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# Masjid Nasir Newsletter

## A Khuddam National Ijtema like no other



By Sohail Malik

This year's national Ijtema was better than some Ijtemas from the past few years. In my opinion it was an overall success and the organizers did a tremendous job putting it all together. Both the educational and sports competitions were a site to see. The Ijtema also gave us a chance to meet other brothers from around the U.S making new friends along the way. The efforts put behind promoting this Ijtema really paid off and the astonishing numbers proved that.

Only a few pictures of the Ijtema site were shown ahead of time online so everyone couldn't help but anticipate what the site would be like. It was a relief just to see that it wasn't another camp site even though the site seemed to be out in the middle of nowhere but it gave us the privacy we

needed for the Ijtema. The large covered air conditioned stadium known as the sports dome was the size of four indoor soccer fields. The inside was broken down into four areas: Stage and Salat area, sleeping area, and two fields for sports. The outside fields were for sports and tents we used for dining and meetings. Although it took a little while to get used to everyone living in one big area (especially when trying to sleep at night), there were

benefits of it as well. Like for example the blessings of waking up for Tahajjud since you couldn't help but get up when the Imam started prayer in a melodious voice.

The educational and sports competitions were so much fun to watch. These had to be the most competitive I have ever seen. Everything from having the top five come back to the stage and recite again in the Tilawat competition since it was too close

**With Allah's Blessings,  
Khuddam Set New Records:  
Total Attendance = 1,009  
Philadelphia Attendance = 49**

to call the first time to the final soccer match being decided

by not one but two penalty kick rounds. You could really tell that the participants worked hard to get ready for all the competitions this year. I was proud to see that Philadelphia was well represented by both the Khuddam and Atfal. The Atfal won prizes in educational competitions

## A Khuddam National Ijtema like no other (cont.)



experiences. Everything starting from watching a worrisome Fazal sahib with Wali sahib who came to see us off Friday morning from the mosque with Fazal sahib covering a temporary way of living, that you will be away from worldly things and uncomfortable at times, but you will walk away from it with a renewed sense of spirituality, that it is going to make you appreciate the little things in life even more, and that it is going to make you stronger as a person physically, mentally and spiritually. From some ijtemas I have

and the khuddam won prizes in both educational and sports. It made me realize that the future of our jamaat is quite bright inshallah.

every detail like his own sons were departing on the journey, to the closing ceremony where an emotional Sadr sahib reported the final participation numbers of the ijtema which surpassed the goal of 1000. To spending time with



my brothers and cleaning up after the ijtema was over. It really personified teamwork. Lastly I would like to tell my fellow brothers some things to keep in mind with Ijtemas. You come out feeling good when you go in thinking that this is going to be come back home feeling tired, exhausted, relieved that it was over, and happy to know that the next is a year away. But this ijtema I came back feeling tired, exhausted, relieved that it was over, but sad to know the next is now a year away.

### Graced with the Presence of:

respected Ameer sahib USA,  
3 Naib Umara'a,  
and 5 missionaries

There could have been minor improvements made but overall the organizers did a great job and there seem to be a system in place. The ijtema for once seemed to be somewhat organized. Registration and security was handled very well. Many things were my favorite parts of the ijtema. There were many great



### Personal Experience at the National Ijtema 2007 *By: Intesar Janjua*

My experience at that Ijtema was very enjoyable and great. The atmosphere was fantastic and so far this was the best national Ijtema ever. I loved the area because it was indoors, outdoors and great for all sports. Especially the competitions were great and very challenging. The dome was very spacious and fun for everything that can be done indoor. There were many posters and I liked all of them. The one that I liked the most was: ***"Nations cannot be reformed without the reformation of youth."*** The sermons, tarbiyyat scenario and all other things that happened in the praying area were great to listen to and to interact with. The sleeping area behind the praying place was little disturbing because I had to sleep on the soccer field turf. Including all of the competitions, sessions and all the other things, the national Ijtema was really a blast for me. I hope we can have another sports dome Ijtema in the years to come.





## Ansarullah Tarbiyyat (Moral Trainings) 2007

### Objectives

- Increase observance of Prayer (salaat)
- Inculcate habit of prayer (dua)
- Regular recitation of Qur'an and reading commentary
- Creating/maintaining salaam centers
- Holding Tarbiyat week
- Regularly contacting ansar
- Conducting regular interactive group discussions
- Tarbiyat of household Members
- Strong affiliation with Khalifatul Masih<sup>aba</sup> and the jama'at
- Increased participation in Nizam-e-wasiyyat (institution of Will)
- Learning Urdu

Addressing social and cultural issues

### Salaat, Holy Qur'an, and

### Prayers:

- Ansar should offer five daily prayers and strive to offer tahajjud prayer.
- Efforts should be made to offer prayers at the mosque or salaam centers.
- If offering salaam at home, strive to offer it in congregation with household members.
- Every effort should be made to offer salaam at its prescribed time.
- Ansar should recite the Holy Qur'an daily and read translation and commentary.
- Ansar should develop the habit of offering *nawafil* (voluntary acts) such as *nafl roza* (voluntary fast), tahajjud, Qur'anic prayers, etc.

Ansar should recite prayers and offer *nawafil* for Khilafat centenary as instructed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V<sup>aba</sup>.

### Tarbiyat of Household

### Members

Ansar must lead by example in their homes and strive to be role models for their children. The following should be the virtues of a nasir's home.

- Strive to offer salaam in congregation whenever offering salaam at home
- Daily Dars of Hadith, Malfoozat etc. at home
- Watching MTA programs
- Daily tasbeeh (act of praising Allah)/darood (invoking blessings on the Holy Prophet<sup>saw</sup> / istighfaar (to seek forgiveness of Allah)
- Designate some area in the house for the purpose of salaam/dua in the light of the practice of the Promised Messiah (*alaihissalam*).

Ensure that female household members observe proper purdah and strongly discourage any type of mix gatherings as stressed by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V<sup>aba</sup>.

## The Promised Messiah (AS) has prayed for all participants of the Jalsa - past, present and future - in the following words:

"I pray to God that He be with all those who are coming to attend the Jalsa. May God grant them great rewards, may He show Mercy on them and remove their hardships and sorrows. May He let them have what they desire and raise them on the Day of Resurrection along with those to whom He has shown Mercy and His Grace. 'O God, O You who are the great Granter, the Benevolent and Merciful, the Remover of hardships, do listen to all these my prayers and grant us victory over our opponents with great glaring signs, for You have the power to do whatever You like. Ameen.' " (December 7, 1892)



at Dulles Expo Center • Chantilly, Virginia

This is no ordinary gathering. There are many benefits of the Jalsa to the participants. Members should utilize this opportunity to renew their personal faith and spirituality, meet and establish friendship with other members of the community, welcome new members into the fold of the community and remember those who have passed away in the previous year and pray for them.

### **Jalsa participants should:**

- Pray for safe travel of all members to and from Jalsa.
- Try to portray the true and beautiful image of the Jamaat to outsiders, especially our neighbors.
- Cooperate with Khuddam on duty to help you park in appropriate spaces.
- Register as soon as you come to Jalsa and put on your name badge.
- Notify security about any suspicious characters not wearing a badge.
- Offer Salat in congregation at designated times.
- Observe proper mosque etiquette when in the prayer area.
- Listen quietly during recitation of the Holy Quran.
- Not disturb others by talking among yourselves during the formal sessions.
- Attend Jalsa sessions in marquees at proper times.
- Not visit the dining tent or stalls during formal sessions.
- Not waste food and keep the dining area clean.
- Keep the bathrooms clean and report any non-functional bathrooms ASAP.
- Be courteous to fellow attendees of the Jalsa.
- Show respect to your elders and act in a kind manner to those younger than you.
- Not waste time in idle gossip but spend their spare time in remembering Allah.
- Wear Islamic clothing. Men and women should cover their heads.
- Women must observe Purdah and men must observe "Ghaz-e-Basr" (lowering of the eyes).
- Men should not crowd near the women's entrance.
- Families should fix their meeting points beforehand to avoid crowding in these areas.
- Make sure that children as well as teenagers are at their best behavior.
- Mothers should come prepared and bring formula, supplies and diapers etc for their infants.
- Constantly pray for the success of the Jalsa.

For further info visit <http://www.ahmadiyya.us>

Online registration at: <http://member.ahmadiyya.us>

## Calendar of Events: August 2007

Post this calendar at your work & home.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fajr 4:34 Zuhr 1:08 Asr 6:10 Maghrib 8:18 Isha 9:46				<b>1</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Regional Lajna and Nasirat Camp	<b>4</b> Regional Lajna and Nasirat Camp
Fajr 4:41 Zuhr 1:07 Asr 6:05 Maghrib 8:10 Isha 9:36	<b>5</b> Jamaat General Meeting at 11am Regional Lajna and Nasirat Camp	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>8</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 4:48 Zuhr 1:06 Asr 6:00 Maghrib 8:02 Isha 9:25	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>15</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Fajr 4:54 Zuhr 1:05 Asr 5:53 Maghrib 7:52 Isha 9:13	<b>19</b> Starting at 11am: All Auxiliary Meetings & Classes.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>22</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Class with Imam Kausar: 4pm to 6:30pm
Fajr 5:01 Zuhr 1:03 Asr 5:46 Maghrib 7:42 Isha 9:01	<b>26</b> Waqf-e-Nau Class at 11am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Talim ul Qur'an & Arabic class 6:30pm to 8:30pm	<b>29</b> Da'een Tabligh Meeting 7pm to 8:30pm.	<b>30</b> Monthly Jamaat Fasting	<b>31</b> Jalsa Salana USA 	Every Sunday: Quran Class 10am