

A New Initiative: Bring a Guest to Ijtema!

'Bring a Guest' FAQs

Why are guests invited to the ijtema?

It's an opportunity for them to see Islam in action, and to know who we are.

What makes an ideal guest for the ijtema?

A close, personal friend who can come willingly, excited and sees this as an opportunity for himself to learn.

Will there be a Q & A session for guests?

Yes. A 1-2 hour session will be held on Saturday evening.

Will my guests receive anything free?

I hope to provide each guest a copy of "Short Stories of American Converts to Islam" (a book also known as "By the Dawn's Early Light", [click here](#) for pdf)

Who will pay for their trip?

We will provide travel subsidy for up to \$100 for guests flying in. If there are special needs, exceptions can be made. Please email tabligh@mkausa.org as soon as possible.

What kind of sleeping arrangements will be made for them?

He should bring his own sleeping bag, pillow, and sheets. We will have air conditioning this year. If your guest wishes to sleep off-site, we can accommodate him at an Ahmadi's home where he can sleep and refresh.

Who will pay for his food?

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya USA will provide 3 meals a day for the entire duration of ijtema.

What type of food will he be served?

American food. If he has special dietary restrictions, please let us know in advance. Earlier requests are easier to accommodate.

Can he bring valuables to the ijtema?

Because of the sheer magnitude of the event, things get lost and misplaced. We cannot tell you what to bring and what not to bring but we discourage guests to bring valuables with them, such digital cameras, expensive cell phones, laptops, iPods, etc.

What type of showering arrangements will there be?

Shower heads with curtains. Soap and shampoo will be present, but he is welcome to bring his own too. He should bring his own towel and can bring flip flops to shower in.

What should he bring?

Sleeping bag, pillow, sheets, towels, toiletries, soap, flip flops, sporting clothes, mosquito repellent, flashlight, comfortable shoes for activity, prescription medications, plastic bag for used clothes. Fluids such as cologne, contact solution, etc, must be less than 3.4 oz to be carried on planes.

Is there a dress code?

T-shirts during sports are expected at all times. No clothing with inappropriate language, slogans or obscenities should be worn.

Is there a behavior code?

No vulgarity is permitted, and no fighting. Smoking is not allowed. Illegal substances and all other intoxicants are not permitted. Please refer to these [behavior codes](#).

Can he participate in sports competitions?

Yes.

Can we leave the premises together during ijtema?

Yes, but you will be responsible for your own security and safety should you choose to do so. Let your parents or guardians know if you leave the premises for any reason.

Who will pick and drop him from the airport?

Your guest will be picked up and dropped off at the airport just like any other member of MKA. Here, everybody is treated equally. It is very important you ensure he is registered and that you follow up with the airport pickup team. Make sure he has numbers to call.

What happens if he wants to leave?

Any attendee is free to leave at anytime.

Will my guest get a clear badge indicating he is a guest?

Yes. Wearing it at all times will help our ability to serve.

How do I register my guest?

Click here, or visit mkausa.org/ijtema/registration/guest.

How many guests can I bring?

As many as you like.

Can I bring someone over the age of 40?

Yes. Anyone above the age of 18 is welcome.

If he has any questions, complaints or concerns afterward, how can he submit them?

He can email sadr@mkausa.org.

Can he be emailed photographs of the ijtema afterward?

Photographs will be uploaded on the mkausa.org website after ijtema.

How can I put my guest in touch with knowledgeable khuddam?

Please email tabligh@mkausa.org with details. The tabligh team will be present and is willing to help.

What if I have a question not answered here?

Ask your question on the mkausa.org forum. Or, you can email tabligh@mkausa.org.