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Welcome Letter & Preparation Package

Please read this entire package carefully.

This package contains important information regarding Camp Asad 2026, including transportation details, camp rules and expectations, packing information, contact information, and other important details to help you prepare for the weekend.



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WELCOME LETTER

Salaam Alaikum Campers,

Welcome to Camp Asad 2026.

On behalf of the Mahdi Youth Society, we are honoured to welcome you to another year of Camp Asad in memory of Marhum Syed Asad Jafri.

Camp Asad was established to create opportunities for youth and young adults to strengthen their faith, build meaningful relationships, develop leadership skills, and foster a stronger connection to their community. The camp continues to honour the vision and legacy of Syed Asad Jafri, whose dedication to serving the community and bringing people together remains an inspiration to us all.

This year, we are honoured to be joined by:

- **Sayyid Ali Imran**
- **Shaykh Murtaza Bachoo**
- **Shaykh Mohammad Al-Saadi**
- **Sister Zermine Awan**
- **Maulana Sayyid Zaki Baqri**

Throughout the weekend, participants will have the opportunity to engage in lectures, discussions, team-building activities, sports, outdoor recreation, spiritual reflection, and one-on-one interactions with our scholars.

Please note that cabin accommodations differ from previous years. Cabins do not have attached washroom facilities. Shared washrooms and showers are located throughout the campsite and are fully separated for brothers and sisters.

We look forward to spending a memorable and spiritually enriching weekend together, InshaAllah.

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THEME: WOVEN TOGETHER

This year's camp theme, Woven Together, is inspired by the words of Allah (SWT):

“Hold fast, all of you, to the Rope of Allah, and do not be divided... He brought your hearts together, so that you became a community through His blessing.” (Qur'an 3:103)

Over the years, each of us has been encouraged to grow as individuals: to strengthen our faith, develop our character, acquire knowledge, and discover our unique talents. But Islam teaches us that our journey does not end with just personal growth. A strong community is built when individuals bring their gifts together in the service of Allah.

Like a single thread, each person has value. Yet a thread on its own is limited. When many threads are woven together with purpose, they become something far stronger, more beautiful, and more enduring. In the same way, every camper contributes different strengths, experiences, and perspectives. By learning to trust one another, support one another, and work toward a shared purpose, we become a community that is stronger than the sum of its parts.

This year at Camp Asad, we will explore what it means to build exactly that kind of community, InshaAllah.

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DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL

Departure from Al Mahdi Islamic Community Centre

Friday, September 4, 2026

Please arrive at:

Al Mahdi Islamic Community Centre
510 Concession 3 Rd
Pickering, ON L1X 2R4

Important Arrival Instructions

- All campers must arrive by 8:00 AM at the latest
- Breakfast will be provided
- Camp check-in will take place upon arrival
- Camp merchandise and pre-ordered items will be distributed
- Campers will load their luggage onto buses and transportation vehicles

Transportation

Transportation to and from camp is provided by the Mahdi Youth Society.
Buses will depart promptly at 10:00 AM.
Campers who are not present before departure risk being left behind.

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DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL

Transportation - Continued

All campers are expected to travel to camp using the provided transportation. Any camper requiring alternate transportation arrangements must receive prior approval from the Camp Directors.

No exceptions will be made without prior communication and approval.

If you do not wish to leave your vehicle parked at Al Mahdi for the weekend, please arrange for drop-off and pick-up.

Return to Al Mahdi

Monday, September 7, 2026

We will depart camp during the late afternoon.

Expected arrival back at Al Mahdi is approximately 8:00 PM.

Please arrange transportation accordingly.

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CULTURE AND EXPECTATIONS

Camp Asad is built upon respect, service, participation, and community.

Every participant contributes to the camp experience. We ask all campers to arrive with an open mind, a willingness to participate, and a commitment to helping create a positive environment for everyone.

Throughout the weekend, campers are **expected** to:

- Respect fellow campers, scholars, volunteers, and staff
- Participate actively in camp programming
- Demonstrate Islamic manners and conduct
- Support and encourage one another
- Respect camp facilities and property
- Represent the Muslim community in a positive manner

Attendance at all prayers, lectures, meals, team activities, and camp-wide programming is mandatory unless otherwise approved by a Camp Director.

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DAILY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each day will include a variety of activities, including:

- Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, and Isha prayers
- Lectures and discussions with scholars
- Team-building activities
- Sports tournaments and recreational activities
- Outdoor programming
- Reflection sessions
- Aalim Hours
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

A detailed camp schedule will be provided upon arrival.

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CLEANLINESS

All campers are responsible for maintaining clean cabins, washrooms, and common areas.

Please leave all facilities in the same condition—or better—than you found them. Remember that we are representing Islam at all times.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline and respect are essential to ensuring a successful camp experience. Campers are expected to follow instructions from:

- Camp Directors
- Team Leaders
- Scholars
- Camp Staff

The following are **strictly** prohibited:

- Bullying
- Harassment
- Teasing
- Foul language
- Backbiting
- Disruptive behaviour
- Pranks

The Mahdi Youth Society reserves the right to impose disciplinary measures, including suspension or removal from camp.

*Lights out is at **11:00 PM**.*

Campers are expected to respect quiet hours and allow others to rest.

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SEGREGATION

Camp Asad maintains **strict segregation** between brothers and sisters throughout the duration of camp.

There will be:

- Separate cabins
- Separate washrooms
- Separate recreational areas when required
- Separate accommodations

This policy will be **strictly enforced. Any violation of this policy may result in immediate suspension or removal from camp.**

Waterfront Policy

Under no circumstances may members of one gender enter or remain near the waterfront, beach, or swimming area while the opposite gender is present, scheduled to use the area, or actively participating in waterfront activities.

No exceptions will be made.

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DRESS CODE

Islamic dress code and behaviour are **mandatory** at all times.

For Brothers

- Shorts are not permitted in shared spaces
- A minimum of a short-sleeve shirt is required in shared spaces (tank tops and sleeveless shirts are not permitted in these areas)

For Sisters

- Proper hijab must be observed at all times
- Loose and modest clothing is required
- Tight or revealing clothing is not permitted
- Appropriate Islamic dress must be maintained throughout the camp

Camp Directors and Team Leaders reserve the right to address dress code concerns as necessary.

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TEAMS

Participants will be assigned to teams for sports, activities, competitions, and discussions.

The purpose of teams is to:

- Encourage teamwork
- Build leadership skills
- Foster brotherhood and sisterhood
- Create opportunities for new friendships

Team assignments will be announced during camp.

CABIN ASSIGNMENT

Cabins are fully segregated between brothers and sisters and typically house approximately **6–8 campers**.

A bunkmate preference form will be distributed separately prior to camp. While cabin requests cannot be guaranteed, the Camp Team will do its best to accommodate preferences and special requests whenever possible.

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AALIM HOURS

Dedicated one-on-one time with scholars will be available each morning from:

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Campers **must** sign up the evening prior.

While every effort will be made to accommodate requests, availability is limited and appointments are not guaranteed without advance sign-up.

CAMP MERCH AND STORE

Every camper will receive an official Camp Asad long-sleeve shirt as part of their registration package.

Sizes have already been collected during registration.

Additional Camp Asad merchandise is available for purchase through the online store.

Orders placed **before August 5, 2026** will be distributed during check-in at Al Mahdi before departure.

Store Link:

[MY Society Shop](#)

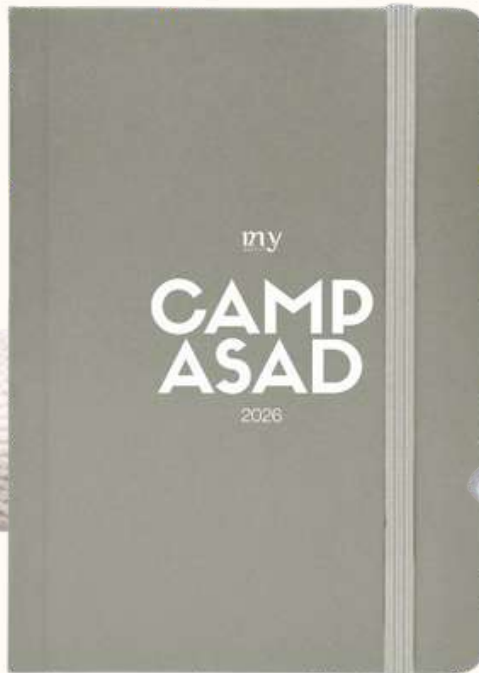
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CAMP MERCH AND STORE



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ELECTRONICS & MEDIA POLICY

To encourage engagement and participation:

- Personal phone use is prohibited during activities
- Personal phone use is prohibited during lectures
- Personal phone use is prohibited during speeches
- Personal phone use is prohibited during breakout sessions

Exceptions may only be granted by a Camp Director or Scholar.

Unauthorized photography, audio recording, or video recording is prohibited. Official camp media personnel will be responsible for photography and media coverage throughout the weekend.

HEALTH & MEDICAL INFORMATION

All campers are **responsible** for informing the Camp Team of any:

- Medical conditions
- Allergies
- Dietary restrictions
- Accessibility requirements

Medications should be brought in their original containers.

If emergency medical treatment becomes necessary, Camp Directors will take reasonable steps to contact the camper's emergency contact.

Campers should carry their health card and any required medication at all times.

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PACKING LIST

Essentials

- Health Card
- Medication (if applicable)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Towel
- Pillow
- Blanket or Sleeping Bag
- Water Bottle
- Prayer Mat
- Turbah
- Appropriate Clothing for 4 Days / 3 Nights
- Swimming Attire
- Extra Shoes
- Sandals or Flip-Flops
- Sweater or Hoodie

Recommended

- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight
- Notebook
- Pen or Pencil
- Qur'an
- Watch

Avoid bringing valuables or unnecessary electronics. The Mahdi Youth Society is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

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SITE MAP



Cabin assignments, designated areas, and activity locations will be reviewed during orientation upon arrival.

CAMP LOCATION

**3555 Bolingbroke Rd
Maberly, ON K0H 2B0**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are committed to ensuring that Camp Asad remains accessible to everyone.

If financial assistance is required, please contact:

mysociety@cig.ca

Our team will follow up confidentially regarding available options.

DIRECTORY & CONTACT INFORMATION

For general inquiries:

mysociety@cig.ca

Brothers' Camp Directors

Ashar Syed - 647-676-0746

Ali Raza - 416-737-5120

Ahmed Raza - 647-901-5008

Sisters' Camp Directors

Aliya Batool - 647-210-1141

Rija Jafri - 647-657-5040

Addan Zahra - 437-254-5120

We look forward to welcoming you to Camp Asad 2026 and spending a memorable Labour Day weekend together, InshaAllah.

JazakAllah,

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