



Leadership Camp

We would like to involve you to make a difference

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Introduction

Famsy and Alnisa Youth Group are in the preliminary stages in the planning of a 3 day leadership camp for young Muslims in Queensland. The camp has been developed and structured to specifically target young men and women, increase their awareness about the pivotal role they play in the community's and country's growth as a whole and equip them with various tools and resources to develop their individual abilities.

We place a strong emphasis on youth leadership and this camp will not stand alone. The camp itself will be preceded and followed with various other activities and events to develop quality Muslim leadership in order to prepare the future leaders of the Muslim Community.

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Why this camp is important?

All communities and societies need leaders to help achieve their goals and objectives. History has shown that a lack of effective leadership can lead to failure and eventual destruction of societies. The incidents around 11 September 2001 have placed the global Muslim communities under intense scrutiny as there is been an obvious and concerted focus on the Muslim communities globally. This has been no less so in Australia. We have seen a far greater and deliberate challenge to all things Muslim, from our religious symbols to our leadership.

These have the greatest impact on our youth whose inability to properly define and articulate a uniquely Muslim identity relevant to Australia.

The future of the Islamic community lies with today's youth. In order to establish and sustain a successful community, it is vital to empower youth with relevant spiritual along with professional knowledge and skills.

The goal of the proposed project is to prepare a group of youth for positions of activism and leadership.

How is this camp different to others?

Most camp run by Muslim organizations are recreational camps for young Muslims with several Islamic lectures infused into the list of activities.

Although the camp be exciting and fun, this camp is different to other camps in that its activities are to develop the leadership capabilities of the participants and aspire them to make a difference to the society they live in. We aim to have activities with involves team work, workshops and projects design with the aim of implementation later in the year.

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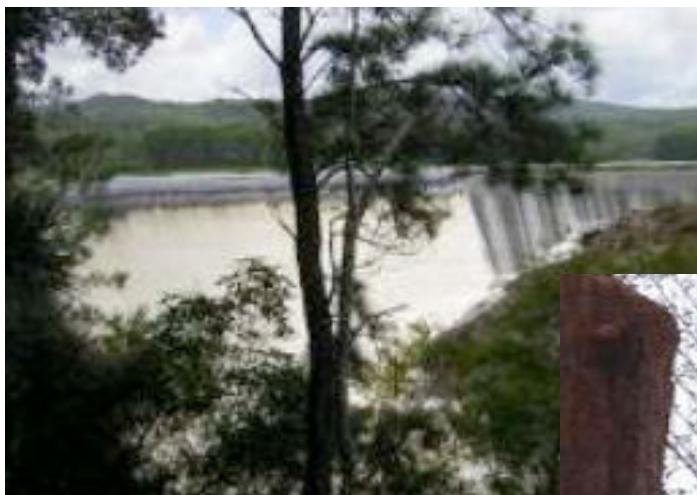


Camp Objectives

The following objectives give an indication of what the camp aims to achieve. The camp aims to deliver a series of events and activities that will enable the participants to build on various individual skills and abilities and utilize those talents to its fullest. With this in mind, the objectives of the camp are as follows:

- ❖ To build strong relationship between participants.
- ❖ To feel the need to contribute to society.
- ❖ To ensure they contribute for the sake of Allah and not for power, status and wealth.(Jihad-un-nafs)
- ❖ To encourage the seeking of knowledge.
- ❖ To work as a team and encourage decisions made through shura.
- ❖ To engage a broad spectrum of people from different backgrounds.
- ❖ To involve both famsy and alnisa members and others.
- ❖ To ensure participants are active after the camp.
- ❖ To encourage continuous personal development.
- ❖ To gain the real life knowledge and skills that will build them as individuals.
- ❖ To have fun.

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How you can be involved?

For local-based community organisations

Identify individuals - Community based organization can assist by identifying four (4) individuals within their mosque or local organisation who aged between 17-30 and have some leadership potential.

Sponsor those individuals – once above individuals are identified, organization can make a difference by sponsoring the individuals to attend the leadership camp. The cost for each individual is a reasonable \$200.

These individuals may contribute back to your organization in the future.

For businesses and non-local based organisations

Sponsor the camp – You are able to contribute to the success of the camp by sponsoring the camp. Your organization or business's name and logo will be shown to have contributed to the success of the camp.

Sponsorship	Amount
Platinum	\$1500
Gold	\$750
Silver	\$500



Who is Famsy and Al-Nisa?

Famsy is a non-profit organisation that is committed to the education, training and development of future community workers with Islamic values for the betterment of the Australian community.

Al-Nisa was established in July 2005 to act as an advocacy body and to provide young Muslim women in Queensland with support and opportunities to express themselves



What FAMSY does

Famsy has been part of the Muslim Community in Australia since 1969, providing a variety of community services to both students and young professionals.

Through a variety of programs FAMSY has made a commitment towards the education, training and development of the future leaders of Australia's Muslim community. We achieve these goals through some of our renowned programs, like:

- Tarbiyah: our mentorship & learning program.
- Sports and recreation: Camps & sporting competitions.
- Workshops: regular "In-focus" sessions on topics like, public speaking, media relations as well as various Islamic topics.
- International speakers: FAMSY has hosted various international speakers and guests annually, since 1982.



What Alnisa does

- social events like the Girls Day Out and movie nights
- educational nights: religious educational seminars that address contemporary issues
- recreational activities: girl camps, sport days
- advocacy through representing Muslim youth at the State and Federal government level and speaking to social and political groups
- sport: soccer, volleyball and basketball activities can be arranged
- personal safety: seminars on personal safety can be arranged
- helping you get your views across: through forums, seminars, talks
- building leadership through contributing to the planning and implementation of activities



The Camp

Target Group

The camp will be targeting a diverse group of Muslim students and youth starting from 17 years of age. Both men and women will be invited to attend the camp. Due to the nature of the camp, and the strong desire to work towards the camp objectives, We envisions a group of 35 attendees. Including the camp organizers and guest members, the total number of individuals should not exceed 50.

Travelling Arrangements

A bus will be organized to transport the campers to and from the camp site. A 60 seater bus will be organized, allowing the sisters to sit at the back of the bus and the brothers in the front, or vice versa as the organizers see fit.

Events, Activities

A number of events, activities and workshops have been arranged for the three days. In terms of the physical aspects the campers will be able to participate in:

- A Jungle Ropes Course
- Hiking
- Various Sporting Activities.

Workshops

Various workshops will be conducted by guest speakers. The workshops are designed to be interactive and get the participants thinking about their roles in society.



Practical Leadership Challenge

While on the camp, participants will be allocated into groups to consider various issues faced by communities in Australia. They will be required to review a chosen issue and design a project aimed at resolve the issue. This will develop their analyzing skills, team work skills, design skills. At the end of the weekend, they will be presenting their proposal to the participants of the camp. The participants will vote for the best proposal.

Participants will then be encouraged to continue their involvement in the proposed project by implementing it after the camp. It is expected that a senior member of the community will mentor the participants to ensure that guidance is provided.

Financial assistance will be provided to the various projects.

Guest Speakers

We has approached various members of the community to participate and be a part of the camp. We believe that their presence will enhance the outcomes of the camp and motivate the participants over the 3 days. The following individuals may present

- Dr. Mohamad Abdalla - a man who needs no introduction. Dr. Abdalla is the director of the Griffith Islamic Research Unit. He is very well respected in the community and shares strong ties with the youth.
- Dr Zachariah Matthews – he has appeared at a number of Islamic forums and conferences, published several papers and given media interviews on Islamic topics. He works actively with Australian youth, is involved with/on the board of several community-based and national organizations and has contributed to various civic initiatives.
- Hanan Dover - Hanan is a practising psychologist and the president of Mission of Hope in Sydney. She is very active in the community and extremely concerned with the welfare and development young Muslims.
- Nazeem Hussein - a young man from Melbourne, Nazeem had made a name for himself with his comedian sketches and his involvement in Salam Cafe. He has gained the respect of many young Muslim men and women through out Australia and will no doubt add a great deal of value to the camp.



Camp Venue

The proposed venue for the camp is at Koonjewarre. This camp site has been specifically chosen as they have the required facilities needed in order to meet the camps objectives.

Koonjewarre, a term used by the Kombumerri clan of the indigenous Yugambeh people translates to "Meeting place on high ground..." perfectly describing this unique accommodation centre or camp in the high country of Springbrook where the "Clouds touch the Earth"!

The venue offers

- *diverse outdoor sporting and recreation opportunities conducive to fitness, health and wellbeing*
- *ready access to a large network of National Park walking tracks*
- *an opportunity to experience the wonder, splendour and tranquility of Springbrook — the jewel in the World Heritage crown*

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