



To the Parents and Family Members of a proud MIST competitor,

As you're well aware, your child has participated in the Muslim Inter-Scholastic Tournament (MIST) this past month from April 5th to 7th. If you're reading this letter, then we are proud to inform you that your child not only competed at our New York state-wide regional tournament, but they succeeded in ranking as one of the best in their category! Out of more than 400 competitors, your child has secured a ranking within the Top 5 of their category, and as such we are excited to inform you that they have qualified to advance to the next level of MIST and compete on a National scale against the best competitors from all over North America.

The MIST National Tournament is an incredible opportunity offered exclusively to the highest ranking MIST competitors to reach even higher and take their shot at becoming National champions in their categories. The MIST National Tournament follows the same rules, format, environment, and networking opportunities that our NY regional tournament establishes, but vastly expands upon the intensity of the competitions and brings together Muslim high schoolers from every corner of the nation to face off against one another.

Each year a different MIST Region hosts the National Tournament, and invites the highest ranking competitors from all of the MIST Regions to attend. This year, MIST Detroit will be the National host, and as such, our region (New York) as well as all of the other regions, will be traveling to Detroit for the tournament which is on the weekend of July 5th to 7th. As MIST Organizers, we have taken it upon ourselves to completely plan out and personally supervise all of the preparations and logistical aspects of the entire journey to make it as safe, secure, and streamlined as possible for all of our competitors who wish to attend. We accompany the competitors as well to ensure that all safety, security, and supervision protocols are properly adhered to and followed. In this invitation letter, you will find all of the details of our trip, as well as a checklist for the forms requesting your permission to allow us to accept your child as an advancing competitor to the National Tournament.

As an organizer who has helped to organize and lead the MIST New York team to the National Tournament multiple times, this will be my fourth year assisting with this amazing undertaking and I offer you my personal assurance that we will take every precaution necessary to not only make this as enjoyable and safe a trip as possible, but to also ensure the very best means for your child to reach for success in their passions and bring home awards worthy of national recognition, and worthy of your pride as a parent. We sincerely hope that you gladly accept our invitation and grant your child the opportunity to compete in this amazing tournament, and if possible, we even hope that you consider joining us for the trip as well!

Salaams,
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MIST NATIONALS 2013

MIST New York's Trip Details

VENUE: Wayne State University in Detroit, MI

PROGRAM:

- Begins: Friday, July 5th at 12:00PM
- Ends: Sunday, July 7th 6:00PM

REGISTRATION:

- All attendees **must** register properly as Competitors, Guests, or Coaches.
- Registration Fees:
 - **Competitors and Guests: \$60** (\$5 late fee after June 1st)
 - Coaches: 1 free coach per 7 competitors/guests registered
 - ***Fee is all inclusive of meals, lecture sessions, touring sites, and spectating at competitions.***

TRANSPORTATION:

We will insha'Allah be traveling overnight via Coach Bus from Jamaica, New York to Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. The bus trip itself will be approximately 11 to 15 hours long, accounting for possible rest stops and traffic (keeping in mind we are departing on July 4th weekend). Jamaica Muslim Center will be the start and end spot for the bus trip. The coach bus will serve as our means of shuttling between the hotel and the university campus each day. Competitors traveling with family **must** arrange their own shuttling between the hotel and venue, as seats on our coach bus will be used for shuttling by those who traveled on it from New York.

- **Coach Bus Information:**
 - Depart/Return Site: Jamaica Muslim Center (8537 168th Street, Jamaica, NY, 11432)
 - Bus Fee: A **fee of \$105.00 will be charged** for all attendees wishing to reserve a seat on the coach bus. We have reserved two 57-passenger buses and only the first 114 seats will be reserved, based on a first come-first serve basis. This fee is inclusive of a round trip from New York to Detroit, and includes the daily shuttling service between the campus and the hotel.
 - Competitors, coaches, and guests traveling via bus **MUST report to the Masjid on Thursday, July 4th, by 6PM latest.** Competitors arriving later than the given time may not be guaranteed a seat on the bus, and may have to either carpool to Detroit or miss the tournament entirely.

HOTEL:

- Lodging will be provided to all National Tournament attendees at the following hotel:
***DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Downtown Detroit – Fort Shelby
525 W Lafayette Blvd, Detroit, MI***
- Two types of suites are available:
 - Two queen beds + 1 queen sofa roll-out bed (fits 6 people) – limited quantities available.
 - One king bed + 1 queen sofa roll-out bed (fits 4 people)
- Hotel amenities include free wireless internet, continental breakfast, and \$15 overnight parking.
- Attendees staying at the hotel with us **must fill out [this form](#) and pay a fee of \$40.**
- Competitors who wish to stay with family in a private room must inform us separately to see if it is possible to make these accommodations.

FOOD:

- Free complimentary continental breakfast will be provided Saturday and Sunday mornings at the hotel.
- Lunch and Dinner on Friday and Saturday will be provided at MIST, which is included in the registration fee charge.
- Sunday: Lunch will be provided at MIST, which is included in the registration fee price. Dinner will be arranged by the NY Organizers
- Attendees are free to purchase or bring their own food if they so wish. Attendees are expected to bring money to cover meals for Friday breakfast and Sunday dinner, as these will not be provided by MIST. MIST Detroit will be providing all attendees with a comprehensive list of local restaurants for additional meal options. Zabiha/halal options are also available on or around the university campus.

SUPERVISION:

All competitor teams will have coaches assigned to them, who will act as supervisors over each group of competitors. In addition, us organizers will also act as de-facto coaches for an added level of supervision and support. Your child's coach's and our contact information will be provided to all competitors and their parents, so if a parent is unable to directly reach their child, the coaches and us organizers will be available to connect you to them, or relay messages.

EMERGENCY:

God forbid, in the event of an emergency or an unforeseen circumstance, we ask that you please provide us with your contact information so that we may reach you immediately. Every effort will be made to address the situation quickly and efficiently, and notification to parents or guardians will be made immediately.

PRICE BREAKDOWN:

All of the costs associated with MIST Nationals are summarized here for your convenience. Again, keep in mind that hotel and/or travel fees may be waived if you choose to make your own arrangements rather than use the arrangements we've provided.

Registration Fee for Competitors and Guests:

Early fee: **\$60** -- Deadline: **June 1st**

Late fee: **\$65** (if registered after June 1st) -- Deadline: **June 5th**

Coach Bus Fee: \$105.00

Hotel Room Fee: \$40.00

TOTAL COST: \$205.00 (Early Registration) or \$210 (Late Registration)

CHECKLIST: Below is a checklist of all the paperwork that needs to be taken care of and/or submitted. All forms will be available on our website at getmistified.com/newyork

- MIST Tournament Registration [Due June 1st for early, June 5th for late registration]
- Completed Signature Form
- Completed Liability Form
- Completed Code of Conduct Form
- Submitted Online Hotel Reservation Form [Due May 25th]