

# 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana 2008 Information Package

## Source of Blessings...

### In the words of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

“It is essential that those who are able to afford to travel should attend the Jalsa which is in so many ways a source of blessings. They should not mind minor losses in the way. God gives ample rewards to sincere believers at every step and no hardship or trouble goes to waste (it is definitely rewarded by God). I should like to make it clear that this Jalsa must not be taken like other gatherings. This is a special event that has been based on the succor of God.” (Ishtihar, 7 December 1891)

“The aim of the gathering is that the sincere members of the Jama’at should be able to derive religious benefits and at the same time they should acquire more knowledge and

advance in their nearness to God. One advantage is that meeting their friends will broaden their circle of brotherhood and it will strengthen the mutual ties.” (Asmani Faisla)

“I pray to God that He may be with those who are coming to attend the Jalsa and that He may grant them great rewards and He may show mercy and His grace. O God! O You who are the Greatest Granter, the Benevolent and Merciful, and the Remover of hardships, do respond to all these prayers of mine and grant us victory over our opponents, with great shining signs, for You have the power to do whatever You like.” (Ishtihar, 7 December 1891)

The 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana of USA will, InshaAllah, be held at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center is located “2300 North Cameron Street Harrisburg PA 17110-944”

Directions to Jalsa Gah – Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center from all different directions are briefly mentioned below:

## Driving Directions:



### From North – Baltimore

Start out going EAST toward I-195 W. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto I-195 W. Merge onto I-95 N via EXIT 4A toward I-695/ BALTIMORE. Merge onto I-695 N/ BALTIMORE BELTWAY INNER LOOP via EXIT 49B on the LEFT toward I-70/ I-83/ TOWSON. Merge onto I-83 N via EXIT 24 toward TIMONIUM/ YORK PA (Crossing into PENNSYLVANIA). Take EXIT 43 toward STATE CAPITOL/ 2ND ST. Turn RIGHT onto PAXTON ST. Turn LEFT onto S CAMERON ST/ PA-230 W. Continue to follow S CAMERON ST. Turn LEFT. End at 2300 N Cameron St Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443

### From South – New York

Start out going WEST on FOREST AVE toward PELTON AVE. Turn LEFT onto WILLOW RD W. Merge onto NY-440 S toward I-278/ STATEN IS EXPWY. Take the I-278/ RT-440 S exit toward GOETHALS BR/ VERRAZANO BR. Merge onto I-278 W/ NY-440 S/ POW-MIA MEMORIAL HWY/ STATEN ISLAND EXPY toward OUTERBRIDGE CR/ GOETHALS BR. Merge onto NY-440 S/ PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL EXPY via EXIT 5 toward OUTERBRIDGE CR. Merge onto NY-440 S toward OUTERBRIDGE CROSSING/ PERTH AMBOY/ EXIT 1 (Crossing into NEW JERSEY). NY-440 S becomes I-287 N. Keep LEFT to take I-287 N toward I-78 W. Merge onto I-78 W via EXIT 21B on the LEFT toward EASTON PA (Portions toll) (Crossing into PENNSYLVANIA). Merge onto I-81 S via EXIT 1B on the LEFT toward HARRISBURG. Merge onto US-22 E via EXIT 67 toward PA-230/ CAMERON

ST. End at 2300 N Cameron St Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443

### From West – Northern Virginia

Merge onto I-495 N/ CAPITAL BELTWAY toward ROCKVILLE (Crossing into MARYLAND). Keep LEFT to take I-270 SPUR N via EXIT 38 toward ROCKVILLE/ FREDERICK. I-270 SPUR N becomes I-270 N. I-270 N becomes US-40 W becomes US-15 N (Crossing into PENNSYLVANIA). Merge onto PA-581 E/ HARRISBURG EXPY toward I-83/ HARRISBURG/ HERSHEY. PA-581 E/ HARRISBURG EXPY becomes I-83 N. Take EXIT 43 toward STATE CAPITOL/ 2ND ST. Turn RIGHT onto PAXTON ST. Turn LEFT onto S CAMERON ST/ PA-230 W. Continue to follow S CAMERON ST. Turn LEFT. End at 2300 N Cameron St Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443



## Directions

### Arriving by Air:



• **Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) is the preferred Airport for this year's USA Jalsa Salana.**

The Jalsa Gah is approximately 20 minutes away from Harrisburg Airport.

• Transportation 'From' and 'To' Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) will be provided. However, the shuttle frequency from this airport will be lot less due to the distance from Jalsa Gah and BWI. Travel time between BWI and the Jalsa Gah is expected to be 2-3 hours approximately. Please plan additional time into your trip to reach the Jalsa Gah while requesting Transportation service from BWI.

• ALL transportation needs from the Airports should be sent via email or fax using the 'Transportation Service Request Form'. It is very important that we receive complete information with the required fields to provide you with the service with minimal delays. You can include a copy of your itinerary along with the below form.

• ALL requests should be submitted prior to **June 16th, 2008.**

• Please plan ahead and make arrangements with Junaid Shams (571-345-5622) well in advance.

### Transportation from the Harrisburg Amtrak Train Station:

• Any request for pick-up service from Harrisburg Amtrak Train Station should be directed to the Transportation Department. Due to the rare nature of this type of pick-up request, it will be addressed per need basis.

## Rental Cars and Other Arrangements

Rental cars should be reserved in advance. Most of the major car rental companies (Hertz, Avis, National, etc.) have counters in the airport terminal.

Budget	1-800-527-0700
Hertz	1-800-654-3131
National	1-800-328-4567
Dollar	1-800-800-4000
Alamo	1-800-327-9633

## Jalsa Parking and Drop-off

Please note the following regarding Jalsa parking. The Jalsa site has open marked parking for every car. It is requested that each incoming vehicle park and then walk to the Jalsa site to eliminate congestion in the parking lot. Drop-off will be available for elderly, disabled or other persons unable to walk from the parking lot.

For any questions, please contact Faheem Younus Qureshi Sahib, Afsar Khidmat-e-Khalq at (443) 414-0931 or via email at [dryounus@comcast.net](mailto:dryounus@comcast.net).

### Transportation Department Contact Information

#### Primary Contact

**Naib Nazim Transportation, Junaid Shams**

**Primary #: (571) 345-5622**

**Fax #: (703) 651-9138**

**Email: [jalsatransportation@gmail.com](mailto:jalsatransportation@gmail.com)**

*Please leave a voice mail with a call back # if the phone is not answered*

#### Secondary Contact

**Nazim Transportation, Hibbi Iqbal**

**Primary #: (703) 655-5052**

**Fax #: (703) 651-9138**

**Email: [jalsatransportation@gmail.com](mailto:jalsatransportation@gmail.com)**



## Lunch and Dinner

Lunch and dinner will be provided at the Jalsa site along with tea during the Jalsa. Since 1992, food at the Jalsa Salana USA has been prepared and served in the “Langar Khana” style. We will, InshaAllah, be continuing this tradition of the Promised Messiah (A.S.) at this year’s Jalsa Salana. InshaAllah we will also serve breakfast at the Jalsa Gah. On Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be available from 8:00am – 9:30am.

## The National Exhibition

The Exhibition will be set up inside the halls of the Expo Center where the Jalsa is being held. Members are welcome to visit the Exhibition as often as possible along with their guests (except during the Salat and Jalsa programs). Visiting hour schedule will be posted at each entrance. A book stall will also be arranged on site for purchase.

## Sanat-o-Tijarat (Industry & Trade)

Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya USA has setup a Sanat-o-Tijarat (Industry & Trade) booth this year at US Jalsa Salana 2008. The charter of Sanat-o-Tijarat is to provide a collaborative platform where Jamaat members can share and learn professional skills engaging with other members that may help in their educational/professional careers as well as businesses.

Detailed information will be available at the Information Desk or MKA desk.

## Rishta Nata

All the members interested are requested to schedule an appointment before Jalsa if possible. Please contact Abdul Shukoor: via phone at (301) 219 0923 or fax at (240) 465 0396 for appointments and further information.



## Children Activities & Registration

The objective of the Children’s Area at Jalsa is to gradually train our children to listen and appreciate the Jalsa while allowing for a fun, educational, and Islamic environment. Two areas will be assigned for children. An area for mothers with young children under age 5 (Group 1) and an area for children from ages 5-7 (Group 2). As space is limited and we will be following a first come first serve policy, we encourage you to PROMPTLY return the filled out registration form (attached at the bottom of this packet). The registrations for children will also be made available online, please check the Jalsa site (<http://ahmadiyya.us/>) for updates.

## Medical Camp

The Medical Camp has been arranged for our brother and sister Ahmadi who cannot afford to get their physical examination done or would like to have a second opinion from an Ahmadi doctor about their health (no charge).

**-Free checkup from specialists:** including, cardiologists, sleep specialists, internists, ENT specialist, Neurologist, Neurosurgeons, and Homeopathy etc. Timings will be available at the Information Center.



## Accommodation

Here is the list of the all the hotels in the vicinity of Jalsa Site in Harrisburg, PA. Even the negotiated rates are quite high as this is high season for the area. We strongly recommend booking your reservations from web-sites like [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com), [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com), [www.hotwire.com](http://www.hotwire.com), etc. for better prices. We are also working to reserve some camp-sites.

## Hotel Information

Hotel Name	Address	Web Site	sales phone	Reservation phone	Miles to the Farm Show Complex
<b>Hilton Garden Inn Hershey</b>	550 East Main ST Hummelstown, PA. 17036	<a href="http://www.hershey.gardeninn.com">www.hershey.gardeninn.com</a>	717-566-9292	717-566-9292	14.70 miles
<b>Wyndham Garden Hotel</b>	765 Eisenhower Blvd Harrisburg, PA.17111	<a href="http://www.harrisburgwyndham.com">www.harrisburgwyndham.com</a>	717-920-2317	717-558-9500	8.22 miles
<b>Homewood Suites - Harrisburg East</b>	3990 TecPort Dr. Harrisburg, PA. 17111	<a href="http://www.harrisburgeast.homewoodsuites.com">www.harrisburgeast.homewoodsuites.com</a>	717-635-2782	717-909-4663	7.82 miles
<b>Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey-Grantvill</b>	604 Station Rd Grantville, PA.17028	<a href="http://www.stayholiday.com">www.stayholiday.com</a>	717-469-1554	717-469-0661	14.73 miles
<b>Crowne Plaza Harrisburg</b>	23 South Second St. Harrisburg, PA.17101	<a href="http://www.cpharrisburg.com">www.cpharrisburg.com</a>	717-920-1786	717-234-5021	2.93 miles
<b>Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Hershey</b>	749 E. Chocolate Ave Hershey, PA, 17033	<a href="http://www.hershahotels.com/hamptoninnhershey.htm">www.hershahotels.com/hamptoninnhershey.htm</a>	717-534-2272	717-533-8400	18.01 miles
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	610 Walton aVe Hummelstown, PA. 17036	<a href="http://www.hershahotels.com/holidayinnexpresshershey.htm">www.hershahotels.com/holidayinnexpresshershey.htm</a>	717-534-2272	717-533-8400	15.51 miles
<b>Fairfield Inn Harrisburg Hershey</b>	1018 Briarsdale Rd Harrisburg, PA. 17109	<a href="http://www.marriott.com/harff">www.marriott.com/harff</a>	717-412-4326	717-412-4326	5.87 miles
<b>Comfort Inn East</b>	4021 Union Deposit Rd Harrisburg, PA. 17109		717-561-8100	717-561-8100	5.98 miles
<b>Best Western Inn &amp; Suites</b>	815 S Eisenhower Blvd Middletown, PA.17057	<a href="http://www.bestwesternharrisburg.com">www.bestwesternharrisburg.com</a>	717-939-1600	888-868-5952	10.43 miles

<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	5680 Allentown Blvd Harrisburg, PA.17112	<a href="http://www.hiexpress.com/harrisburgpa">www.hiexpress.com/harrisburgpa</a>	717-657-2200	717-657-2200	6.63 miles
<b>Comfort Inn East</b>	7744 Linglestown Rd. Harrisburg, PA.17112	<a href="http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/pa029">www.choicehotels.com/hotel/pa029</a>	717-540-8400	717-540-8400	11.21 miles
<b>Days Inn Harrisburg North</b>	3919 N. Front St Harrisburg, PA. 17110	<a href="http://www.daysinnharrisburg.com">www.daysinnharrisburg.com</a>	717-233-3100	717-233-3100	2.56 miles
<b>Howard Johnson Harrisburg/Hershey</b>	473 Eisenhower Blvd Harrisburg, PA. 17111	<a href="http://www.harrisburghotels.com">www.harrisburghotels.com</a>	717-564-6300	717-5646300	7.76 miles
<b>Homewood Suites - West</b>	5001 Ritter Rd Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055	<a href="http://www.harrisburgwest.homewoodsuites.com">www.harrisburgwest.homewoodsuites.com</a>	717-691-6691	717-697-4900	9.92 miles
<b>Hampton Inn Harrisburg West</b>	4950 Ritter Rd Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055	<a href="http://www.harrisburgwest.hamptoninn.com">www.harrisburgwest.hamptoninn.com</a>	717-691-6691	717-691-1300	9.74 miles
<b>Comfort Inn Riverfront</b>	525 S. Front St Harrisburg, PA. 17104	<a href="http://www.comfortinnriverfront.com">www.comfortinnriverfront.com</a>	717-233-1611	717-233-1611	3.15 miles
<b>Hampton Inn</b>	4230 Union Deposit Rd Harrisburg, PA. 17111	<a href="http://www.hamptoninn.com">www.hamptoninn.com</a>	717-545-9595	717-545-9595	5.99 miles
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Hbg West</b>	4921 Gettysburg Rd Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055	<a href="http://www.marriott.com/harwm">www.marriott.com/harwm</a>	717-766-9006	800-321-2211	9.47 miles
<b>Felicita Garden Resort</b>	2201 Fishing Creek Valley Rd Harrisburg, PA. 17112	<a href="http://www.felicitaresort.com">www.felicitaresort.com</a>	717-599-7603	717-599-5301	8.55 miles
<b>Country Inn &amp; Suites Harrisburg West</b>	4943 Gettysburg Rd Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055	<a href="http://www.countryinns.com/harrisburgpa_west">www.countryinns.com/harrisburgpa_west</a>	717-796-0300	717-796-0300	9.52 miles
<b>Four Points by Sheraton</b>	800 East Park Dr. Harrisburg, PA. 17111	<a href="http://www.fourpoints.com/harrisburg">www.fourpoints.com/harrisburg</a>	717-561-2800	717-561-2800	6.32 miles

### **Transportation from the Airport to Hotels:**

- Members who are arriving at either Harrisburg Airport or BWI will be provided transportation to their respective hotels.

### **Transportation from the Hotels to Jalsa Gah:**

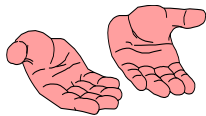
- Members staying in the hotels will be provided transportation to the Jalsa Gah.
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- Please call the Transportation Department 30-45 minutes before the scheduled pickup from hotel in order to confirm transportation from the hotel to the Jalsa Gah.
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- The Transportation Team will also provide shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International (BWI), as an alternate. However, as the travel time to Jalsa Gah is expected to be 2-3 hours, please plan your trip to arrive as early as possible in order to attend Jumma Prayers and the First Session. **The shuttle service will be available starting Thursday, June 19th after 6pm. The last shuttle will leave Jalsa Gah at 12pm Noon, on Monday, June 23rd.** Due to the distance and high traffic from BWI to Jalsa Gah, you may have to wait at the airport for an extended period of time.

## Important Phone Numbers

	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Afsar Jalsa Salana	Waseem	Haider	(703) 628-2262	<a href="mailto:whaider@datawiz.net">whaider@datawiz.net</a>
Afsar Jalsa Gah	Shahid	Malik	(301) 943-8706	<a href="mailto:ssm14@hotmail.com">ssm14@hotmail.com</a>
Afsar Khidmat-e-Khalq	Faheem	Qureshi	(443) 414-0931	<a href="mailto:dryounus@comcast.net">dryounus@comcast.net</a>
Muntezamah Aala	Shanaz	Butt	(484) 410-6433	<a href="mailto:sadrlajnausa@aol.com">sadrlajnausa@aol.com</a>
Nazim Daftr Jalsa Salana	Haroon	Rashid	(703) 930-9296	<a href="mailto:daftr@lxfc corp.com">daftr@lxfc corp.com</a>
Naib Afsar Jalsa Salana (Hospitality & Food)	Tariq	Amjid	(703) 608-1618	<a href="mailto:Amjed40@yahoo.com">Amjed40@yahoo.com</a>
Nazim Registration	Athar	Malik	(703) 472-6573	<a href="mailto:atharbashir@yahoo.com">atharbashir@yahoo.com</a>
Nazim Accommodation Hotels	Mansoor	Ahmad	(240) 277-0053	<a href="mailto:sahmed@bethesdahis.com">sahmed@bethesdahis.com</a>
Nazim Transportation	Hibbi	Iqbal	(703) 587-1830	<a href="mailto:hibbii@gmail.com">hibbii@gmail.com</a>
Nazim Information	Noaman	Khan	(202) 409-1214	<a href="mailto:noaman.khan@gmail.com">noaman.khan@gmail.com</a>

**\* Note: The aforementioned fax numbers are only available up until August 30<sup>th</sup>, for any questions/comments thereafter please contact the concerned party directly via email or phone.**

<b>Jalsa Information Phone Numbers</b>
<b>Jalsa Information Hotline</b>
Following numbers will be available from 05/01/08 12pm through 06/23/08 5pm.
<b>703-388-9190 : Men</b>
Email us: <a href="mailto:noaman.khan@gmail.com">noaman.khan@gmail.com</a>



All members are requested to please pray for the success of Jalsa Salana and also for the safe travel of all members who will come to receive the blessings of Jalsa Salana

# 60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana USA

June 20, 21, and 22 2008

## Registration Information

60<sup>th</sup> Jalsa Salana, USA will Inshallah be held on June 20, 21, 22 2008 at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center.

Please read the following registration instructions for the Jalsa Salana.

- 1) All participants must register online using the following Web Site:  
<https://member.ahmadiyya.us>
- 2) Only members can register with the login information provided.
- 3) Please do not create New Accounts! If you don't know your Member Code, please send us email at [jalsausa@jalsasalana.org](mailto:jalsausa@jalsasalana.org) or call your local president.
- 4) The members must register all non-member guests.
- 5) If you received Member ID card last year, please bring it to Jalsa. This will reduce cost.
- 6) New Member ID cards will be issued to those who did not receive card last year or do not have Photo Id Card. Please upload your best Photo during the registration process.
- 7) Photo is not required for female members and those who were issued Photo Member ID card last year.
- 8) If you require transportation, please provide the details on the registration site.

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR CHILDREN, JALSA 2008**

The objective of the Children’s Area at Jalsa is to gradually train our children to listen and appreciate the Jalsa while allowing for a fun, educational, and Islamic environment. Two areas will be assigned for children. There will be a nursery area for mothers with young children under age 5 (Group 1) and an area for children from ages 5-7 (Group 2). Both areas will be located inside the Expo center.

**Group 1:** We expect the mother to stay with her infant in the nursery. However, in order to have sufficient space, we request you to register your name along with your infant’s name and age to: **Shahina Bashir, Sadr Lajna Potomac** at [lajnakids@yahoo.com](mailto:lajnakids@yahoo.com)

Mother’s name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lajna: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Infants: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**Group 2:** As space is limited (120 children/session), we will follow a first come first serve policy. Therefore, we encourage you to PROMPTLY return the filled out registration form to: Shahina Bashir, Sadr Lajna Potomac at [lajnakids@yahoo.com](mailto:lajnakids@yahoo.com)

	<b><u>Drop-off</u></b>	<b><u>Pick-up</u></b>
Friday	3:00 pm	6:00 pm
Saturday session I	9.30 am	1.00 pm
Saturday session II	3.00 pm	6:00 pm
Sunday	10.00 am	1.00 pm

1. Child’s Name:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
c) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

(For additional children, please place information on a separate sheet).

2. Mother’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Father’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Jama’at/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Where and/or with whom will you be staying during Jalsa? \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone / Beeper #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Will your child (ren) need to take any medication during his/her stay in the Area?  YES  NO  
**If yes, parents are responsible for storing and dispensing all medication**  
8. Does your child have any allergies that we should be aware of?  YES  NO  
**If yes, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Does your child have any other medical conditions that we should be aware of?  YES  NO  
**If yes, please explain:** \_\_\_\_\_  
10. Where will you be while your child is in the Children’s Area? \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you change your location, it is imperative that you let us know where you will be.**  
11. Please provide an emergency contact name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Where will this person be?** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am aware of the pick-up and drop off times for my child / children and will make every effort to be there at the given time, InshaAllah.

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GENERAL RULES FOR THE CHILDREN'S AREA**

- It is recommended that the registration be done online
- Children who are eligible to register must be 5 years old by June 1, 2008. Those who are not 5 by September 1 are not eligible to register
- Please drop off and pick up children at the designated times
- If you think that your child is not ready to be separated from you, then it is advisable that you do not place him/her in the tent
- If you decide after the **first** session that you will not be bringing your child for the subsequent sessions, please let the Naiba in charge know. If the child misses a session without informing the Naiba in charge his or her registration will be cancelled, and a new child will be assigned his seat.

## Transportation Service Request Form

Please complete and fax this form attention to Hibbi Iqbal @ (703) 651-9138 OR email to [jalsatransportation@gmail.com](mailto:jalsatransportation@gmail.com)

- ALL fields with (\*) are required
- Please indicate total number of members who will require transportation 'From' and 'To' the airport
- Please choose Harrisburg International (MDT) as your preferred airport as it is only 20 minutes away from Jalsa Gah.
- The Transportation Team will also provide shuttle service from Baltimore-Washington International (BWI), as an alternate. However, as the travel time to Jalsa Gah is expected to be 2-3 hours, please plan your trip to arrive as early as possible in order to attend Jummah Prayers and the First Session. The shuttle service will be available starting Thursday, June 19th after 6pm. The last shuttle will leave Jalsa Gah at 12pm Noon, on Monday, June 23rd. Due to the distance and high traffic from BWI to Jalsa Gah, you may have to wait at the airport for an extended period of time.
- Transportation arrangements will be made available from the Harrisburg Amtrak Train Station as well. Please specify this clearly on the Request Form.
- ALL transportation requests must be sent via fax or email using this form and confirmed by June 16, 2008.
- ALL pick-up request will be confirmed via phone or email by the transportation team few days prior to your arrival date

**Please fax this completed form to (703) 651-9138 ATTN: Hibbi Iqbal, OR email to [jalsatransportation@gmail.com](mailto:jalsatransportation@gmail.com)**

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jama'at: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cell Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Arriving Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Flight No: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you need Drop-off: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Total Number of Members Requiring Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Nazim Transportation for any special needs

Please fax this completed form to (703) 651-9138, ATTN: Hibbi Iqbal

## ETIQUETTE OF ATTENDING JALSA SALANA

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)

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.



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