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Jamati Orientation Update

Houston, Texas

March 2018

Entry Card Envelope Pick Up

Entry Card Pickup Site		Entry Card Pickup Requirements
Fri, March 16 th (Last Day)	Jamatkhana registration desk	Any <u>one</u> family member over the age of 18
Starting Sat, March 17 th to Wed, March 21 st 10 am - 10 pm CST	Mulaqat Information and Registration Center (MIRC) George R. Brown (GRB) Convention Center 1001 Avenida De Las Americas Houston, TX 77010	Valid photo ID
		Registration Form Number

Calendar of Events for USA Mulaqat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Arrival of Mawlana Hazar Imam in Atlanta	Mehmani and Ceremonies in Atlanta			
		Cake & Sherbet				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Arrival of Mawlana Hazar Imam in Houston	Mehmani and Ceremonies in Houston			Mehmani and Ceremonies in Houston Departure of Mawlana Hazar Imam from USA		Grand Celebrations for SW / CUS Jamat
Dinner in all Houston Jamatkhana and Overflow Jamatkhana				Cake & Sherbet		

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Ceremonies on Monday, March 19, 2018

- Jamati Work sessions will take place at Principal Jamatkhana.
- Jamat will be requested to arrive at a **staging site** where they will park and go through security.
- Arrival directly to Principal Jamatkhana will not be permitted.



Staging Site Details

- Morning Sessions Staging Site: Smart Financial Centre
- Afternoon Sessions Staging Site: Constellation Field (Skeeters Stadium)
- Staging sites will open 3 hours before the ceremony time
- Staging sites will have bathrooms and a waiting area
- At the staging site, Jamat will go through a security check when entering the building and line up to board a shuttle
- Smart Financial Centre does NOT have lockers available
- Jamat will be taken from their designated staging site to Principal Jamatkhana and back via shuttles

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 - Thursday, March 22, 2018

- Jamati Work ceremonies will take place at George R. Brown Convention Center.
- Doors to the Ceremony Halls will open 3 hours before the ceremony time.
- Jamat is expected to go through security prior to entering their respective ceremony hall.



Ways of Getting to George R. Brown Convention Center

The Jamat may use any method of transportation they are comfortable with.



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Parking is
available



SHUTTLE / BUS

Drop off and pick
up from GRB



UBER

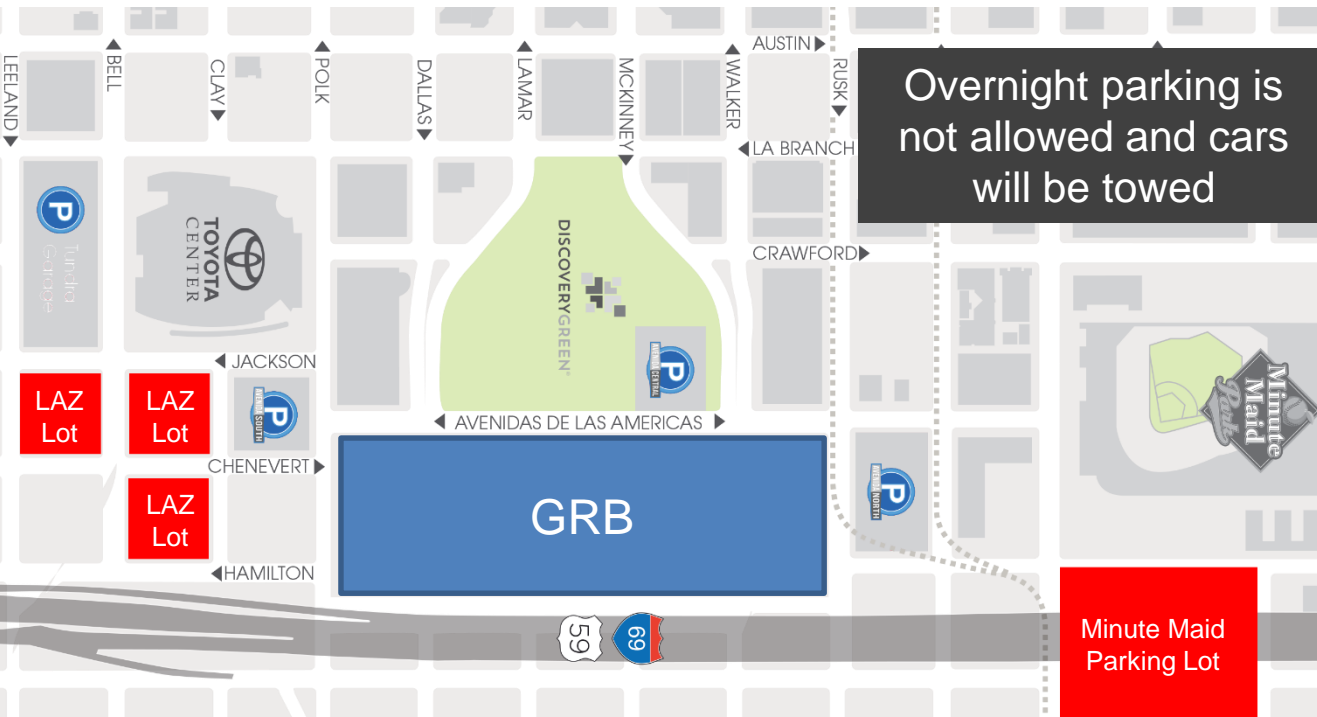
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USAVISIT for 1st
time users

Parking Map – Paid Garage Parking



- Cost is \$10 per entry
- 1500+ parking spots are available at the North, South, and Central GRB Garages on March 20th – 22nd
- GRB garages will require validation at the Mulaqat Information Desks inside GRB
- Additional 1200 spots are available at the Tundra Garage on March 21st and 22nd
- All garage parking is available on a first come first serve basis
- Parking pass is required but does not guarantee a parking spot

Parking Map – Free Surface Parking Lots



- Free surface parking is available
- 1700 parking spots are available in the Minute Maid Lot on March 18th – 22nd
- LAZ lot includes 290 parking spots and shuttle / bus loading zone
- All surface parking is available on a first come first serve basis
- Parking pass is required but does not guarantee a parking spot
- Shuttles will be available from surface parking to GRB
- Overnight parking is not allowed and cars will be towed

Parking Pass

- Parking pass will be required to gain access to preferred garages and surface lots
- A pass does not guarantee a parking spot as they will be available on first come first serve basis
- Parking passes are available at the Mulaqat Information Desks
- Jamat is encouraged to carpool



Parking at GRB Central Garages

- If you park at North, South, or Central GRB garages:
 - Take your parking lot ticket (NOT the pass) with you
 - Parking ticket must be validated at Mulaqat Information Center booths inside GRB
 - The Jamat is encouraged to carpool
 - Overnight parking is limited only to hotel guests and cars left overnight may get towed

GRB Parking Information Flyer

- Flyer will provide information on parking options and availability at GRB during the Mulaqat week
- Please pay attention to specific details such as ticket validation, drop-off / pick-up points, time limits etc.
- Flyer is available at the Information Desk

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George R. Brown Convention Center: Parking Information

LEGEND

- Free Parking
- Discount Parking
- Shuttle Drop-off
- Family Drop-off
- Bus Loading Zone

Availability for all Parking venues are on a first-come first-serve basis.

Parking Venue	Sat Mar. 17	Sun Mar. 18	Mon Mar. 19	Tue Mar. 20	Wed Mar. 21	Thur Mar. 22
A. Avenida South Garage 1710 Polk Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B. Avenida Central Garage 1002 Avenida de las Americas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C. Avenida North Garage 701 Avenida de las Americas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
D. Tundra Garage 1506 Jackson Street					✓	✓
E. LAZ Surface Lot 1400 Chenevert Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F. Minute Maid Park Lots 499 Saint Emanuel Street		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
G. Platinum Surface Lot 1150 La Branch Street			✓	✓	✓	
H. 5 Houston Center Garage 1401 McKinney Street			✓	✓	✓	

Legend

- Discount Parking: \$10
- Free Parking
- Walking Distance to GRB
- Skybridge to GRB
- Shuttle to GRB available
- Volunteer Parking Venue

NOTE: All Discount Parking Garage tickets must be validated at the Mulaqat Information booths inside GRB prior to Garage exit in order to receive the discount.

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On your Mehmani Day...

Pre-Departure Checklist

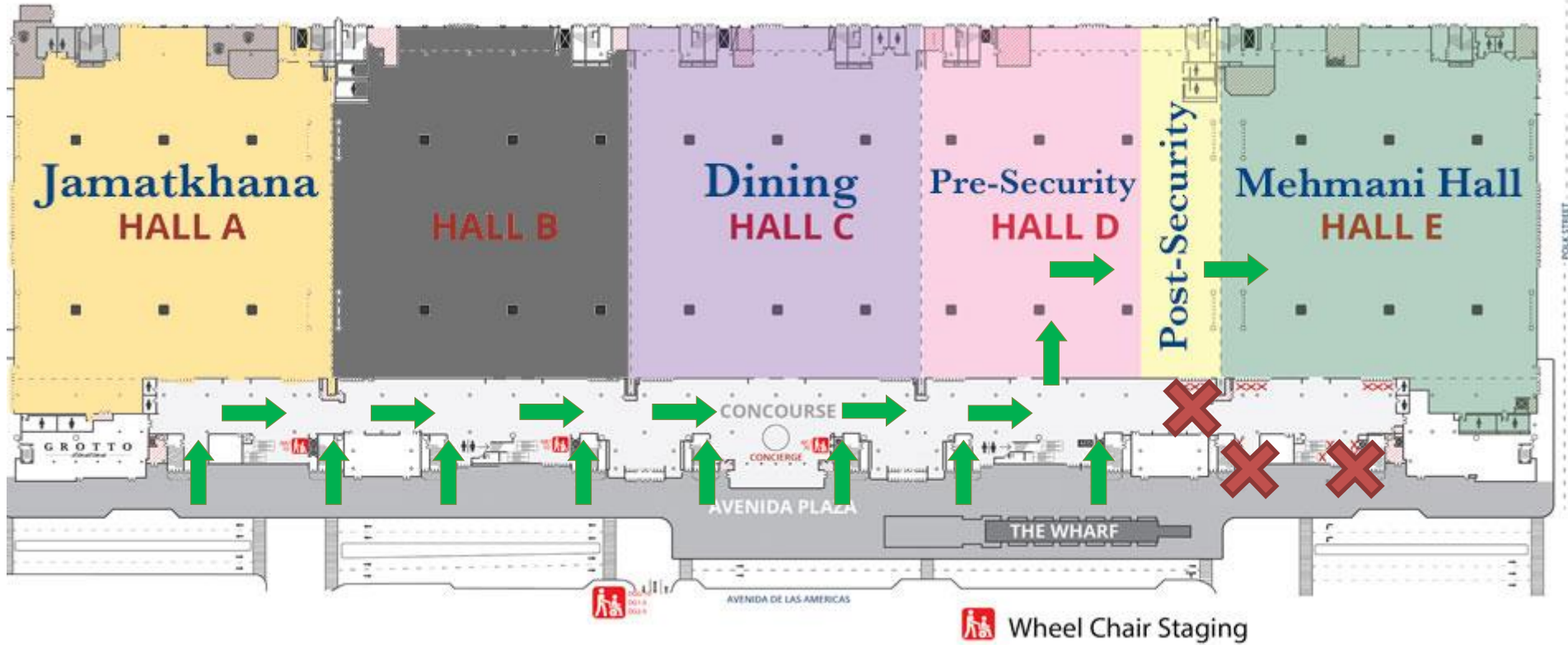
- ✓ Entry Cards and Other Ceremony Cards
- ✓ Valid Photo IDs for All Adults, 18 years and older
- ✓ Child / Adult Identification Wristbands provided with Entry Card Envelope
- ✓ Necessary Medications and Medical Supplies
- ✓ Baby Needs and Supplies
- ✓ Adult Care Supplies / Personal Hygiene Supplies
- ✓ Permanent Wheelchair or Walker
- ✓ Home & Business Safety



Entering GRB on your Mehmani Day

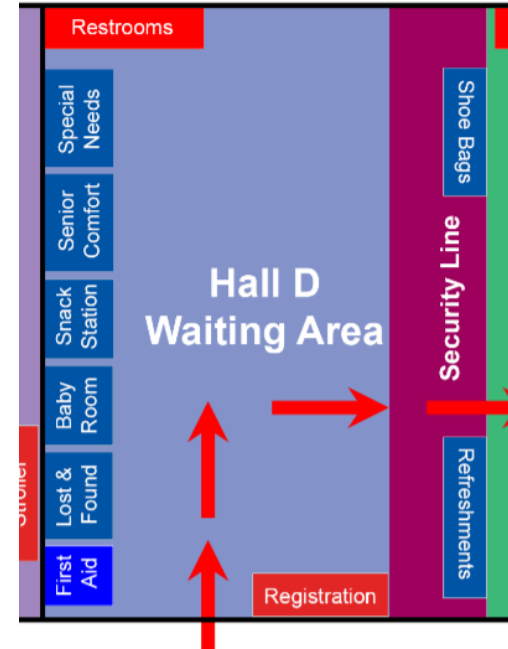
- Decide on a meet-up point inside and outside GRB
- Interfaith family room is located on Level 2 near Mezzanine D
- Small lockers for \$10 are located on Level 2 near Mezzanine D
- Follow signs to Hall D (Waiting Area/Security)

GRB Level One Floor Layout



Entering Hall D on your Mehmani Day

- Pre-security “Ask Me” volunteers will be available for those that require assistance
- Following services will be available in Hall D:
 - First Aid
 - Lost & Found
 - Baby Room
 - Snack Station
 - Special Needs
 - Senior Comfort
 - Registration & Information Desks



After My Mulaqat

- Jamati members are respectfully requested to remain in the Mulaqat Hall until Mawlana Hazar Imam has physically exited the Hall
- Please keep your shoes in the shoe bag while you are in the Mehmani Hall.
- Meet your family at your meet-up location
- Remember to validate your parking ticket at the Mulaqat Information Center
- If your session is in the morning:
 - You will receive hearty snack (boxed) upon exit.
 - Exit building so that afternoon session Jamati members can enter (no celebrations are planned at Mulaqat Venue)
 - Attend local Jamatkhana and Overflow Jamatkhana and Sites (Dinner served).
- If your session is in the afternoon:
 - Gathering for prayers in the Mulaqat Hall after Mawlana Hazar Imam has physically exited the building
 - Dinner will be served in Hall C

Greater Houston Jamatkhana Schedule

Greater Houston Jamatkhana	Sat 3/17	Sun 3/18	Mon 3/19	Tues 3/20	Wed 3/21	Thurs 3/22
Clear Lake	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (PM Only)	✓
Houston Headquarter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (PM Only)	✓
Houston North	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (PM Only)	✓
Katy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (PM Only)	✓
Principal	✓ (AM Only)	✗	✗	✓ (PM Only)	✓	✓ (PM Only)
Sugar Land	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (PM Only)

Overflow (Evening Only)	Sat 3/17	Sun 3/18	Mon 3/19	Tues 3/20	Wed 3/21	Thurs 3/22
George R. Brown Center - Hall A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Stafford Center	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sugar Land Ballroom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Texas Safari	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Village Overflow	✓	✓ (AM & PM)	✓ (AM & PM)	✓ (AM & PM)	✓	✓

Du'a time in all Greater Houston and Overflow Jamatkhana is 6:30 PM from March 18–22

What Information is Available?

- **Link:** Weekly Jamati Programs and Activities Flyer
- **Link:** Overflow Jamatkhana Listing and Schedule
- Work and School Letter
- Hotel Listing Website
- **Link:** Parking Information Flyer
- Parking Pass
- **Link:** Shuttle/Bus Schedule (starting Thursday)

Sanctity of Space

The venue for the Mulaqat, in which the Jamat will be in the physical presence of Mawlana Hazar Imam, is intended to be a space for peaceful congregation and contemplation. Therefore, we kindly request the Jamat's assistance and cooperation with the volunteers, so that we can maintain a peaceful, dignified and clean space appropriate for religious ceremonies of this nature.



Mubarakis and Thank You

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