

Guideline:

Ramadan Achiever 1445 Badge

Special Badge for Ramadan 1445

Introduction

Duty to Allah is a fundamental principle of Scouting. As Muslims our faith provides a framework for how we live our lives – it's about putting our faith first, not trying to fit our faith around the rest of their life. As Scouts every action we take and every activity we part-take should always be in line with the values of Islam.

Ramadan is the month in which the Quran, the holy book of Islam, was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through the angel Jibreel. The timing of revelation is given special significance and is known as Laylatul Qadr or the Night of Power.

In chapter 2 verse 183 the Quran says, "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those who were before you, in order that you may learn taqwa (piety)".

Taqwa is a very important spiritual and ethical term of the Quran. It is the sum total of all Islamic spirituality and ethics. It is a quality in a believer's life that keeps him or her aware of Allah all the time. A person who has taqwa loves to do good and avoid evil for the sake of All. Taqwa is piety, righteousness and consciousness of Allah. Taqwa requires patience and perseverance. Fasting teaches patience, and with patience one can rise to the high position of taqwa.

We Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan – aiming to grow in spirituality by building a stronger relationship with the almighty creator Allah.

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, the Scout Association of Maldives is launching a special badge for all age sections, encouraging all our youth members to make most of the month, to strive to become the best version of ourselves.

Objective of the badge

The Ramadan Achiever 1445 Badge aims to encourage Maldivian Scouts to grow spiritually during Ramadan. Youth Members will deepen their understanding of Ramadan, engage in fasting and prayer with devotion, embody values like kindness and foster community spirit.

Getting Started

To achieve the Ramadan Achiever 1445 Badge, Youth Members are required to complete the tasks and requirements as per their age section. Some requirements are compulsory while there are also some requirements that youth members can choose from.

Prior to the start of the badge requirements, the Scout Leader is required to have a badge introduction meeting with Youth Members, explaining the objective of the Badge, explaining that the badge is a motivator to make the best out of the month of Ramadan and to be mindful and to encourage Youth Members to do more and to continue what they do in terms of regular prayers and recitation of Quran etc. even after Ramadan, using this month to ignite their inner faith and spiritual growth. It is essential that Youth Members and Leaders don't get too wrapped up in the badge requirements and tasks, forgetting about the real purpose behind the month of Ramadan.

Badge Requirements and Tasks for each Age Section:

Pre-Cub Section

1. Pre-cubs are required to complete all the below tasks.
 - 1.1. Take part in a Colony Meeting that is dedicated to learning about the importance of Ramadan and the story of Laylatul Qadr.
 - 1.2. Help prepare a simple meal for Iftar (breaking the fast) at home.
 - 1.3. Spend time every day to recite verses of Quran.
 - 1.4. Memorize the Surah Al-Fatihah.
 - 1.5. Attend the Eid al-Fitr prayer congregation.

Cub Scout Section

1. Cub Scouts are required to complete all the below tasks.
 - 1.1. Help prepare simple meal for Iftar (breaking the fast) at home on at least three separate days.
 - 1.2. At home, help prepare a food item or drinks (juice) to take to the mosque in time for the iftar (breaking the fast) for those breaking their fast at the mosque at least once during the month.
 - 1.3. During the month recite at least three Juz (books) from the Quran.
 - 1.4. Memorize at least one new Surah during Ramadan.
 - 1.5. Maintain a Ramadan prayer table and ensure that all prayers are completed.
 - 1.6. Join at least five Taraweeh prayers at a mosque in congregation.
 - 1.7. Attend the Eid al-Fitr prayer congregation.
2. Complete at least two tasks from the below list of activities:
 - 2.1. As a pack/scout group, organize and join visits to the elderly or the sick/ill (health center/hospital) on Eid al-Fitr.
 - 2.2. As a pack/scout group, organize an iftar (breaking the fast) for Cubs in the pack and their parents, where cubs help prepare food items.
 - 2.3. As a pack/scout group, attend a religious session / sermon during the month.
 - 2.4. As a pack/scout group, help at the local mosque in preparing for the iftar (breaking the fast) on at least two separate days.
3. Keep a simple record: Document with photos of all activities and tasks undertaken to complete the Ramadan Achiever 1445 in your personal logbook.

Scout Section

1. Scouts are required to complete all the below tasks.
 - 1.1. Help prepare simple meal for Iftar (breaking the fast) at home on at least five separate days.
 - 1.2. Help prepare a food item or drinks (juice) to take to the mosque in time for the iftar (breaking the fast) for those breaking their fast at the mosque at least thrice during the month.
 - 1.3. During the month recite at least ten Juz (books) from the Quran.
 - 1.4. Memorize at least three new Surah during Ramadan.
 - 1.5. Maintain a Ramadan prayer table and ensure that all prayers are completed.
 - 1.6. Join all Taraweeh prayers at a mosque in congregation and encourage at least one non-scout to join the Taraweeh prayer with you.
 - 1.7. Attend and provide help at the Eid al-Fitr prayer congregation.
 - 1.8. As a troop/scout group, organize and attend a religious session / sermon open for public during the month.

2. Complete at least two tasks from the below list of activities:
 - 2.1. As a Troop/scout group, organize and join visits to the elderly or the sick/ill (health center/hospital) on Eid al-Fitr.
 - 2.2. As a troop/scout group, organize an iftar (breaking the fast) for Scouts and their parents, where Scouts help prepare food items.
 - 2.3. Identify a family in the community that may live in difficult circumstances, and arrange a iftar (breaking the fast) for the family.
 - 2.4. As a troop/scout group, help at the local mosque in preparing for the iftar (breaking the fast) on at least five separate days.
 - 2.5. As a Troop/scout group, with the support of a religious scholar / Islam teacher, learn about Zakat, how to calculate Zakat and the importance of Zakat in Islam.
 - 2.6. As a troop/scout group, organize a Community Service activity to carry out during the month, using the Plan > Do > Review approach and share results through social media with hashtags #RamadanChallenge1445 and #ScoutsMv

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Rover Scout Section

1. Rover Scouts are required to complete all the below tasks.
 - 1.1. Prepare a food item or drinks (juice) to take to the mosque in time for the iftar (breaking the fast) for those breaking their fast at the mosque at least thrice during the month.
 - 1.2. Identify a family in the community that may live in difficult circumstances, and arrange a iftar (breaking the fast) for the family.
 - 1.3. Accomplish the full recitation of Quran during the month.
 - 1.4. Memorize at least three new Surah during Ramadan.
 - 1.5. Maintain a Ramadan prayer table and ensure that all prayers are completed.
 - 1.6. Join all Taraweeh prayers at a mosque in congregation and encourage at least one non-scout to join the Taraweeh prayer with you.
 - 1.7. Join at least five Tahajjud prayers at a mosque in congregation.
 - 1.8. Attend and provide help at the Eid al-Fitr prayer congregation.
 - 1.9. As a Rover Crew, carry out a service project during the month of Ramadan using the Plan > Do > Review approach and share results through social media with hashtags #RamadanChallenge1445 and #ScoutsMv
 - 1.10. As a Rover Crew, help at the local mosque in preparing for the iftar (breaking the fast) on at least five separate days.
 - 1.11. As a Rover Crew, organize and attend a religious session / sermon open for public during the month.

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