



MUNA Youth Annual Syllabus 2015

Towards a Unified Youth Halaqah Structure

The MUNA East Zone Youth section has been growing rapidly in the recent years. It is a great blessing that we now have over a dozen sub chapters in several states, spanning from Massachusetts to Virginia. With each subchapter holding their own weekly or bi-weekly halaqas, it is important that we start to move towards a unified structure for running the youth halaqas.

The Educational Department proposes a basic structure to serve as a rubric for the upcoming sub-chapter halaqas. This structure is open to discussion and change. We would like to take into account the particularities and circumstances of each subchapter and create a universal structure that can be implemented throughout the entire zone.

The structure is composed of an introduction, fundamental sections, optional sections, and conclusion. Each section will be discussed in detail, and suggested times will be given.

General Guidelines

The theme of this year's youth halaqas is Islamic education and personal development. It's important to be very consistent when planning these halaqas. They should be done on a weekly basis, if possible. After discussing with everyone in the subchapter, a certain day and time of the week should be selected and set for the halaqas. Our goal is to have 3 halaqas a month that follow the standard structure. Additionally, there should also be one monthly gathering for an extended progress assessment (Quiz and Follow Up), MUNA planning, and a unique session or activity in place of the Tarbiyyah session.

Introduction

The *Ameer* (leader) of the halaqah should open with a proper introduction derived from the Sunnah of our prophet. The introduction is recited in Arabic and English, and consists of *Tahmeed* towards Allah, and *Tasleem* towards the Messenger (*SAW*) and his followers. There are many variations of this opening. The following is a standard:

Al-hamdu li-llahi rabbil-'alamin. As-salatu was-salamu 'ala rasulihil-karim. Wa 'ala aalihi wa as'habih wa man tabi'ahum bil-ihsanihi ila yawm-iddin. Amma ba'ad.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. And may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His Noble Messenger (*SAW*), upon his friends and companions, and all those who follow their path until the Last Day. To proceed:

Assalamu 'alaykum wa rahmatu-llahi wa barakatuh.

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon you all.

Fundamental Sections

The fundamental sections are sections that should be included in each regular halaqah. There are 4 fundamental sections: Qur'an, Hadith, Tarbiyyah, and Follow Up. There should be someone assigned to each section, either by schedule or the previous session. The follow up should be done by the Ameer. **Note: This is a guideline to be implemented by the discretion of the Ameer. If at anytime the Ameer wishes to modify this plan or the duration of the Halaqa he is entitled to do so.**

1) Qur'an (15 minutes)

It is a Sunnah of our prophet and his followers to open an Islamic discussion with the recitation of the Qur'an. The objective of this is to establish a firm connection in our hearts to the Qur'an and to always refer back to it throughout the discourse. This section should immediately follow the introduction.

The reciter should commence with the *Tasmiyah* and recite a portion of the Qur'an in Arabic, followed by its translation. Then, he should give a short explanation with lessons, followed by a group discussion. It's recommended that the reciter research the context and explanation of the Ayaat prior to the halaqah.

Recommended resources:

The Holy Qur'an in Today's English (Yahiya Emerick).

Tafhim al-Qur'an (englishtafsir.com),

Tafsir Ibn Kathir, <http://mquran.org/content/section/1/2/>

Maariful Qur'an, Tafseer, <http://www.maarifulquran.net/>

Videos by Nouman Ali Khan. <https://www.youtube.com/NAKcollection>

Quran Weekly. <https://www.youtube.com/QuranWeekly>

2) Hadith (15 minutes)

The purpose of reading a Hadith of our prophet is to bring ourselves closer to him and learn from his examples. In this section, a hadith is read along with its explanation, followed by a group discussion. This section should follow the Qur'an section. For best possible benefits, the Ahadith should be read in order from a specified book.

Our goal for 2015 is to complete 36 out of the 42 Hadith of Nawawi. In the coming years, after the completion of Nawawi's collection, we should start from the beginning of Riyad us-Saliheen and continue until the end. Then we should cover some Ahadith al-Qudsi, and after that, some commonly quoted fabricated Hadith. Resources listed can be found in our library in the Drive.

Highly Recommended Resources:

(Videos Included) Reflections on the 40 Hadith by Dr. Imad → <http://40hadithnawawi.com/>

Riyad As Saliheen Imam Nawawi → <http://abdurrahman.org/seerah/riyad/>

[Break, if needed]

3) Tarbiyyah (20-50 minutes)

This section is the main focus of our halaqahs in 2015. It focuses on the education of our youth on the fundamentals of Islam. In each session, a chapter of an Islamic studies book should be covered. Someone should be assigned to research and prepare a presentation, followed by a group discussion. The length of this section may situationally vary from chapter to chapter.

Listed here are the recommended books and their order of study for the coming years:

1. Purpose of Creation, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
2. Fundamentals of Tawheed, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
3. Fundamentals of Faith, by Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen
 - a. Supplementary reference texts: Rays of Faith, Guide to Sound Creed
4. The Creed of Tahawi, by Imam at-Tahawi
 - a. Supplementary reference texts: Creed of Tahawi Explanation
5. Usool at-Tafseer, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
6. Usool al-Hadeeth, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
7. Evolution of Fiqh, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
8. Summary of Islamic Jurisprudence, by Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan
9. Lawful and Prohibited in Islam, by Shaykh Yusuf al-Qaradawi
10. IOU Diploma Modules, by Shaykh Bilal Philips
 - a. Upon completion of this program, the university awards you a basic diploma in Islamic studies, indicating mastery over the basic fundamentals of Islam. This level of knowledge is essential for those aspiring to be da'ees, calling others to Islam.

4) Follow Up (10 minutes)

In this section, the previous week is reviewed and future plans are discussed. Weekly reports are looked over, assignments are assigned/collected, and quizzes are administered, if any. This section is important to track our progress as members of this organization.

Additional Sections

These are optional section that may be added to the halaqah at the chapter president's discretion. Applicability of these sections will vary from chapter to chapter based on the level and needs of its youth.

Memorization and Tajweed

The objective of this section is to increase our memorization of the Qur'an and perfect our tajweed. The goal for 2015 is that every single member of the youth halaqas in the East Zone will have Surah Fatiha and the last 10 Surahs of the Qur'an memorized with perfect tajweed.

Prophets and Companions

The knowledge of our prophets and their companions is very important to our faith. The purpose of this section is to learn about the lives of our examples, and to implement their examples in our lives. This section can potentially take the place of the tarbiyyah session once everyone in the subchapter becomes firmly acquainted with the fundamentals of our religion. The recommended books and order is:

1. Stories of the Prophets, by Imam Ibn Kathir
2. When the Moon Split, by Shaykh Saifur Rahman Mubarakpuri
 - a. Supplementary reference texts: Muhammad: Life From the Earliest Sources, The Noble Life of the Prophet
3. Lessons derived from the lives of the Righteous Caliphs. The order is: Abu Bakr, Umar al-Faruq, Uthman, Ali, and Umar Ibn Abdul Azeez. Reference books can be found in the library.

Other Activities

1. Video Presentation: An Islamic educational video or lecture is presented, and a discussion is held afterwards.
2. Guest Speaker: A local Imam or guest speaker is invited and given some time to speak and teach.
3. Independent Topic: Someone researches a topic and gives a presentation. The topic should be somewhat related to Islam or current events.

4. Debate: A debate or panel discussion is held. **TOPICS MUST CONFORM TO ISLAMIC ETIQUETTE.**
5. Islamic Jeopardy: A game of Islamic Jeopardy, Double Jeopardy and Final Jeopardy is held
6. Relax: Everyone loves to relax. Increase brotherhood by bonding over a game of basketball, fifa, mafia, etc.

Conclusion

The halaqas should conclude with proper du'as derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah. There are many such du'as, and it's important to learn them as much as we can. Some can be found here (<http://www.islam101.com/quran/Duas25Quran.htm>).

Month-Week	<u>Youth Halaqah Plan 2015</u>
January 2nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Fatihah part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 1 • Tarbiyyah: The Purpose of Creation- Introduction and Historical Outlook The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 3-12 • Follow Up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reviewing the Youth Halaqah Plan 2015 -Review new personal report and 2015 plan for personal development
January 3rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Fatihah part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 2 • Tarbiyyah: The Purpose of Creation- Why Does Allah Create? The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 13-25
January 4th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Fatihah part 3 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 3 • Tarbiyyah: The Purpose of Creation- Why Did Allah Create Mankind? The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 26-48
February 1 st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
February 2 nd Week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah ad-Duha part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 4 • Tarbiyyah: The Purpose of Creation- Why Did Allah Create Mankind on Earth? The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 49-68
February 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah ad-Duha part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 5 • Tarbiyyah: The Purpose of Creation- Why Did Allah Create the World? The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 69-75
February 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Inshirah part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 6 • Tarbiyyah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Purpose of Creation- Conclusion? The Purpose of Creation (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 76-77 -Summary and discussion over the topic -Assign homework and test preparation (monthly, starting now)
March 1 st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Assessment Test

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
March 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Inshirah part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 7 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Introduction to Tawheed and its Categories Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 9-21
March 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah at-Teen part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 8 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Tawheed of Lordship Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 21-26 Lecture Notes- Tawheed of Lordship (Ikram al-Islam Mahin)
March 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah at-Teen part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 9 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Tawheed of Attributes Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 26-31 Lecture Notes- Tawheed of Attributes (Ikram al-Islam Mahin)
April 1 st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
April 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Alaq part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 10 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Tawheed of Worship Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 31-41 Lecture Notes- Tawheed of Worship (Ikram al-Islam Mahin)
April 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Alaq part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 11 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Shirk and its Categories Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 43-58
April 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Alaq part 3 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 12 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Covenant of Allah Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 59-70
May 1st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
May 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Qadr • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 13 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Charms and Omens Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 71-90
May 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Bayyinah • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 14 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Fortunetelling Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 91-104
May 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Bayyinah • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 15 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Astrology Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 105-114
June 1st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
June 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Zalzalah • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 16 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Sorcery Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 115-132
June 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Aadiyaat • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 17 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Transcendence of Allah Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 133-154 Lecture Notes- Transcendence of Allah (Ikram al-Islam Mahin)
June 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Qariyah • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 18 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Beatific Vision of Allah Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 155-168
July 1st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
July 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah at-Takathur • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 19 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Saint Worship Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 169-194
July 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Asr part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 20 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Grave Worship and the Beginning of Shirk Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 195-211
July 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-'Asr part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 21 • Tarbiyyah: Fundamentals of Tawheed- Prohibitions Regarding Graves and Conclusion Fundamentals of Tawheed (Shaykh Bilal Philips) p. 211-227 Summary and Discussion Assign Homework and Test preparation
August 1 st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Assessment Test • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
August 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Humazah part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 22 • Tarbiyyah: -Pillars of Islam and Iman- Significance and their Difference -Overview of Belief in Allah and Tawheed Fundamentals of Faith (Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen) p. 9-39
August 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Humazah part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 23 • Tarbiyyah: Angels of Allah Fundamentals of Faith (Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen) p. 40-46 Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 169-176 Rays of Faith (Shaykh Waleed Basyouni) p. 5-21
August 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Feel • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 24 • Tarbiyyah: World of the Jinn Rays of Faith (Shaykh Waleed Basyouni) p. 5-21 Essay on Jinn (Imam Ibn Taymiyyah)

September 1 st week	<p>Follow-up and Activity Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
September 2 nd week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Quraysh • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 25 • Tarbiyyah: Holy Scriptures Fundamentals of Faith (Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen) p. 47-49 Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 177-181 Rays of Faith (Shaykh Waleed Basyouni) p. 45-53
September 3 rd week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Ma'un part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 26 • Tarbiyyah: Messengers of Allah part 1 Fundamentals of Faith (Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen) p. 50-59 Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 183-206
September 4 th week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Ma'un part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 27 • Tarbiyyah: Messengers of Allah part 2 Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 206-230
October 1 st week	<p>Follow-up and Activity Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
October 2 nd week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Kauthar • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 28 • Tarbiyyah: Signs of the Last Day Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 231-269
October 3 rd week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Kafirun • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 29 • Tarbiyyah: Death and the Grave Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 270-296
October 4 th week	<p>Islamic Educational Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah an-Nasr • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 30 • Tarbiyyah: Resurrection and the Hereafter Guide to Sound Creed (Shaykh Salih al-Fawzan) p. 296-310

November 1 st week	Follow-up and Activity Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Homework • Monthly Quiz • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Plan for the next month agenda and review the current month agenda. • Other Activities
November 2 nd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Masad • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 31 • Tarbiyyah: Divine Decree Fundamentals of Faith (Shaykh Salih al-Uthaymeen) p. 77-90 Rays of Faith (Shaykh Waleed Basyouni) p. 147-188
November 3 rd week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Ikhlās part 1 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 32 • Tarbiyyah: Creed of Tahawi part 1 Creed of Tahawi (Imam at-Tahawi) Articles 1-51 Creed of Tahawi Explanation (Mufti Fahim Hussein) p. 14-63
November 4 th week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Ikhlās part 2 • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 33 • Tarbiyyah: Creed of Tahawi part 2 Creed of Tahawi (Imam at-Tahawi) Articles 52-95 Creed of Tahawi Explanation (Mufti Fahim Hussein) p. 64-109
December 1 st week	Islamic Educational Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah al-Falaq • Nawawi's Hadith: Hadith 34 • Tarbiyyah: Creed of Tahawi part 3 Creed of Tahawi (Imam at-Tahawi) Articles 96-135 Creed of Tahawi Explanation (Mufti Fahim Hussein) p. 110-160 Final Exam Review
December 2 nd week	Final Session of the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an: Surah an-Nas • Tarbiyyah: Final Exam Cumulative • Submission of personal report and evaluation, Baitul maal collection, Evaluation of personal Associate member/supporter development. • Planning for Following Year

N.B. For the 5th week of the month:

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- Speakers' Forum
- Rules for moderate the events in a nice way.
- Church visit or group dawah in a planned way for dawah to the non-Muslims in the extra weeks.

Some important tips to moderate the monthly programs nicely:

- Have a plan with reality from the beginning of the year.
- Means and materials for 4/5 weeks programs of each month need to provide to brothers and sisters in the previous month.
- Beginning of the year, it has been needed to nominate the moderator giving responsibility for weekly programs.
e.g.:
 - Who will deliver the Dars in which program,
 - Who will give lecture on which topics,
 - Who will moderate the collective reading programs,
 - Who will moderate the Sahih Qur'an Ta'leem,
 - Who will moderate the program for learn the Qur'an word by word, these are all need to be decided.
- We need to collect and distribute to all brothers and sisters for memorization of 12 important du'as in the year.
- Moderator should make a short note on the topics or books, so that he/she could express the entire topics shortly with points in short time to the audience.
- Have to plan in the beginning of the year on the topics of Tajweed and moderate the Qur'an Ta'leem program accordingly.