

3-Day Educational Islamic Retreat Itinerary

Full Day Itinerary: Thursday

- 8:00am: Arrival and Check in
- 9:00am: Departure, Dearborn
- 2:30-3:00: Arrival, Northport Retreat Complex
Salaat A-thohr/ Salaat Al-A'sr
- 3:00-5:00: Unpacking & Lunch
4:00-5:00 Lunch
- 5:00-7:00: 1st Full Session**
5:00-6:00: Ice-breaking Session
6:00-7:00: Lecture 1
- 7:00-9:30: Free Time & Dinner
8:00-9:00: Dinner
- 9:30-10:00: Salaat Al-Mughrib/ Salaat Al-Isha'
- 10:00-10:45: Duaa' Kumayl

11:00-12:30: Phase I ~ Part I

- 11:00-12:00: *Qur'an as the Guiding Beacon to Eternal Success.*
11:00-12:30: *Exploratory Discussion and Question and Answer.*

First part of the lecture will take a brief look at the History of the Holy Qur'an.

- *Was Muhammad (s) an unlettered man?*
- *Who compiled it? Significance of this. How long after?*
- *Revelations two parted (Meccan vs. Medinian). Why?*
- *The hidden meaning of the Qur'anic text.*
- *Qur'an's position as it relates to the Tawrat and Injeel.*

Second part of this lecture will explore how to approach the Holy Qur'an as English-speaking youth looking for guidance in the West. It's importance and relevance today.

- *What is the Qur'an used for? By whom?*
- *If our Ulema and Maraja' are to interpret the Qur'an, where does it leave layman like us?*
- *Steps to become well-versed in Qur'anic stories and how to derive guidance and morals from to Holy Book.*
- *Is the Qur'an still applicable to us today? Where does it fit into our Islamic Structure when it comes to legislation and derivation?*
- *Why it is so important to approach the Qur'an cautiously.*

- 12:30-2:00 Youth Moderated Discussions

Breakout Session 1: Camp Fire Discussion
Breakout Session 2: Basement Discussion
12:00-2:00 Sisters Game Room Time

Full Day Itinerary: Friday

5:30-6:00 Salaat As-Subh

6:00-12:00 Free Time

10:30-12:00: Breakfast

6:00-9:00: Brothers Game Room Time

9:00-12:00 Sisters Game Room Time

12:00-2:00: 2nd Full Session

12:00-1:15: *Western Assimilation and (Arab) Traditionalism.*

1:15-2:00: *Exploratory Discussion and Question and Answer.*

The first half of this lecture will take a look at the Muslim youth's struggle of living in the West.

- *Western freedom: A blessing or a nuisance?*
- *Assimilation. The American society that emphasizes sex, dating, fashion, casual mixing, the vices (alcohol, gambling, music) unbounded individualism and free thought.*
- *How do we emerge as faithful Muslims? The building of an Islamic identity.*

Second half of the lecture will discuss a young Muslims struggle with inherited culture and tradition

- *Deeply rooted customs (family traditions) that prohibit us from practicing Islam.*
- *Double standards within the family. Irreligious families, the boy and girl double standards, weddings.*
- *Islamicizing our Culture, not Culturizing our Islam. Steps toward building a viable environment for yourself, family and friends.*

2:00-3:00: Salaat A-thohr / Salaat Al-A'sr / Jumua'h (Friday Prayer)

3:00-4:00: Lunch

4:00-6:00: 3rd Full Session

4:00-5:00: *Complimentary Creation: The Male and Female.*

5:00-6:00: *Break-out Session*

- *Brothers:*
- *Sisters:*

This lecture will also be divided into two parts. The first hour will discuss the creation of male and female.

- *Gender equity or equality. The understood roles of male and female, their respective natures, rights and limitations.*
- *Relationships. How should men and women interact? How is that different than the interaction between a husband and a wife? Or between two best friends (same gender)? Is this separation based on biological aspects of human nature?*

In the break out sessions, brother and sisters will meet separately to further discuss more personal issues relating to males and females.

6:00-9:30: Free Time
6:00-7:30: Sister Game Room Time
7:30-9:00: Brother Game Room Time
8:00-9:00: Dinner

9:30-10:00 Salaat Al-Mughrib/ Salaat Al-Isha

10:00-12:00: 4th Full Session

10:00-11:15: *Ahlul Bayt (a): The Pinnacle of Perfection; The Mean to Salvation.*
11:15-12:00: *Exploratory Discussion and Question and Answer*

The first half of this lecture will explore the evidences of Ahlul Bayt (a) as the continuation of the Sunnah of Muhammad (s).

- *Is Muhammad (s) considered apart of the Ahlul Bayt (a)? Is the Sunnah of the Prophet the same as the Sunnah of the Imams? Are the 9 Imam's after Imam Hussayn (a) considered apart of the Ahlul Bayt?*
- *Heavenly Appointment versus Consultative Appointment.*
- *What was the Ahlul Bayt's role in society after the demise of the Prophet (s)?*
- *Did Fatimah (a) have a role in society?*
- *Difference between Sunni and Shia view on Ahlul Bayt and Imam Al-Mehdi (a).*

The second half of this lecture will discuss the relevance of the Ahlul Bayt in today's society.

- *How are they integrated legislatively in Islamic theology? Can our belief system be complete without Ahlul Bayt (a)?*
- *Why are Ahlul Bayt (a) important for us youth? Can deceased individuals serve as role models?*
- *True Love. Can I love Ahlul Bayt without unfailingly following them?*

12:00-2:00 Youth-Moderated Discussions

Break-out Session 1: Camp Fire Discussion
Breakout Session 2: Duaa Session

12:00-2:00 Brothers Game Room Time

Full Day Itinerary: Saturday

5:30-6:00 Salaat As-Subh

6:00-12:00 Free Time
10:30-12:00: Breakfast
6:00-9:00: Sister Game Room Time
8:00-12:00: Brother Game Room Time

12:00-2:00: 5th Full Session

12:00-1:30: *Emulation (Taqlid) and Reference Authorities (Maraaja’).*

1:30-12:00: *Exploratory Discussion and Question and Answer*

First half of this lecture will discuss the history and dynamics of this institution.

- *When did the first Marja’ after Imam Mahdi (a) become instituted and under what circumstance.*
- *What is the history of Ijshthihad – extrapolation of Islamic laws and jurisprudence based on understanding of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet and his family (a).*
- *What is the process of Ijshthihad? How is law derived?*

The second half of this lecture will explain the importance of choosing a Marja’ and issues surrounding Marja’iya.

- *Does Marja’iya limit my free thought and inquisitive nature?*
- *How do I choose my Marja.’*
- *How to accurately follow my Marja.’*

2:30-3:00: **Salaat A-thohr/ Salaat Al-Asr**

3:00-4:00: **Lunch**

4:00-6:00: 6th Full Session

4:00-5:15: *Intrafaith and Interfaith Da’wah:*

5:15-6:00: *What If...How to answer the most commonly asked questions.*

First half of the session will be a discussion on da’wah (propagation) within the Muslim community and outside in the non-Muslim community.

- *Da’wah through action.*
- *Da’wah of the tongue.*
- *Da’wah to family members, elder, peers.*

The second half of this session we will explore how to respond to the most frequently asked questions about Islam.

- *What books should you recommend to non-Muslims and to Muslims who have no knowledge of Islam and/ or the Holy Household?*
- *How do you respond to the most frequently asked questions about infallibility, ijmaa (consensus) or lack of it after the death of Prophet Muhammad (s)?*
- *How do you approach the new-age of atheist thought (good atheists)? How about youth and intellects that completely ignore God due to temptations of this worldly life?*
- *How do you respond to questions such as those concerning Iraq, Palestine and Zionism and Judaism? Axis of Evil and political rhetoric we here today?*

6:00-9:00: **Free Time**

8:00-9:00: **Dinner**

6:00-7:30 **Brother Game Room Time**

7:30-9:00: **Sisters Game Room Time**

9:15-9:45 **Salaat Al-Mughrib/ Salaat Al-Isha’**

10:00-12:00: 7th Full Session

10:00-11:00: *Role of Humanity*

11:00-12:00: *Youth Coordinators-Moderated Discussion*

The first part of this session will discuss the role of humanity on this earth.

- *Who we are and why we are? Existence and Predestination.*
- *Are we vicegerents of Allah on this earth?*
- *What is our responsibility toward the community? To our brothers and sisters?*

The second part of this session will be discussion moderated by youth coordinators within the organization.

- *Youthfulness and Importance of time.*
- *The importance of activism.*
- *Three stages: Education, Activism, Empowerment.*

12:00-2:00 Youth-Moderated Discussions

Breakout Session 1: Camp Fire Discussion

Breakout Session 2: Duaa Session

12:00-2:00 Sisters Game Room Time

Full Day Itinerary: Sunday

5:30-6:00 Salaat As-Subh

6:00-11:00 Free Time

10:00-11:00: Breakfast

11:00-12:00: Farewell Session

12:00-1:30: Packing Up & Check-Out

2:30-3:00: Salaat Al-Thohr/ Salaat Al-Asr

3:00pm: Departure, Northport

8:00am: Arrival, Dearborn

Topic & Workshops & Other Programs

Break Out Session Topics:

1. Session 1

- Islamic Work: Importance & Intention
- Tahara and Najasa Issues

2. Session 2

- Brother's Issues
- Sister's Issues

3. Session 3

- Midnight Prayers, Mustahabaat Actions
- Leadership Workshop

In Between Salaat:

1. Rules of Congregational Prayer