



21st South Region Lajna Ima'illah & Nasirat Ul Ahmadiyya Ijtema Report

“Choosing Islam when culture disagrees”

Alhamdulillah, our 21st Regional Ijtema (June 2-3, 2012) and 1st Regional Nasiraat Camp (June 3-6, 2012) at Baitus Samee Houston TX were very successful. We started planning for both events with prayers and wrote letter to Huzoor requesting his prayers. We sent Ijtema and camp programs and syllabi to National sadr sahiba for approval.

By the Grace of Allah, we had a very good attendance, as Ijtem'aat for all auxiliaries took place the same weekend at Baitus Samee Mosque. We were able to start program on time, conducted and completed all Ijtema activities and concluded Ijtemaat on time.

Lajna and Nasirat had combined **Opening session** on Saturday that included:

- Tilawat, Pledge, Opening Remarks
- South Region History (1974-2012) &
- Annual report (2011-2012) presentations

and a combined **closing session on Sunday:**

- Listened to live concluding address of Ameerul Momineen Hadrat Khalifatul Maish Al Khamis Ayyadahullaho Ta'alah Binasrihil Aziz, at Jalsa Salana Germany 2012 and joined in collective silent prayer.
- Award ceremony, closing remarks and silent prayer
- Regional Khailafat Jalsa organized by Jamaat

Here is the brief report of both Ijtem'aat:

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Nasirat had 2 competitions that were based on individual performance

- Holy Quran Memorization (Saturday morning)
- Prayer and Hadith Memorization (Sunday morning)

Group competitions,

- Quiz competition and workshop presentations: Each majlis was a group in both of these activities; Workshop topics included, Halloween, Christmas, How do Ahmadii girls stay united?, Khulafaa-i-Ahamdiyyat's expectations from Ahmadi girls, Day of Judgement, Contentment, The Real Joys

- Banner and Tarana presentation: Nasirat and youth of each Majlis worked together for a banner and tarana presentation for their Majlis. Pictures are attached that depict the theme “Choosing Islam when culture disagrees”.

Handicraft activities included bracelet making.

Nasirat were also actively involved in Meena Bazaar and Sports.

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Lajna had one competition based on individual performance: Holy Quran memorization competition, which included the last verses of Surah Al-Kahf, Salat, and prayers from the Lajna Workbook.

Quiz competition was based on each Majlis’ performance as a group.

Youth Lajna participated in banner and Tarana along with the Nasirat; This activity turned out very good as members between age 7-20 worked together to accomplish this task.

Two workshops were presented:

- Youth Workshop: “Responsibilities in the Perpetuation of the Ahmadiyya Khilafat”
- Tabligh Workshop: “Challenges faced by Muslim women in Educational and work place”

Handicraft competitions included embroidery, knitting, and button sewing. Sports competition included Musical Chair.

Meena Bazar included stalls from all 7 majalis of South Region. Money was raised for our Regional Lajna Sports Day. Meena Bazar was followed by Bait Baazi and Talent Show

1st Regional Nasirat Camp (June 3-6th, 2012)

- Started the Camp with our Regional Khilafat Day proceedings on Sunday followed by an Ice Cream Social and Icebreaker activities in the evening.

- We started each day (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) with Recitation/ Al-Tarteel session, followed by Holy Quran memorization and Darsul Hadith.
- The whole Salaat and its etiquettes were discussed by showing postures and prayers in each posture
- Problem solving and social hours were among the most favorite activities of Nasirat.
- Presentations on Islamic and Un-Islamic hobbies, Early Islamic History. Had a talk with a Physician, and handouts from a Nutritionist;
- Throughout the camp, all Nasirat drew and painted on the Jalsa Banner and practiced Tarana for Jalsa USA.
- Nasirat (age group 7-12) went to a park for dinner and a few more camp activities like putting henna on each other's hands. Besides having picnic, the main objective was to teach them how to dress up and carry ourselves while in public. The same afternoon, Nasirat in age group 13-14 accompanied Tabligh Secretary Houston North to an Interfaith Discussion. All Nasirat were asked questions regarding Islam and how they live Islamic values in their daily lives. Nasirat also learned about other topics that are in the news currently (for example Shariah Law, and Jihad).
- We had sports each day, along with other bonding and leadership activities.
- All Nasirat made friendship bracelets for each other, wrote a letter to Huzur, and decorated a gift box either for herself or someone else.
- Concluded the camp with their reviews, prize distribution, and silent prayer.

Note: In the beginning of the camp, Nasirat were asked to introduce themselves and mention their most favorite thing or activity. Their favorites included mainly, chocolate, toys, family members, TV shows etc. After learning about "Choosing Islam when culture disagrees" for 4 days, the same activity was repeated on the last day of camp. This time Nasirat's "Most favorites" were different like Watching MTA, helping mom, reciting Holy Quran, doing Namaz, socializing with

friends, attending another camp, going to Jalsa and visiting Huzoor are a few examples.

Jazakumullah to all who were involved in Ijtema and Camp's arrangements Lajna Presidents, Nasiraat Secretaries, Organizers, presenters, In charge and team members, participants, camp teachers, ziafat, nizafat, Discipline team and other family members who supported us to have smooth programs.

It was a wonderful team work where visiting Majaalis actively helped host Majaalis in all areas.

Marital Harmony Workshop June 9, 2012

This workshop was organized and presented by Jama'at National Tarbiyyat Secretary, Nasir Malik Sahib at Baitus Samee Houston TX for South Region Jamaat members over 18 (single, married). Lajna Presented **Responsibilities of a Wife in Islam** (prepared by Aziza Rahman, National Secretary Tarbiyat). Presentation was mainly focused on different ways and rules to have a peaceful married life and a happy family. It was a great learning experience for our youth and a refresher course for older members. Lajna members benefited from this opportunity and asked many questions to National Tarbiyyat Secretary Sahib and South Region Murabbi sahib. Participants learned a lot by having interactive discussions from both men and Lajna side on Marital Harmony scenarios based on very sensitive, common and important issues of married life e.g., equality/commonality and difference in roles, duties and rights between husband and wife, rights and position of a working and a nonworking wife in the family, pocket money, property etc.

Jazakumullaho Ahsanal Jaza to Houston Jamaat for hosting another successful Regional event.

Announcement: First South Region Sports Day is going to be held inshaAllah on

September 2, 2012 in Austin Sports Center.