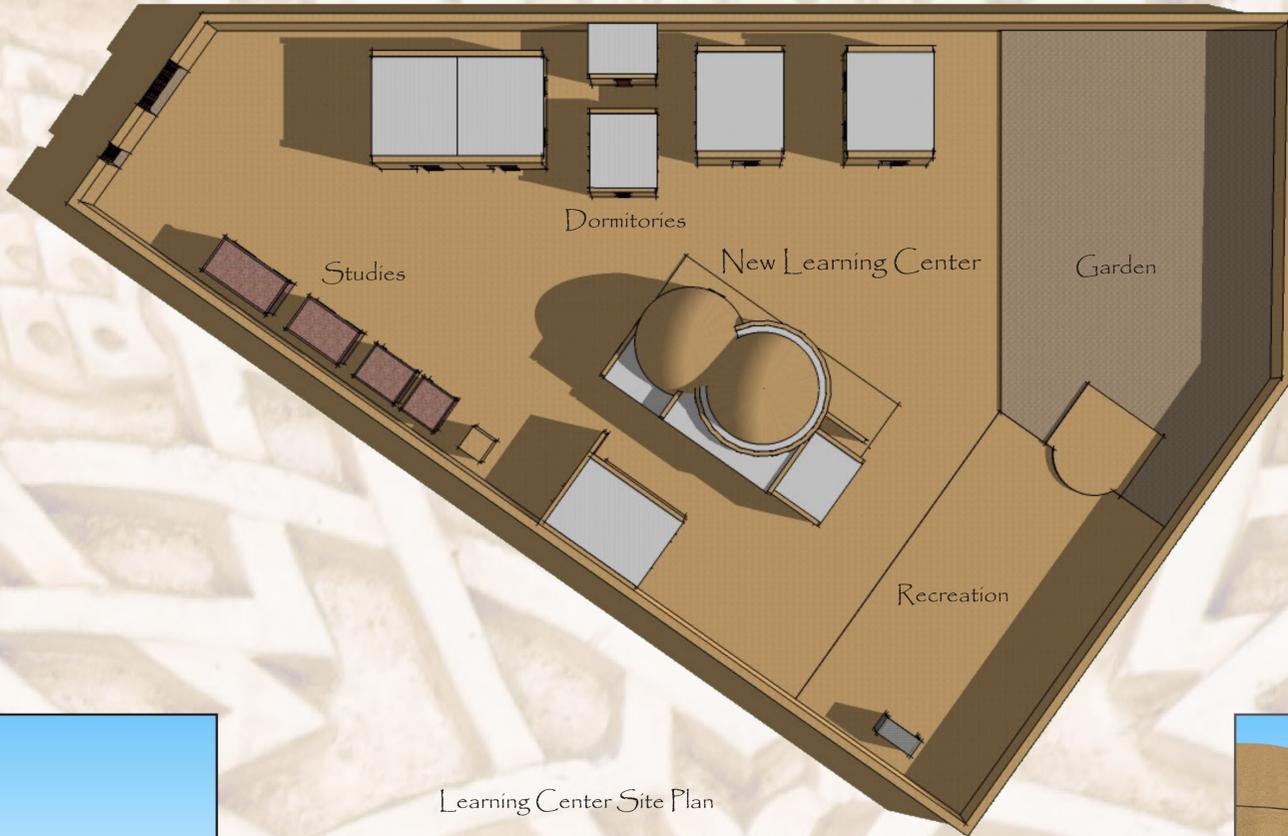


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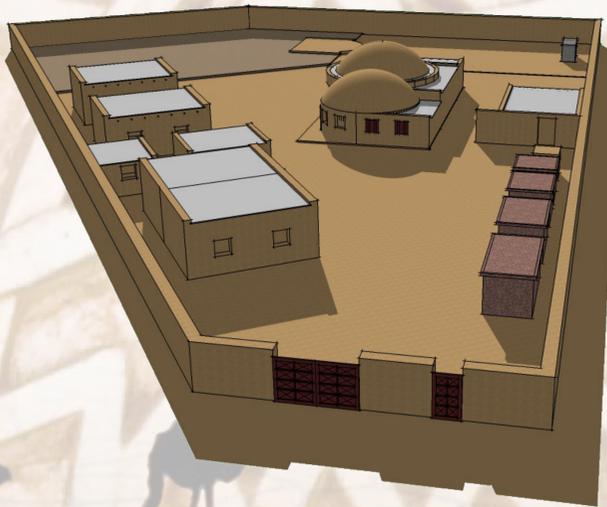
Learning Center Site Plan



New Learning Center with Studies Beyond



New Learning Center with Dormitories Beyond



Learning Center Site Perspective



Existing Studies



Existing Dormitory



Interior of a Study



Students in a Study



Interior of a Dormitory

The children of the nomads of the Sahel and Sahara deserts of central Niger have access only to an elementary school education. There are no middle schools available.

Each year, thirty or so of the brightest, the ones who have excelled in their elementary education, are invited to attend the Agadez Learning Center. The public middle school is nearby. From the Center, they walk to school each day.

These children of the desert are away from home in a foreign place, a city of 30,000 people. They are used to the open air, to the stars and the winds. To learn here, they must feel comfortable and cared for.

The Learning Center is a place where they live; where they eat, sleep, bathe and study. It is their home for two or three years. Currently, there are three dormitories, two small lavatories, a working septic system and a narrow string of straw buildings where they eat and receive tutorial instruction.

RAIN FOR THE SAHEL AND SAHARA envisions a new dormitory to relieve overcrowding, an office, a computer room, a study and tutorial building and improvements to the land including a garden, stage, and recreational area.

