



Kinneret Academic College

Cross Border Agriculture



Kinneret Academic College newsletter #6

Hello to all!

We are excited to launch our first newsletter for the academic year 2019-2020.

We are excited to share our adventures at Kinneret College: classes, practical lessons, tours and more!

1. Our first tour



We started our tour in a very special organic farm combining agriculture and circus activities called "The Agricircus" which is located In Ha'yogev village.



Students are enjoying different activities on the farm: Juggling, riding one cycle, different group social bonding games, hula hoop and more.



Next to the organic farm we visited a water reservoir. The students learnt about the irrigation water infrastructure in Israel.

Next to the reservoir we met a linear pivot which is irrigating a 25 hectare field of Carrot.



View from Gilboa mountain



We left Ha'yogev village and went to an amazing vista point located on Ha'gilboa mountain. From this vista point we can view Yizrael and spring valley.



The students had a lunch break, heard an explanation about the area and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

The last station to our tour was an agricultural exhibition held every year at the Ein Harod Spring park.



During the exhibition



In the park



During the exhibition the students are exposed to a huge variety of companies from the agriculture field: Irrigation, fertilizers, pest and plant control, machinery, and much more

2. Lectures in class

We start our studies with different topics : Israel history and culture, irrigation, fertilizers, introduction to Israel's agriculture, animal science and more.

Each student undergoes general safety training at the beginning of the year.



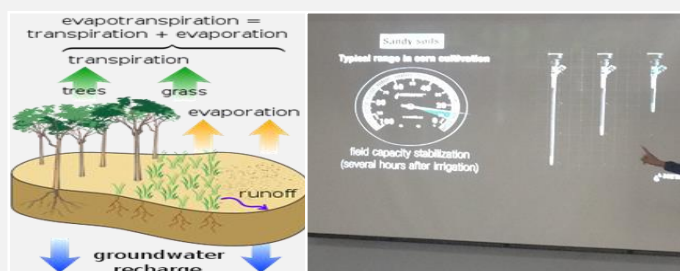
General safety training

Another course in our program is agribusiness. During the course the students learn about planning and preparing a business plan, market analysis, loans and more. At the end of the year they present their project in front of the class.

The project is the business they dream of establishing in their country.



Entrepreneurship class



Irrigation class



Fertilizer class



3. Second tour

Our second tour took place in Jordan valley area. We visited Dairy farm, tomato and cucumber greenhouses, grafted Avocado trees nursery, dairy waste treatment facility, Yardenit holy site for Christians, Banana plantation and the famous Tank of Degania (the first kibbutz in the world!).



Dairy farm – food preparation



Dairy farm - shed

Degania's tank has become a symbol in the history of the State of Israel. It has entered history as a symbol of an act of heroism in the defensive battle of the few against the many, of human ability in the face of steel and of the determination of the settlers in defending their home. The Syrian tank is in the place where it was stopped in the War of Independence and serves as a monument.



The Tank of Degania



Banana plantation



Tomato greenhouse

Greenhouse and nethouse structures are very efficient growing methods. The students were exposed to the volcanic stone media growth, trailing, irrigation and fertilizer methods.



Avocado nursery

Waste treatment facility

At the Yardenit students baptized and enjoyed the holy water. After that we visited a special agricultural shop and watched a historical movie about the beginning of Palm Dates in Israel.



Baptizing in the holy Jordan

Watching a movie about Palm dates



We wish you all

Happy Hanukah

Merry Christmas



and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



See you in the next newsletter...