

The Holy Month of Ramadan 1429/2008 Fasting Time-Table for Orange and Los Angeles Counties

Depending on the sighting of the new moon, the unconfirmed dates for the month of Ramadan 1429 is **September 1st or 2nd, 2008**, and the unconfirmed Eid al-Fitr date is **October 1st or 2nd, 2008**. Please call IECOC for confirmation of dates.

DAY	RAMADAN	GREGORIAN	IMSAK	FAJR	SUNRISE	NOON	SUNSET	IFTAR
Mon.	1	Sept. 1	4:49	4:59	6:25	12:51	7:16	7:31
Tue.	2	Sept. 2	4:50	5:00	6:26	12:51	7:15	7:30
Wed.	3	Sept. 3	4:51	5:01	6:27	12:50	7:14	7:29
Thurs.	4	Sept. 4	4:52	5:02	6:27	12:50	7:12	7:27
Fri.	5	Sept. 5	4:52	5:02	6:28	12:50	7:11	7:26
Sat.	6	Sept. 6	4:53	5:03	6:29	12:49	7:10	7:25
Sun.	7	Sept. 7	4:54	5:04	6:29	12:49	7:08	7:23
Mon.	8	Sept. 8	4:55	5:05	6:30	12:49	7:07	7:22
Tue.	9	Sept. 9	4:56	5:06	6:31	12:48	7:06	7:21
Wed.	10	Sept. 10	4:57	5:07	6:31	12:48	7:04	7:19
Thurs.	11	Sept. 11	4:58	5:08	6:32	12:48	7:03	7:18
Fri.	12	Sept. 12	4:58	5:08	6:33	12:47	7:02	7:17
Sat.	13	Sept. 13	4:59	5:09	6:33	12:47	7:00	7:15
Sun.	14	Sept. 14	5:00	5:10	6:34	12:47	6:59	7:14
Mon.	15	Sept. 15	5:01	5:11	6:35	12:46	6:57	7:12
Tue.	16	Sept. 16	5:02	5:12	6:35	12:46	6:56	7:11
Wed.	17	Sept. 17	5:02	5:12	6:36	12:46	6:55	7:10
Thurs.	18	Sept. 18	5:03	5:13	6:37	12:45	6:53	7:08
Fri.	19	Sept. 19	5:04	5:14	6:37	12:45	6:52	7:07
Sat.	20	Sept. 20	5:05	5:15	6:38	12:45	6:50	7:05
Sun.	21	Sept. 21	5:05	5:15	6:39	12:44	6:49	7:04
Mon.	22	Sept. 22	5:06	5:16	6:40	12:44	6:48	7:03
Tue.	23	Sept. 23	5:07	5:17	6:40	12:44	6:46	7:01
Wed.	24	Sept. 24	5:08	5:18	6:41	12:43	6:45	7:00
Thurs.	25	Sept. 25	5:09	5:19	6:42	12:43	6:44	6:59
Fri.	26	Sept. 26	5:09	5:19	6:42	12:42	6:42	6:57
Sat.	27	Sept. 27	5:10	5:20	6:43	12:42	6:41	6:56
Sun.	28	Sept. 28	5:11	5:21	6:44	12:42	6:39	6:54
Mon.	29	Sept. 29	5:12	5:22	6:44	12:41	6:38	6:53
Tue.	30	Sept. 30	5:12	5:22	6:45	12:41	6:37	6:52
Wed.	1	Oct. 1	5:13	5:23	6:46	12:41	6:35	6:50

IECOC RAMADAN SCHEDULE

begins each night ½ hr. before magrib:

- Quran Reading Circle
- Magrib & Isha Prayers
- Iftar
- Dua Iffitah
- Quran Commentary & Lecture on Sura Ankaboot (The Spider/Ch. 29) by Imam Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini in English

● **Special Arabic sessions will be held every Fri., Sat., & Sun. after the English session by Imam al-Qazwini.**

SIGNIFICANT RAMADAN NIGHTS AT IECOC

Laylitul Qadr Nights fall on Ramadan 18th, 20th, & 22nd, programs begin at magrib until dawn.

- 10th of Ramadan: Death of Lady Khadijah (as)
- 15th of Ramadan: Birth of Imam Hassan ibn Ali (as)
- 16th of Ramadan: Night of Isra' & Miraj
- 17th of Ramadan: Battle of Badr
- 18th of Ramadan: Eve of Imam Ali's (as) fatal injury
- 20th of Ramadan: Eve of Imam Ali's (as) martyrdom

Nearly 90 campers from across the western states of America turned out for the IECOC 9th annual summer camp retreat at Tuolumne Trails near Yosemite National Park on Thursday, June 26 thru Sunday, June 29th 2008.

The camp retreat started at 7:00am on Thursday morning at IECOC with a five hour bus ride to the Islamic Cultural Center in Fresno. The community of ICC hosted the camp group with a welcoming ceremony and a luncheon. The brief visit also allowed both communities to share in offering the congregational prayers.

After another three hours of winding and narrow mountain roads the campers arrived at the newly built camp facility of Tuolumne Trails. Since IECOC was the first camp group to open the site, an inauguration tree-planting ceremony was held and Tuolumne Trails was

nights and four days the youths were treated to an array of recreational, spiritual, and intellectual programs—hardly anyone slept! Special guest speakers, such as Imam Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini, Sayed Ali Ghazvini (resident imam, Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno), Sheikh Muhktar Ali (PhD Berkeley graduate), and Hajj Iman Mafi (motivational speaker)



presented with a copy of the Holy Quran and other Islamic books to add to their camp library.

the morning.

A full day was spent at Yosemite National Park. Campers were treated to a scenic and breathtaking view of Yosemite Valley. Everyone enjoyed river rafting down the scenic Merced

provided the mature campers with a variety of Islamic discussions, lectures, and presentations. Intellectually challenging conversations and social youth issues were the highlight and focus of the late night discussions, which lasted nearly into the wee hours of

River—some enjoyed it even more, as they jumped and frolicked in the chilly river. Majestic waterfalls, rivers, and breathtaking views were the highlights of the hikes.

This year's camp skits were exceptional and hilarious! Campers delivered creative and side-splitting Muslim parody. Camp groups presented talented comical tads and bits of what was experienced throughout the camp days.

One of the greatest highlights of the entire camp trip was the embracement of Islam by Sr. Priscilla Bryant, an Idaho resident. She became so moved by the genuine treatment of the young Muslims at camp that it inspired her to revert to Islam. Her moving declaration of the *shahadah* was performed by Imam Al-Qazwini and everyone emotionally embraced her as their new sister in Islam.

The camp ended on Sunday, June 29th with tears and hugs as sisters and brothers said good-bye to one another. This year's IECOC camp retreat was an exceptional memorable experience for all. Every young American Muslim at that camp learned, gained, and grew spiritually and in character.

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IECOC Summer Youth Camp

Eid al-Fitr Day

Unconfirmed Eid al-Fitr date:
Wednesday, October 1st

or

Thursday, October 2nd, 2008

Confirmation of Eid al-Fitr date will be posted on
IECOC website & telephone message.

This year, Eid al-Fitr **PRAYER** may be held at
a different location, please call IECOC or
visit www.iecoc.org for the latest
information.



IECOC in a Year

Programs - Events - Services

- Hajj Group & Hajj Workshop Lessons
- Ten Nights of Muharram and the Day of Ashura
- Anniversary dates of the Holy Prophet, the Twelve Imams, & Lady Fatima al-Zahra (as).
- Summer Youth Camp Retreat
- Shia-Sunni Unity Symposium
- Fiqh Class
- Quran Reading Class
- Estate-Civil Rights-Prayer Workshops
- Arabic Monthly Sessions
- Quranic Insight & Reflection Lecture Series
- Friday Congregational Prayer
- Youth Sessions and Outings
- Weekend Islamic School
- Ahlul-Bayt Essay Contest
- Marriage Ceremony & Solemnization
- Marital Reconciliation
- Family & Youth Counseling

Community Outreach

- Providing relief to the Fire Victims of Orange County
- Interfaith Dialogue "Ask the Clergy"
- Interfaith & Civic Iftar Dinner
- Muslim-LAPD Forum
- Muslim-Catholic Dialogue
- University Student Visit
- Azerbaijani Delegate Visit
- Newport-Mesa-Irvine-Interfaith Council
- Church Visits
- Orphan Assistance to the Children of Karbala

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In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Infinitely Compassionate.

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Hope & Mercy

"O people! A month has approached you laden with blessing, mercy, and forgiveness; it is a month which God regards as the best of all months. Its days, in the sight of God, are the best of days; its nights are the best of nights; its hours are the best of hours..."

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (as)

Ramadan is a month in which you are invited to be the guests of God, and you are regarded during it as worthy of enjoying God's Grace. Your breathing in it praises the Almighty, and your sleeping adores Him. Your voluntary acts of worship are accepted, and your pleas are answered.



Ramadan Audios

The nightly Ramadan lectures by Imam Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini will be available on: www.iecoc.org

Praise be to God, the Holy Month of Ramadan is fast approaching.

We welcome this Month as an opportunity to be God's closest guests. Some Muslims may not realize how important and what a blessing the Month of Ramadan is. In the words of our Holy Prophet Muhammad, may the blessings of peace be upon him and his family, he says it is the Month which invites you to be the guests of God and invites you to be one of those near to Him. This is something to reflect deeply upon.

Why is the Month of Ramadan a unique month?

It is a Month of mercy, hope, forgiveness, and acceptance. It is a month in which your breathing is considered an act of worship, even your sleeping hours are written as giving praise to God.

In a few days, we will have the greatest opportunity to approach God. In a few days, we will have the chance to redeem ourselves by reflecting, praising, and amending our ways. It is the Month to reach out to improve our ties with relatives and friends, to seek and extend the hand of forgiveness to those who you did wrong to or who

wronged you.

Most importantly, the Month of Ramadan is about recognizing God through our deeds. It is a month of self-analysis - *are we living our lives as God has intended?*

The best way to learn how to live a life according to God is by inviting you to the mosque. I encourage you to take the time out of your busy life to join us each night during the Month of Ramadan at IECOC, for an hour or two, to hear and absorb the beautiful words of God. Come and share the breaking of the fast meal with your extended family of brothers and sisters of the Muslim community. God says that if you take one step towards Him, He will come running to you. God is inviting you to His Home during this Month; come let us share and feel His love and mercy together.

Please join us each night at IECOC as we begin our Ramadan program. Quran reading circle will begin half-an-hour before the magrib (sunset), followed by congregational magrib and isha prayers, then we will share in the breaking of the fast meal, afterwards we will recite Dua Iftitah, and end with reflection on God's Holy words from Sura the Spider.