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“MEETING THE MESSIAH عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ”

South Region Nasirat Tarbiyat Camp 2014

Alhamdulillah, South Region Nasirat Tarbiyat Camp was held successfully at Baitus Samee Mosque, Houston TX on November 15, 2014. There were 29 girls (from age groups 7-9 & 10-12) from 5 Majalis (Austin, Houston South, Houston North, Cypress Houston, and New Orleans), while 9 Nasirat (age group 13-14) participated in the Media Watch Workshop held concurrently in the Mosque.

After the recitation of the Holy Quran and pledge, the first activity of the camp was “**Recitation of the Holy Quran with Correct pronunciation**”. Houston North and Austin Lajna members organized the girls into two groups for this activity:

- Age group 7-9 attended Yassar Al-Quran class where they were asked individually to read lessons they needed more practice on.
- Girls from age group 10-12 recited Ayat Al-Kursi (2:256).
- Both groups discussed Tajweed rules and etiquette of the Holy Quran recitation.

Q/A session on last two quarters of Nasirat Syllabus book and general Q/A:

Houston South Majlis organized the girls into separate classes based on the syllabus and level of understanding of both age groups. Nasirat briefly revised what they learned in the last two quarters. Nasirat also asked some general questions that were answered in the light of Islamic teachings. The questions included:

- Why do we love Allah? What can we do to show our love for Allah? What is Taqwa?
- How does God tell people, that those people are prophets? (Jama'at Khalifa election system was explained in easy words.)
- Why do they put multiple layers of prayer rugs in front of Huzoor at Namaz time?
- Why is there a Promised Messiah? (What is the purpose of advent of Promised Messiah^{as})?
- Does everyone believe in the Messiah?
- Why did Allah Ta'ala stop (appointing) prophets?
- Why was Holy Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam the last prophet?
- Where does Huzoor's Friday Sermon come from?

Annual Review:

Cypress Houston Majlis arranged the next activity: “What did we learn from the theme of 2014 – ‘Meeting the Messiah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ’ using a survey format.

Nasirat shared their understanding and learning about the personality and mission of Promised Messiah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ in their own words. This activity not only added to their knowledge but also gave them an opportunity to speak amongst other Nasirat with confidence. To conclude the organizer summarized Nasirat members comments, corrected mistakes and helped them learn by showing pictures of Promised Messiah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and Khulafa-i-Ahmadiyyat. Nizam-i-Khilafat was also briefly discussed.

Before Zuhr and Asr prayers, the girls talked about how to make wudhu, they then made their wudhu and went to the prayer hall to offer prayer in-congregation. The organizers accompanied them and reminded them of the etiquette of mosque and Jama'at meetings.

The second session started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by two main activities:

Handicraft Activity:

The girls were given a brief overview of Huzoor's **ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ بنصرہ الع** (May Allah strengthen his hand) address to Lajna USA in 2008 and 2012 where he specially emphasized to “instill modesty and chastity from childhood then your efforts when the child grows up will be fruitful”.

Each Nasirah was given and asked to wear a tube scarf that was their camp participation prize. 4 Lajna members from Austin prepared these scarves. One Lajna member also showed the girls how to cut and sew a scarf. All the girls attended this session with great interest and asked useful questions about the scarf and purdah.

Cooking خانہ داری

The girls enjoyed making chocolate mousse from raw ingredients and tasting it.

Seht-e-Jismani activity:

Nasirat groups (8-10) took turns to enjoy bouncing and playing in the moonwalk



Conclusion:

We were fortunate to have Muavina Sadr-Media Watch, Shaheena Bashir Sahiba, who was visiting to conduct the Lajna Meida Watch Workshop for the South Region Lajna members and Nasirat. Sister Shahina gave the closing remarks. She explained to Nasirat about the Media Watch department, how Nasirat can preach the message of Islam and Promised Messiah^{as} in their surroundings. The girls then asked some interesting questions mostly related to modesty and Tabligh, which Shaheena Sahiba answered by referring to Allah Ta'ala's commandments and ahadith. At the end she led us in silent prayers and this informative and fun filled event was concluded.

Outcome of this activity:

All Nasirat completed a survey at the end of the camp that showed how well it was received. According to those surveys, Nasirat:

- ✚ Learned new information, specially correct pronunciation of recitation of Holy Quran,
- ✚ Significance and logic behind etiquette of mosque and meetings
- ✚ Learned how to ask questions, share information
- ✚ Revised their learning of the last two quarters
- ✚ Enjoyed Handicraft activity (how to sew a scarf) and chocolate mousse made from raw ingredients. (Usually, during Ijtima'at, Nasirat don't have enough time to do these activities.)

✚ The Moonwalk was another great success. They commented that this kind of fun activity has never been arranged before for girls and we want to have more camps like this! Alhamdulillah!