

17th Annual MSA Showdown
Official Registration Packet

From Earthly Seeds to
Heavenly Blossoms



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AYO SALAM WELCOME TO DALLAS!

Showdown brings together collegiate MSAs across Texas for friendly competitions, religious lectures, and other events. Showdown is an amazing way to meet and create bonds with Muslim college students from all across the state! Inshā'Allāh, this opportunity will allow you to have fun, gain knowledge, and create lifelong friendships — all while growing as Muslims. The MSA Lone Star Council and the Muslim Student Association at UTD are excited to welcome you to the 17th Annual MSA Showdown at the University of Texas at Dallas!

OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the relationships between the MSA Lone Star Council & MSAs in Texas
- Develop brotherhood & sisterhood and facilitate unity among and within MSAs in Texas
- Create and foster an environment for spiritual growth
- Showcase creative talent and skills of Muslim students

LINKS

- Registration
- Competitions Packet
- Registration Packet (this one)
- LSC Website (roster and submissions)



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EARTHLY SEEDS TO HEAVENLY BLOSSOMS



"If the Hour starts to happen and in the hand of one of you is a palm, shoot, or seedling; then if he's able to plant it before the Hour happens, then let him plant it".

- As-Silsilah as-Saheehah #9

As the world is crumbling, the sun is rising from the west, the mountains are turning to dust, and everyone will be worried about their well-being in the last hour of the universe. In those final moments, when no trees will ever have the opportunity to bear fruits, the Prophet Muhammad SAW encourages us to plant seeds regardless.

As Muslims living in America, it is our responsibility to build upon the path paved by the prophets to establish and nurture Islam in a context that spans multiple generations, no matter the measure, creating an environment where our descendants can live as strong Muslims not shaken by the ever-changing winds of society around us.

"Were you present when Jacob faced the hour of death, and he asked his sons, who will you worship after me? They answered We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac: the one God; we have submitted ourselves to Him"

- Al-Baqarah 2:133

From the time of Adam (AS) to the era of the Prophets who followed and carried the Islamic teachings for generations, the thread of legacy has been woven into the fabric of history. Legacy encompasses all the thoughts, experiences, and lessons from the past, present, and future; the timeless pursuit of goodness and the foundational growth of instilling strong roots that will carry over to the next generation.

What will you pass on? How can you plant seeds that will impact generations to come?





REGISTRATION



Regular Registration

+ Free Shirt (\$45)

Tuesday January 23rd by 11:59 PM CT

all competitors are REQUIRED to register by this deadline

Late Registration

(\$55)

Wednesday, February 28th by 10:00 PM CT

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- access to all showdown competitions/programs
- four (4) meals
- 2024 showdown wristband

ONLY FOR REGULAR REGISTRANTS

- showdown themed shirt
- custom name badge
- discounted hotel rates

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Registration is not complete until payment is received. Individual registration is required. No refunds will be issued to an individual or MSA that is unable to attend after registering and submitting a payment online.

A participant must be fully registered by the submission deadline for their respective competition. Fully registered means that the registration form was completed and payment was received. To verify payment, a Stripe receipt will be sent via email to the registrant. All competitors on rosters must also be registered by the rosters deadline.

Sports

Basketball (Brothers' & Sisters')
 Volleyball (Brothers' & Sisters')
 Soccer (Brothers' & Sisters')
 Table Tennis (Brothers' & Sisters')
 Track & Field (Brothers' & Sisters')
 Dodgeball (Sisters')
 Flag Football (Brothers')
 Super Smash Bros (Mixed)
 Catan (Brothers' & Sisters')

Films

Short Film: Comedy
 Short Film: Drama
 Promo Video
 Public Service Announcement

Career

Research Showcase
 Business Venture

Design

Children's Storybook Design
 Fashion Design
 Physical Scrapbook
 T-Shirt Design

COMPETITIONS

Qur'an

Knowledge Bowl
 Tajweed
 Nasheed
 Qur'an Memorization

School-wide

#RaceToShowdown2024
 Project Sadaqa

Writing & Oratory

Extemporaneous Speaking
 Performance Poetry
 Written Poetry
 Ready Writing
 Prepared Essay

Arts

Art: General 2D
 Art: General 3D
 Art: Calligraphy
 Photography
 Event Photography

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



01/06
1:00PM CT



01/26
11:59PM CT



01/26
11:59PM CT



02/10
7:00PM CT



02/17
11:59PM CT



03/01
10:00PM CT



03/01
11:00PM CT

**T SHIRT DESIGN SUBMISSIONS
DUE**

REGULAR REGISTRATION DUE
**ALL COMPETITORS (INCLUDING SPORTS) MUST BE
REGISTERED BY THIS DEADLINE**

**ROSTERS FOR
SPORTS AND COMPETITIONS DUE**

**MANDATORY CAPTAINS' MEETING
FOR ALL SPORTS**

**ALL PRE-SUBMISSION COMPETITIONS
DUE**

**ALL PROJECT SADAQA OFFLINE
DONATIONS DUE**
#RACETOSHOWDOWN2024 ENDS

LATE REGISTRATION ENDS

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SHOWDOWN SCHEDULE '24

FRIDAY 03.01.2024 | 3PM - 12AM

REGISTRATION

3:00PM - 10:00PM

QUR'AN TAJWEED

4:00PM - 8:00PM

QUR'AN MEMORIZATION

4:00PM - 8:00PM

BUSINESS VENTURE

6:00PM - 8:00PM

RESEARCH SHOWCASE

6:00PM - 8:00PM

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

PRELIMS

6:30PM - 8:00PM

OPENING CEREMONY + KEYNOTE

8:00PM - 9:00PM

PROGRAMS

SHOWDOWN GRAND FESTIVAL

3:00PM - 12:00AM

ROLL CALL

9:00PM - 11:00PM

PRAYER TIMES

JUMMAH @ 2:00PM

GALAXY ROOMS A,B,C

ASR | 4:00 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A,B,C

MAGHRIB | 6:30 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A,B,C

ISHA | 7:30 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A,B,C

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SHOWDOWN SCHEDULE '24

SATURDAY 03.02.2024 | MORNING

LATE REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 9:30AM

READY WRITING

8:00AM - 11:00AM

**SISTERS' DODGEBALL
SISTERS' SOCCER
BROTHERS' BASKETBALL
BROTHERS' VOLLEYBALL**

8:00AM - 2:00PM

ART SUBMISSION

9:00AM - 11:00AM

CATAN PRELIMS

9:00AM - 11:00AM

SISTERS' TABLE TENNIS

9:00AM - 12:00PM

LUNCH

12:00PM - 2:00PM

**BROTHERS' TABLE
TENNIS**

1:00PM - 4:00PM

PROGRAMS

BREAKFAST SOCIAL

8:00AM - 10:00AM

SERVICE EVENT + COFFEE

10:00AM - 12:00PM

ART GALLERY

11:00AM - 6:00PM

PRAYER TIMES

FAJR | 6:00 AM

SU GREEN

DHUHR | 1:00 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A, B, C

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SHOWDOWN SCHEDULE '24

SATURDAY 03.02.2024 | AFTERNOON

PRELIMS

SISTERS' BASKETBALL
SISTERS' VOLLEYBALL
BROTHERS' SOCCER
BROTHERS' FOOTBALL
2:00PM - 6:00PM

BROTHERS' TRACK

2:00PM - 4:00PM

ESPORTS

3:00PM - 6:00PM

CATAN FINALS

4:00PM - 6:00PM

SISTERS' TRACK

4:00PM - 6:00PM

DINNER

5:00PM - 7:00PM

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

5:00PM - 8:00PM

PROGRAMS

SUHBAH SOCIAL

3:00PM - 5:00PM

PERFORMANCE POETRY

6:00PM - 9:00PM

FILM FEST +

BONFIRE/HALAQA

9:00PM - 1:00AM

Qalam

PRAYER TIMES

ASR | 4:00 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A, B, C

MAGHRIB | 6:30 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A, B, C

ISHA | 7:30 PM

GALAXY ROOMS A, B, C

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SHOWDOWN SCHEDULE '24

SUNDAY 03.03.2024 | 8AM - 4PM

**FINALS
SISTERS' BASKETBALL
SISTERS' VOLLEYBALL
8:00AM - 10:00AM**

**FINALS
BROTHERS' SOCCER
BROTHERS' FOOTBALL
8:00AM - 10:00AM**

**SISTERS' NASHEED
10:00AM - 12:30PM**

**BROTHERS' NASHEED
10:00AM - 12:30PM**

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL
FINALS
10:00AM - 12:30PM**

PROGRAMS

**BREAKFAST BUFFET
8:00AM - 12:00PM**

**AWARDS CEREMONY
1:00PM - 3:30PM**

PRAYER TIMES

FAJR | 6:00 AM

DHUHR | 1:00 PM

ASR | 4:00 PM

MSA RESERVED HOTELS



50 rooms
1 king, 1 sofa bed + kitchen
FREE breakfast
5 min from campus

\$99/NIGHT

BOOKING LINK

Friday February 1st by 11:59 PM CT

Residence Inn by Marriott Dallas Plano/Richardson
1705 E President George Bush Hwy, Plano, TX 75074
(972) 424-9101



50 rooms
2 queen bed
\$129 priced breakfast
7 min from campus

\$109/NIGHT

BOOKING LINK

BOOKING LINK + BREAKFAST

Friday February 1st by 11:59 PM CT

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas - Richardson
1981 N Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080
(972) 644-4000

MSA Lone Star Council has contracted with 2 hotels to provide you with discounted rates. There are 50 rooms for each hotel, but more can be added if necessary. Each room can accommodate 4 people. Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check with your MSA president and/or Showdown Coordinator to see where most of your MSA will be staying!

The deadline to book through this contracted rate is February 1st, 2023, after which the link will be inactive.

OTHER ACCOMODATIONS

Additional Hotel Recommendations

Below is a list of other hotel options in Richardson! However, we highly recommend staying with the hotels we provide. For full transparency, there is a NCAA Cheerleading Championship happening this same weekend, resulting in a majority of the hotels to be booked. We blocked out these rooms for you all for convenience purposes, both with price and location. However, we understand that these hotels may not be for everyone and we have listed other locations. Below, you'll find a selection of hotels positioned along US 75 highway. The key benefit of being near US 75 is that it connects this location to Downtown, providing students with convenient access to popular attractions like the AT&T Discovery District. In addition to the below locations, we also recommend Airbnb and other home rental services.

HOTEL NAME	ADDRESS	BOOKING LINK
SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT DALLAS RICHARDSON/UNIVERSITY AREA	18180 HIGHLAND SPGS, DALLAS, TX 75252	https://www.marriott.com/reservation/rateListMenu.mi?defaultTab=standard
HILTON GARDEN INN DALLAS/RICHARDSON	1001 W PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH HWY, RICHARDSON, TX 75080	https://www.hilton.com/en/brands/hilton-garden-inn/
WINGATE BY WYNDHAM RICHARDSON/DALLAS	1577 GATEWAY BLVD, RICHARDSON, TX 75080	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate/hotel-deals
HAMPTON INN & SUITES DALLAS/RICHARDSON	2250 N GLENVILLE DR, RICHARDSON, TX 75082	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/daldrhx-hampton-suites-dallas-richardson/
RENAISSANCE DALLAS RICHARDSON HOTEL	900 E LOOKOUT DR, RICHARDSON, TX 75082	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dalrd-renaissance-dallas-richardson-hotel/overview/

Need additional help?

If you have questions regarding accommodations/booking rooms, or would like to see if a brother/sister would be willing to host you, please contact the Accommodation Chairs listed below. Please let us know if you are unable to cover for a hotel, and need a place to stay.

Accommodation Chairs

Sisters - Muriam Ahmad (682-304-3180)
Brothers - Yaseen Khalilullah (214-430-2120)

PACKING LIST

- THIS packet. It has directions on it so save this on your phone!
- Cash and/or credit/debit cards
- Driver's license and school ID (for check-in)
- Health insurance card (in case of an emergency)
- Blanket, pillow(s), inflatable mattress, and/or sleeping bag
- Your MSA T-shirt(s)
- Tennis shoes
- Shower supplies & personal items (towels, toothbrush, deodorant)
- Cell phone & laptop chargers
- First aid supplies & medications
- Reusable water bottle
- Snacks
- Modest attire
- Umbrella
- Salah necessities (hijabs, prayer rugs)

REGULATIONS

- All Showdown competitors must meet the following requirements: be a member of a university/collegiate MSA registered with LSC and 18 years or older. Only current students or alumni who graduated in Fall 2022 or onwards can compete. Alumni that have graduated before Fall 2022 can attend, but not compete, at Showdown.
- LSC reserves the right to disqualify or eject any Showdown attendee for inappropriate behavior or suspicion of dishonesty.
- LSC reserves the right to make any changes to the stated rules and regulations, as deemed necessary.
- Plagiarized and/or AI-generated submissions for competitions will result in an automatic disqualification. Each competition entry/submission must be unique.
- Any participant who enters a competition late is subject to disqualification at the discretion of the competition's judge(s).
- Participants must be wearing their Showdown wristbands and badges at all times and will not be allowed to enter event areas without their wristband.
- Dress code for both brothers and sisters should be loose fitting and not transparent. Feel free to wear your school's MSA shirt if available.
- Schools may under NO circumstances use or bring any of the following materials:
 - Decorative items or spirit gear that will leave a mess behind (i.e. glitter, smoke bombs, etc.)
 - Instruments of any kind (cow bells, drums, etc.)

We strongly recommend that your school print and bring at least one copy of this packet. It is your responsibility to check the LSC website for the most up to date versions of this packet.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I register through my MSA or do I register myself?

- Registration is done individually. Some MSAs may have a form that you're required to fill out so that they can plan lodging & transportation; however, you must still register yourself with us in order to be considered fully registered for Showdown.

Q: I have an exam that weekend so I can't go. Can I leave Showdown early?

- Yes, you don't have to stay for the entire weekend! While we recommend staying for the entirety of Showdown to gain the full experience, we understand that everyone's circumstances are different. If you need to leave early, let your MSA President/Showdown Coordinator know.
 - If you're participating in a prejudged competition like Written Poetry or Short Film, and aren't able to physically attend Showdown, that's okay! You'll still need to register in order for your piece to be entered and judged in the competition.

Q: I can't come to Friday of Showdown. Is there a way I can still check-in and attend?

- Yes! email exec@msa-texas.org with any concerns and we'll try to figure out a way you can attend showdown.

Q: This is the first time our MSA is going to Showdown. Can someone help us keep track of what to do?

- Absolutely! Please check page 5 of this document for a list of all the documents and forms needed to be done before attending Showdown. Also, please reach out to us via email (exec@msa-texas.org) and our Community Directors will follow up with you.

Q: I have a lot of questions about Showdown. Who can I talk to?

- Email exec@msa-texas.org or on social media (@msalsc).

Q: My school doesn't have an MSA but I still want to compete/attend Showdown. Is this possible?

- ABSOLUTELY! On the registration form, be sure to specify your school under "Other". If your school doesn't have an MSA and you'd like to compete in something, contact exec@msa-texas.org, so that we can try to accommodate your request(s).

Q: How can my MSA afford hotel & transportation costs for our members?

- We recommend asking your university's student government for funding, doing fundraisers on campus (bake sales, profit shares, etc.), and asking for donations at the masjid. Additionally, LSC does provide MSAs with grant funding, with certain requirements in place.

Q: What is required for sports jerseys?

All jerseys must be the same color as their team. Numbers must be printed on the back. Names are not required but are encouraged. Jerseys do not need to be fancy or expensive; simple jerseys available at Academy or Walmart suffice. Additionally, jersey designs can be handmade, with the numbers printed on the back of each jersey in bold/fabric paint. Tape is not allowed.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS FOR
SHOWDOWN 2024!**

JAZĀKALLĀHU KHAYRAN



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