

# SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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OUTWARD BOUND OMAN™



**“Oman is a jewel in the Outward Bound global community”**

HRH The Duke of York  
Chairman of the Trustees  
of Outward Bound Trust UK

**“Absolutely exceptional, with an excellent focus on learning”**

Iain Peter  
Executive Director  
of Outward Bound International

As we enter the final stages of this academic year, our busiest to date, it is exciting to both reflect on the past six months, and to look ahead to the coming year as **Outward Bound** continues to expand here in Oman. In recent months we have worked with our 10,000th young person, celebrated the completion of Oman's first purpose built centre for outdoor learning, in the presence of **HRH The Duke of York**, and were proud to receive a very positive review by the Executive Director of Outward Bound International.

The **2018/19** academic year will see us deliver more courses, for more young people, and create more employment opportunities. Construction of Oman's second Outward Bound training centre in Muscat has now started, and plans are already underway for the third centre at 8,000ft on Jebel Akhdar. An exciting year looms, and we hope to welcome you to beautiful Oman to be a part of it.

**Mark Evans MBE**  
Executive Director

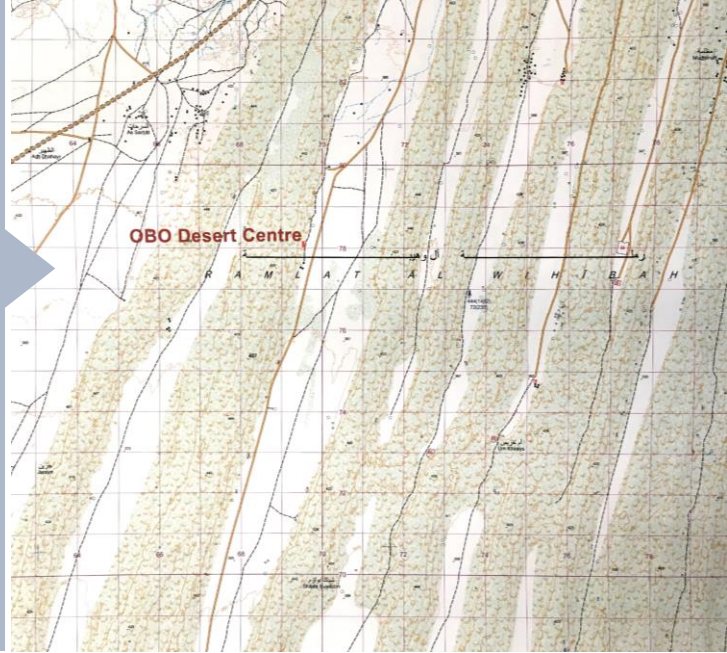


**GET A 10% OFF**

our standard price for December 2018 and January 2019 courses  
from our new Desert Centre, when booked before end of July 2018

## 1:50,000 Maps Now Available for Our Expedition Areas

Thanks to our partnership with the National Survey Authority of Oman, we now have access to 1:50,000 maps for use on our courses. The maps have been produced specifically for us, and will add great value, especially to our International Award courses. For nine years we have relied on GPS for our navigation, and whilst that still has a place, the use of map and compass teaches an attention to detail, and requires a level of concentration, and planning, that GPS does not. Schools that teach basic map and compass skills prior to arriving in Oman for their IA expedition will be able to now have access to these maps, whether the expedition is taking place in the desert, or on the mountain.



### WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER COURSE

With Dr Sean Hudson of Expedition Medicine, the world's leading provider of expedition, wilderness and remote medicine courses. Course to include:

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| Preparation for the field  | Envenomation                      |
| Public health in the field | Airway management                 |
| Heat related injuries      | Life threatening emergencies      |
| Wound management           | Managing hemorrhage               |
| Fractures and dislocations | Managing RTA                      |
| Triage                     | Carrying techniques               |
| Wilderness communication   | Evacuation and casualty scenarios |



Sharqiah Desert  
Oman



5 to 7 Dec 2019



### Establishing Oman as a Regional Centre for Geographical and Biological Field Study

Whilst we are proud to work with many of the leading international schools through delivering International Award expeditions at all levels, the completion of our Desert Centre for Outdoor Learning now enables us to provide an affordable residential centre that supports IB/GCSE and A-level field study in Biology or Geography. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkZZkmOhfwf>)

The centre, located two hours south of Muscat, is in a beautiful location, and equipped with basic field study equipment, with simple but comfortable accommodation for up to 60 people. In addition, it has an AV room for video, two classrooms, and a self-catering kitchen. The centre is designed around a self-help, residential principle that ensures it is an educational experience in every respect, promoting teamwork, personal responsibility and a great opportunity to enforce good time management skills!

We are working with The Royal Geographical Society in London to create some desert focused educational resources, and have already welcomed our first groups, and look forward to welcoming more in the coming year as we seek to establish the centre as the leading field study facility in the region.

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