cool: Joining archaeological excavation of an ancient Muslim khan in the region, with Dr Ilan Peretz. Please be at 2:50PM at the Ketura bus stop to get on the regional bus to Yotvata area, with Reut. Or: meet us at the regional clinic bus stop at 3:00PM – to walk together to site. Bring with you: long pants, closed shoes, hat, water, bus pass.



Tuesday, January 24

3:00PM	Optional: Sport session with Meital
7:30	Get to know the brewery project- tour at the Ketura micro-brewery – Beertzinut Beer, with Neil Churgin. (after dinner).

Thursday, January 26

10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.
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Friday, January 27

7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly (11:30AM-1:30PM)
7:45	Leave for regional field trip (after breakfast) from the Ketura bus stop. Get to know the dates project – a tour at the regional agriculture R&D center, with Booky Katz. Guided trip to Timna National Park. Lunch is included. Bring water, hat and walking shoes.
5:00PM	Back at Ketura
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner

Saturday, January 28

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Sport session with Meital.
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual

Sunday, January 29

7:15AM	Optional: Sport session with Meital
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Monday, January 30

9:00-11:00AM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
4:30PM	Logistics with Arava Institute team – Mid-program meeting – at the sport room. Movement session - fun and enrichment with Adir. Wear comfortable clothing.

Tuesday, January 31

3:00PM	Optional: Sport session with Meital
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Wednesday February 1

	Leave for 2-days trip to Ein Gedi
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Thursday February 2

10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.
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Friday, February 3

7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
11:30AM-1:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner ----- let us know if you are away -----

Saturday, February 4

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday ----- let us know if you are away -----
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Sport session with Meital.
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
7:30	You are most welcome to join forces with Kibbutz members to set the dining room tables for the following day's holiday ceremony (TUBISHVAT)
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual

Sunday, February 5

5:45PM	Recommended: Ketura communal meal to celebrate the Holiday of Tu B'shvat (the Jewish birthday of the trees) will be held in the sitting area outside of the dining room. You are most welcome to join forces with Kibbutz members to set tables back inside the dining room right after dinner (around 7:30pm) Note: taking food home from the buffet will only be possible from 7:00pm
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Monday, February 6

10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
4:00PM	Communal tree planting & short holiday ceremony

Tuesday, February 7

7:00AM	Sport session with Meital
2:00-5:00PM	Optional: The Center of Sustainable Agriculture of the Arava Institute invites you to a Desert Plant Symposium. Here is the general agenda (detailed one will be sent separately): 2:00pm Part a: <u>Gathering outside the Arava Institute Offices</u> and driving to the shelter garden site for a short guided excursion through the Sonia Twite Shelter Garden & tree planting. let us know if you will join this part for arranging transportation. 3:00pm-5:00 Part b: <u>at the Merkaz building in Ketura</u> – Presentations & open table discussion: Merav Lebel, Tel Aviv University – The endangered plant species protection project in Israel Ori Fargman-Sapir, PhD., Scientific director of Jerusalem Botanical Garden - Endangered plants of the extreme desert in Israel Elaine Solowey, PhD., Arava Institute for Environmental Studies - How can we protect Capparis decidua? Oren Hoffman, PhD., Arava Institute for Environmental Studies - Threats to local endangered plants



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Wednesday February 8

2:00-3:30PM	Meeting for the WPI group in the APC room - About culture, politics & technology: Introduction to the Arab World & Israel society, in our region AND intro to the students' Dialogue Forum Seminar of the AIES, with Nemer Shaheen, an alumnus of the AIES & current Campus PA, and with Lior Yom Tov, Dialogue Forum Coordinator. Does conflict affect environmental technology?
5:30PM	Optional: Movement & fun session with Adir. Wear comfortable clothing

Thursday February 9

	LAST DAY for using the INTERN ROOM
10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.

Friday, February 10

	LAST DAY for using the CAMPUS WASHING MACHINE
7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner ----- let us know if you are away -----

Saturday, February 11

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday ----- let us know if you are away -----
11:00AM-12:30PM	Brunch - available in the dining room Optional International “Ice Cream for Brunch” Day!
6:00	Sport session with Meital
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual

Sunday, February 12

7:45AM-5:00PM	7:45am Leave Ketura (from Mercaz bus stop) for Eilat field trip day 8:00 At the regional Hub: get to know the Mammals project; short lecture by Nitzan Segev. 10:00 Drive to Eilat 11:00 Get to know the Eilat environmental department, with Assaf Admon. 1:00pm Lunch pizza & Snorkeling at Coral beach nature reserve. 4:00 Bus optional drop-off at Mall for interns who want to stay in Eilat and return to Ketura on their own. Bring water, sunscreen, equipment for beach & bathing (snorkeling equipment will be given).
Night	Optional: watching the Super bowl in the Blue room of K.K (next to the AIES) Please make sure to leave clean and tidy after using.

Monday, February 13

10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
	FYI: AIES spring semester starts



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Tuesday, February 14

3:00PM	Sport session with Meital
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Wednesday February 15

5:30PM	Optional: Movement & fun session with Adir. Wear comfortable clothing
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Thursday February 16

10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.
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Friday, February 17

7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
11:00AM	Get to know the AIES off grid village – short tour with Rabbi Michael Cohen
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner ----- let us know if you are away -----

Saturday, February 18

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday ----- let us know if you are away -----
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Sport session with Meital
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual
	LAST DAY FOR SENDING LAUNDRY TO KIBBUTZ SYSTEM - to make sure it will be back on time.

Monday, February 20

10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
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Tuesday, February 21

7:15AM	Sport session with Meital
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Wednesday February 22

1:00-6:00PM	<p>1:00pm Leave for afternoon regional field trip (after lunch)</p> <p>1:15 Guided tour in the neighbor Kibbutz, Lotan: get to know The Center for Creative Ecology, Permaculture and more.</p> <p>3:00 short drive to AYIT Mountain observation</p> <p>Drive to Kasui sand dunes, one of extraordinary desert beauty, for a desert walk with Michelle.</p> <p>Bring with you: water, closed shoes, warm clothing.</p> <p>Avoid bringing contact lenses/ cameras/ valuables that might get damaged in sandy ground.</p> <p>17:30 leave back to Ketura</p>
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Thursday February 23

10:00PM	Pub Night – open as usual.
	Group laundry sending – Bring 2 group dirty laundry carts to the kibbutz laundry (including laundry bags) after sorting by white and everything else. It will be washed by laundry staff member, separately from kibbutz's laundry.

Friday, February 24

7:00AM	Breakfast available in the dining room
10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Optional Shabbat services
7:00	Communal Shabbat dinner ----- let us know if you are away -----

Saturday, February 25

	Breakfast – KK Guest house will supply on Friday ----- let us know if you are away -----
12:00-1:30PM	Lunch available in the dining room
6:00	Sport session with Meital
6:00-7:30	Dinner available in the dining room
10:00	Pub Night – open as usual

Sunday, February 26

	Clean group laundry pick-up & sorting - please contact Adir
8:00AM-4:00PM	Meeting rooms at the AIES offices have been booked for you to practice.
3:00-3:45 PM	You are invited to confirm your presentation's setting & presenting, at the Mercaz.
4:00PM	Final ceremony and project presentations to the group, internship sponsors, Kibbutz members, and AEIS staff & students. At the Mercaz building, Ketura

Monday, February 27

10:00AM-12:00PM	KK house cleaning service in the rooms - please get organized accordingly
10:00-11:00AM	Final logistics meeting & goodbye with the AIES team
11:30AM	Last sport session with Meital

Tuesday, February 28

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