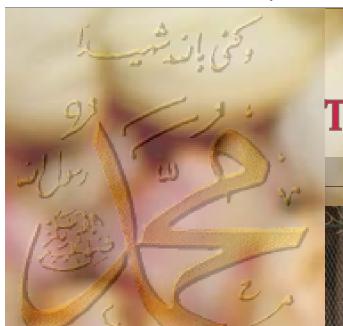
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THE BANAATUN NOOR
THIRD ANNUAL REUNION By Nafisah Begum & Zahidah Faruq



(Above) The Holy Khanqah Gilaniya where many, including some reunion participants, have been blessed with beholding the blessed names of Allah and of the Holy Last Messenger Muahammad, sal Allahu alayhe wa sallam. Other photographs show a few of the hundreds of ladies present at 2008 Banaatun Noor reunion.

66SOME WITNESSED THE NAME OF ALLAH AND THE NAME OF THE HOLY LAST MESSENGER MUHAMMAD, PEACE BE UPON HIM." UPON SEEING MIRACULOUS MANIFESTATIONS, ALL WENT IMMEDIATELY INTO SAJDAH, THANKING ALMIGHTY ALLAH FOR THIS GREAT BENEFIT.

Holy Islamville, SC--"This is your second chance at life, in this life."

These divine words were spoken by his Eminence Sheikh Mubarik Ali Shah Jilani, prior to the blessed Third Annual Banaatun Nur Reunion. The reunion took place in Holy Islamville, SC on June 7-17, 2008. Holy Islamville is where the beautiful Holy Khanqa Gilania is located. Many miracles have been revealed in this blessed Holy Khanqa of the Sufis. People have

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been spiritually healed, spiritually blessed and physical health conditions have been improved and/ totally healed, just by entering into this blessed and revered place. Miracles do continue to happen, even during the Banaatun Nur reunion participants beheld the brilliant shining Nur of the Almighty Creator that turned into rainbows.

Ladies from all around the country traveled to Holy Islamville, South Carolina to attend the

BanaatunNoor Reunion. The air crackled with excitement in the triple digit heat as ladies began to trickle in, in hopes of seeing fellow members their individual chapters. All fall under the umbrella of BanaatunNoor (Daughters of Light) International, established in 1987 by his Eminence Mubarik Ali Shah Gilani. Some of the ladies had not seen each other in the years since they had

the unique opportunity to travel abroad, where they each underwent extensive studies in Islamic education and culture, home economics, and had the opportunity to live with our beloved Murshid, Pir Sahib Sultan Muhyuddin Mubarik Ali Shah Gilani, Hashmi, affording them an opportunity to see, breathe, and live the sunnah of the Beloved of Allah, Syedina Rasooli Akram (peace and blessing be upon his noble person).

They then returned home to their respective areas where they taught

what they learned to their families, friends, and fellow countrymen.

Over the years there have been many other opportunities to educate other Muslim ladies at various camps. This reunion has allowed the members to continue their education and brush up on their various skills.

As the ladies set up the campsite, outdoor kitchen, and atrium where classes would be held, the camaraderie, love, and kinship could be seen everywhere.

At the request of our

Murshid, we came together as a group to make a special du'a (supplication) for El Sheikh's dear friend, Mr.. Sher Khan, who was scheduled to have surgery during the reunion. We were honored to be given the privilege to aid our beloved in this way. This du'a was composed of 12,000 x's Bismillahir Rahman nir Raheem (in the Name of Allah, ArRahman, ArRaheem), twelve nawaful rakaats made in sets of two (to be made after every 1,000 x's recitation of the Basmala); then the du'a was said and continued in this manner

This du'a, composed of words specifically requesting the Almighty Creator to grant good health, freedom from calamities, prosperity, and long life for ourselves, community, participants, and the dear friend of El Sheikh, was to be done over the course of three nights following the evening prayer.

On the second night of the program, over 60 ladies filled the Holy Khanqah Gilaniyah, to continue imploring Almighty Allah for the good health of Mr.. Sher Khan.

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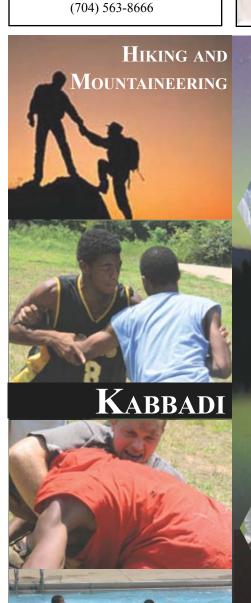
curriculum includes: recitation of Holy Quran, to be completed by all within 30 days; studies from Bukhari Sharif and knowledge of Hadiths; research in Islamic Studies and Islamic Law; the Sirah, or life study, of the Holy Last Messenger (peace be upon him and his family); as well as Conversational Arabic, which will be taught beginning with Book One by the IQOU staff, including staff members who have recently returned from studies at The National University of Modern Languages in Islamabad, Pakistan.

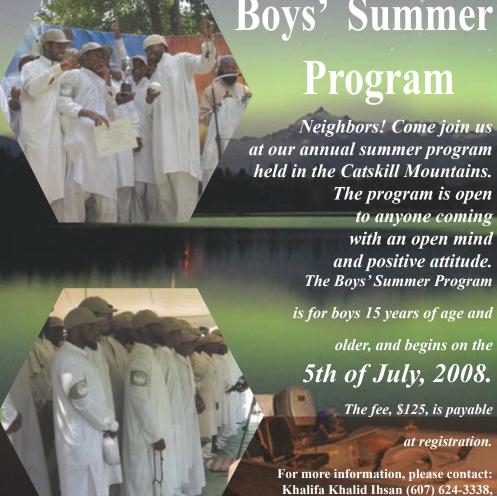
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