

Perplexed? Unconvinced? Feeling left out?

TAM '09



Who can attend?

Any MAS member of any level who has been in a MAS tarbiya program for at least one year should attend TAM. That means any associate, adjunct, or regular member who has been in an usra, MY Connect, or similar weekly tarbiya program. In order to benefit from TAM, attendees should have some experience working in a MAS chapter and a general familiarity with MAS and its mission. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted by chapter heads.

I'm not involved in my local tarbiya work. Can I still attend?

Yes, absolutely! TAM, among many things, is designed to equip every MAS member with what they need to be tarbiya-oriented, even if they have little understanding of what tarbiya is. One of the goals of this year's TAM is to mobilize every MAS member to become an agent of tarbiya in everything they do. TAM also has programs that the more experienced tarbiya worker will find challenging and eye-opening.

Can we see the program?

A program sneak peek was issued a few days ago, and other program highlights will be shared. Stay tuned to the MAS Tarbiya blog to be updated on the program and other aspects of TAM.

Can we know when it starts and ends?

The TAM in all four cities will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and end at 2 p.m. on Sunday. All attendees are encouraged to attend as much of the program as possible, and to stay until the end of the program on Sunday. Those who come late and leave early will miss key elements of the program.

Do I have to attend the TAM closest to me?

No, you are free to attend any of the TAMs (or more than one!). While attending the closest TAM may be ideal for those who are within driving distance, those who are flying may find it convenient to choose another city and date.

Where will we be staying?

The exact addresses of the hotels will be provided at least a week before the first TAM insha'allah.

Are there discounts available?

A significant early registration discount will end on Sept. 30, so register now! Scholarships for members who need help in meeting the cost may be available via your local chapter or the local TAM committee.

Does the registration fee include hotel stay?

Yes, the registration includes everything except transportation.

Do we have to stay at the hotel?

Yes, all attendees should plan to stay at the hotel even if they live nearby. The TAM is not just a series of lectures or a convention for members to attend at their leisure. Key elements of the program such as night prayers, brotherhood experiences, early morning and late-night lectures will be missed by those who commute. So plan on staying at the hotel and experiencing the TAM in full!

Can we get a discount if we don't stay at the hotel?

If you absolutely must stay outside the hotel, contact your local TAM committee.

Who do I contact for special arrangements?

Contact your local TAM committee. TAM East: tammam1@yahoo.com
TAM South: aaishat@yahoo.com
TAM West: kbahjri@llu.edu
TAM Mid-West: khaledsayes@yahoo.com

Who are the speakers and instructors of the program?

The national TAM speaker list features MAS leadership, tarbiya leadership, and key experts. The speakers include Dr. Ahmed Elbendary, Ayman Hammous, Mazen Mokhtar, Hisham Abdallah, Hossam Aljabri, Nadeem Siddiqui, Imad Bayoun, Wael Hamza, Mohamed Shalaby, Hamid Ghazali, Sameera Ahmed, Sh. Abdeljalil Mezgouri, Bhawana Kamil, Farhad Noorzay, Bilal Kaleem and Najeeb Kamil (not every speaker will be in attendance at every TAM location). TAM will also feature a series of training clinics that will be led by local experts.

Will it just be dry lectures, or will there be spirituality and brotherhood?

In addition to providing training and understanding, TAM also aims to lift the spirituality and morale of every MAS member. The program will include a worship component (qiyam, dhikr, dua), workshops on spirituality for the Islamic worker, inspiring sessions with MAS leadership, and insha'allah—with the sincerity and initiative of every member—an unforgettable atmosphere of brotherhood and sisterhood. So be ready to be deeply touched insha'allah!

Last year there were entertainment sessions, will there be any this year?

Yes, there will be an entertainment session (or a similar creative, energizing activity) at every TAM. Local chapters are encouraged to start developing acts for the entertainment session from now. Contact your local TAM committee to find out how you can participate.

We live far from the closest TAM, is there transportation arrangement?

Chapters are encouraged to organize carpools or buses for their workers attending TAM. Contact your local chapter or the local TAM committee to find out more.

Once more, here are the contacts of your local TAM committees:

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