

MYNA
QURAN-A-THON
FAQ SHEET:

1. WHAT IS THE QURAN-A-THON?

It's 21 days of friendly competition, open to all ages, right across North America, to read as much Quran as possible, in the blessed month of Ramadan. You can enter as an individual, with friends, as a family, with immediate and extended relatives, as a school wanting to raise funds for your causes, as a charity organization, the list goes on! It's up to you! Participants will be raising money for future youth initiatives supported by ISNA. Also, if participants are entering in groups of 20 and more, they can choose to raise money for the organizations they are registering under.

There are TWO levels of readers, **Level 1 Quran readers** and **Level 2 Quran readers**.
PICK THE LEVEL THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

2. ARE YOU A LEVEL 1 OR LEVEL 2 QURAN READER?

A. Level 1 Quran Readers

- a. Just learned how to read and can read about 1-2 pages a day
- b. Reads fluently but practically doesn't read Quran daily so a few pages a day would still be a POSITIVE CHANGE and SOMETHING MORE in Ramadan!

B. Level 2 Quran Readers

- a. Fluent in reading Quran in Arabic. For them finishing a ½ to 1 juz (1/30th part of the Quran) a day is not a struggle.
- b. They are capable of reading 1 Juz a day or close to it. They will be getting pledges for total juz (parts) they read between Day 1 and 21 of Ramadan.

***Please note that the standard Quran Mus-haf has 20 pages per juz (1/30th part of full Quran) in it.

3. What are the dates for this year's Quran-a-thon?

MAY 5TH TO MAY 25TH

DAY 1 = MAY 5TH

DAY 21 = MAY 25TH

TOTAL DAYS OF COMPETITION = 21 DAYS



4. How do YOU (as a participant) raise money in this?

Step 1: Register at www.myna.org/quranathon and Provide 5 donors/sponsors name MINIMUM

Step 2: When PLEDGESTAR LINK sent to you within 24-48 hours, FILL your info there!

Step 3: May 5th- Start reading as much Quran as possible for 21 days

Step 4: May 25th- Let your donors/sponsors know how much you read in 21 days

Step 5: Have your donors/sponsors submit their pledges before end of Ramadan either through PLEDGESTAR or Cash/Check

Step 6: After submitting all of the above mentioned things, WAIT for your prizes to come in the mail

5. SPONSORS/DONORS? Where do I find them?

Your sponsors/donors are the people that are closest to you and they are easy to find and most of them are looking for a cause to support in the month of Ramadan. Examples of them are mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, grandparents, friends, parents of friends, community members.

Every participant of the Quran-a-thon receives a pledge form through the link provided. The number of sponsors/donors you try to get is unlimited but a good minimum target of **5 sponsors/donors** should help you make a healthy contribution to the Quranathon. The info

required on the pledge forms will be self-explanatory but if you have questions, email ops@myna.org or quranathon@myna.org - After getting your initial contact info from your donor, the communication process will be electronic through PLEDGESTAR. We will have directions and details regarding this posted on our website for you.

YOUR PITCH TO SPONSORS/DONORS

I've joined MYNA's Ramadan Quranathon and plan to read as many pages or juz of Quran as possible. I need you to support me by sponsoring me for this event. Please sponsor me for a \$ amount per page or Juz (you would pick how you want to be sponsored). It's a 21 day competition between me and the rest of the participants and I will let you know how many pages/juz I finish reading by May 25th. I would need to collect the funds or have you pay it through or online platform by then. How much can you sponsor me for this cause?

Example of Level 1 Quran Reader:

Donor pledges you \$2/page. You end up reading 31 pages by Day 21(May 25th). Donor owes you $\$2 \times 31 \text{ pages} = \62 . You communicate this amount to donor and they can pay it through PLEDGESTAR or via check or cash (instructions for how to get check/cash to us will be given).

Example of Level 2 Quran Reader:

Donor pledges you \$1.50/Juz. You end up reading 27 juz (27 parts of the 30 parts) by Day 21(May 25th). Donor gives you $\$1.50 \times 27 \text{ juz} = \40.50 . You communicate this amount to donor and they can pay it through PLEDGESTAR or via check or cash (instructions for how to get check/cash to us will be given).

6. How do YOU (the participant) benefit from this? What is in it for the participant?

This initiative is getting individuals, friends, families, groups across the USA to be **doing** the best thing they can possibly do in the month of Ramadan which is to READ THE QURAN!!!!

Benefits for Participant:

- A. The **PRIMARY** benefit of the participant is the reward with Allah swt of getting closer to Him.
- B. The result of this initiative is raising money for a nonprofit organization that has been serving the the Muslim youth across the U.S. for over 30 years with conferences, camps,

seminars, workshops, and other amazing programs that focus on youth becoming closer to Allah (swt) and Rasool (saw).

- C. Sponsors have a GREAT opportunity to give their ZAKAT and SADAQA to a great cause in the month of Ramadan where every such effort is REWARDED IMMENSELY. Every person a participant approaches for sponsorship is being GIVEN an AMAZING opportunity to GIVE for the sake of ALLAH (SWT). That's an opportunity of Hasanat (REWARDS) knocking at sponsors DOORS!!!
- D. For group participation, a percentage of the money raised by group will go to their organization.
- E. Participants will learn to be involved in healthy competition for the sake of Allah's pleasure, meaning trying to read more than their fellow contestants to be the one who reads the most in their category or even trying to raise more funds than their fellow contestants to give the most to the causes mentioned above. "They are eager to do righteous work; they compete in doing them." QURAN 23:61 They will also learn to approach people and not to hesitate to go forward to speak about the causes they are passionate for or they believe in. This will build confidence and help them for future projects.

6. When do YOUR sponsors/donors pay?

According to the set up, sponsors should pay you starting the evening of Day 21, so May 25th, b/c by then, you should have a total tally of how much you have read and what EACH of YOUR donors/sponsors OWE YOU! You already know what your donor/sponsor's pledge amount is so you have to calculate that with the amount you read. We ENCOURAGE you to collect **between Saturday, May 25th-Sunday, June 2nd** ***NOTE: Some donors who might give a flat amount (not related to how much you read) might pay you sooner than Day 21.

7. How do my sponsors/donors pay?

We encourage and highly recommend all donors to pay through PLEDGESTAR because its an organized and safe way for us to collect and that is the online portal we are using for this event. If your sponsors choose to pay by CASH or CHECK then that will be acceptable as well. Please BE CAREFUL when collecting CASH or CHECKS and remember that it is an AMANA (TRUST) you have that belongs to MYNA.

CHECKS: Checks should be made out to "MYNA FLEX FUND" and the MEMO should say Quran-a-thon

Both cash and checks should be collected and kept in a ziplock back that you should hand over to your parents for them to send to us.

8. How is MYNA measuring success in this Quran-a-thon?

Every participant, for the intention of wanting to compete in something that brings them closer to Allah, is a WINNER in the eyes of MYNA. As a token to recognize and appreciate the participant's efforts, we have a PRIZE SCHEDULE as follows:

9. How can YOU register for this?

You go to www.myna.org and then go to the EVENT tab and then choose Quran-a-thon and fill out the registration form. Once you fill out the form, you will get further instructions emailed to you.

Requirements for Registration:

- A. Fill form with your basic info details
- B. Parent signature for those 16 and younger authorizing your participation and their awareness of you as a contestant.
- C. General info of **minimum 5 donors** and what \$ amount they pledge towards you per page or per Juz (chapter) depending on if you are Level 1 Quran Reader or Level 2 Quran Reader.
- C. For participants 16 years and under, a) Parent's signature verifying what page/juz you are on **Day 7, Day 14, and Day 21** and your parents agreement to sign those 3 times.
Your parent's signature agreeing to take responsibility to get checks/cash you have collected out to MYNA. We will provide detailed instructions including contact info and address for this on our website.
- D. FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS: Your agreement that you will communicate your progress **by MIDNIGHT of Day 7, Day 14, and Day 21**. This info is necessary so that we can have a tally running between regions of the total amount of pages and juz in each region for some healthy competition inshaAllah. Reminders will be sent to your email addresses.
- E. Your agreement that you will attempt to collect funds from your donors between **May 25th-June 2nd**. (collection can happen before and after these dates but these dates would be ideal.)

10. For further questions/concerns, who do YOU call or connect with?

You text Rahela Mallick at 214.335.5511 or email at guranathon@myna.org and Br. Adil Lakhani at 317.497.5823 or email at ops@myna.org