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WNYMuslims wishes everyone a very Happy Independence Day!



# **Event Coverage:**

### **Collective Junior:**



WNYMuslims along with The Collective News is proud to announce the successful launch of The Collective Junior! An amazing initiative! A platform where young adults can tap into their creativity and express themselves through various media outlets.

The Collective News is a print and online publication comprised of conscientious and informed citizens who are willing to share their ideas, concerns and opinions. Our aim is to provoke thought and spark conversation on topics that matter. The main objective is to provide a variety of platforms to a collective of informed and proactive communities.

#### The Launch:

The inaugural event took place on the 27th of June, 2018. Our team hosted the Collective Junior launch at the venue Taste of India. We had a great group of young adults between their high school and early college years attend the event.

To read more click here.

# **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Eid Carnival:**

WNYMuslims invites you to come and celebrate Eid-ul-Adha Festival. We give out free drinks and halal food for all. For the children we bring attractions, like bounce houses and ice-cream. We hold this event every year to give those that are less fortunate a carnival and to bring the community together, Muslim and non-Muslim.

With over 500 attendees, we have never seen a larger sea of smiles and laughter.



#### What is Eid?

Muslims celebrate Eid twice a year, Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha.

**Eid-ul-Fitr** is a festival that marks the end of the Holy month of Ramadan. This joyous day is celebrated to give thanks for the blessings of Ramadan. Muslims attend the congregational Eid prayer service which is held in the morning. They wear new clothing, cook delicious food and invite friends and neighbors to celebrate with them. Fasting during Ramadan inspires sympathy for the hungry and needy, and encourages Muslims to donate generously to the poor.

**Eid-ul-Adha** (Festival of Sacrifice) is a festival which comes about ten weeks after *Eid-ul-Fitr*, and marks the completion of Hajj (Holy pilgrimage to Makkah). It is the festival of

Prophet Ibrahim had a series of dreams in which he saw himself sacrificing his eldest son Ismail. He inferred that it was perhaps the will of God that he should sacrifice the life of his son. Prophet Ibrahim, being most obedient to God, was about to sacrifice the life of his son Ismail, when God commanded him to stop and gave him the good news that he had indeed fulfilled His command. God was so pleased with Ibrahim because of his obedience that He multiplied his progeny into billions. He was also given the great honor of being the forefather of the Holy Prophet of Islam, Muhammad. On the day of Eid those Muslims who can afford to sacrifice an animal are enjoined to do so after Eid Prayer.

# **Hadith of the Week:**



Narrated by 'Abdullah bin 'Amr

The Prophet said, "A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands. And a Muhajir (emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden." (Source: Sahih Bukhari; Volume 1, Book 2, Number 9)

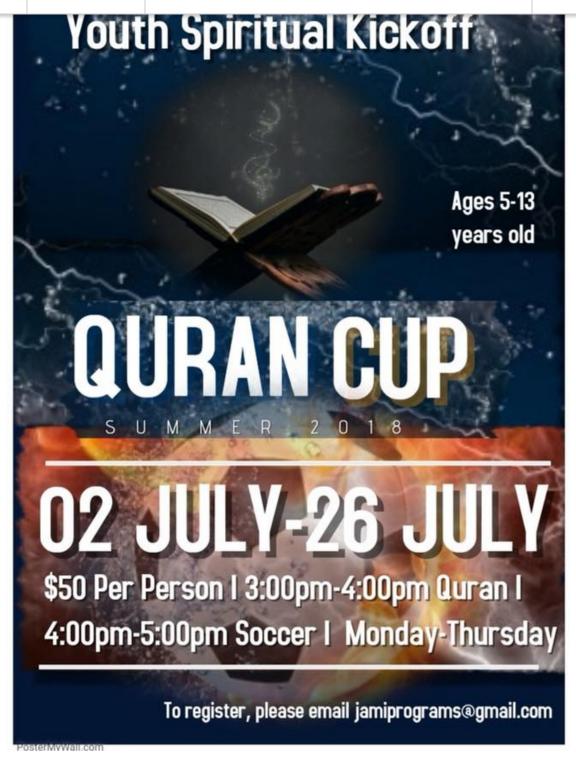
## **Community Announcements:**

### Jami's Summer Programs:

Calling all youth to come out and play ball! Keep active, stay safe and have fun!



Jami Masjid: Quran Cup:



Jami Royal Tiger Taekwondo:



**Heim Bike Club:** 

#### Open ages 12 and up\*

Starting early April (weather dependent)



# **HEIM BIKE CLUB**

For registration email bikewny@gmail.com

Saturday rides at 10:00am Thursday rides at 6:30pm

Meet at N. Forest Pathways, N. Forest and Maple Roads. Parking available. Routes will vary. All riders must wear a helmet. Must have a dependable bike. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

### **TEDx Talk by Masooma Alam:**

Massoma Alam is an educator, humanitarian, and a world traveler. She is passionate about helping others and enjoys working in the non-profit sector. Massoma was born in Pakistan and after a few months moved to Iran, where she resided for two and a half years during the time of the Iran/Iraq war. Then her and her family moved to Ireland, where they lived for 7 years.

She moved to America when she was 10 years old. Massoma's father is a Physician and was looking for the American Dream and kept moving to the west. Her and her family finally settled in Fredonia, NY.

She graduated from the State University of Buffalo with a bachelor's in Biology and Psychology. She later completed her master's in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Massoma did an internship at the United Nations in New York City for 2 years with the International Council of Psychologists and Department of Public Information. While at the UN, Massoma spoke as a panelist for two conferences: "Psychological effects on refugees" and "Economic empowerment of women in the workplace."

Currently, Massoma is an AmeriCorps VISTA serving at TeenSHARP, a college preparatory program, as a College Access Coordinator. Massoma is the oldest of 4 siblings and is from Fredonia, NY. She is currently living in Delaware with her husband, Dr. Omar Chohan. Massoma also loves to travel and has visited many countries including Vietnam, Turkey, Egypt, and Israel.

Follow her adventures on Instagram: @massomaa



TEDx talk on Overcoming Anxiety: Masooma Alam

### Rahama:



Support Domestic Violence Survivors | RAHAMA Transitional Housing Shelter

that we have been doing with the women and children that we serve that are victims of family violence.

We hope you will join us for this important meeting. Come see what we are doing and how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Best Wishes to you for the New Year! RAHAMA Board

### **WNYMuslims Promo Video:**



**WNYMuslims Introduction Video** 

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