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## BAYCC Community Newsletter



As we bid farewell to December, BAYCC reflects on a month brimming with community-driven events that brought us together in celebration and community bonding. From thought-provoking discussions to the unforgettable moments at our winter retreat events, the diversity of experiences showcased the strength and unity of our community. As the New Year dawns, BAYCC extends heartfelt wishes for success and prosperity to all our members. May the coming year be filled with opportunities for personal and collective growth, fostering stronger bonds and shared achievements within our dynamic community.

#### Newsletter Highlights

**Past Events** 

**Upcoming Events** 

**Bay Area Clubs** 

Did You Know?

The California Grizzly Bear, which is the mascot animal of the state, is an extinct species.





#### Sohbet Event - 03

Friday

The Sohbet Event on December 1st, 2023, proved to be a spiritually enriching and informative occasion. Imam Abdus-Selim's insights into the importance of daily Prescribed Prayers resonated with the audience, encouraging a renewed commitment to this fundamental practice within the Islamic faith. The event successfully brought the community together to reflect on and strengthen their spiritual journey through prayer.









#### Çağlayan Okumaları

Aylık İlim ve Kültür Dergisi Çağlayan ın Kasım ve Aralık sayılarının özetlerinin gönüllülerimiz tarafından hazırlanıp community mizin istifadesine sunduğu online programlarımız 1 Aralık ve 22 Aralık tarihlerinde gerçekleştirildi. 20'ye yakın katılımcının olduğu programlarda okunan özetler derlenerek pdf haline getirildi ve hizmet community'sinin istifadesine sunuldu. Posteri tıklayarak özete ulaşabilirsiniz.







### "Light over Darkness" Multifaith Festival

The "Light over Darkness Festival" was held on December 2nd, 2023, at Sanatan Mandir in San Bruno, California. This interfaith event was organized by Sanatan Mandir in collaboration with several interfaith organizations and faith houses including BAYCC and Pacifica Institute, and is a testament to the power of partnership and community spirit transcending religious boundaries to celebrate each others' festivals. The event served as a platform for interfaith dialogue and understanding. Representatives from Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Muslim communities and other faith traditions shared their perspectives on light over darkness, fostering a deeper appreciation for diverse spiritual paths.







# Seminar on "Advocacy: An Active Citizenship"

On Saturday, 09, December 2023, a Seminar was held on "Advocacy: An active citizenship" at the BAYCC Community Center, and the lecture was delivered by Bilal Eksili, Executive Director, National Council On Civil Advocacy, Washington, DC. The Seminar was organized by Pacifica Institute and BAYCC. The event aimed to enlighten attendees about the importance of dialogue and advocacy with Federal House Congresspersons by being an active citizen.

## SEMINAR ON "ADVOCACY: AN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP"

BILAL EKSILI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CIVIL ADVOCACY, WASHINGTON, DC





## Fundraising Night: Art Gala

Embellished in chair bows, balloon garlands, and the good-will of Bay Area's people, the 2023 Kids for Kids Fundraiser Art Gala - organized and hosted by Embrace Relief NorCal - was the first event of its kind, setting the bar for all future fundraisers at the BAYCC. The gala event, running from 7 to 10 PM on the evening of Saturday 9th, featured a groundbreaking approach to fundraising, which then proved to be a tremendous success as the night unfolded: an auction. Embrace Relief NorCal was able to gather over \$5,000-nearly twice the original goal of \$3000. Over forty artworks were auctioned over three hours.







#### Kış kampları

**Friday** 

Her kış tatilinde düzenlediğimiz Okuma Kamplarını bu yıl da 6,7. Sınıflar dört gün; 8,9,10,11,12. Sınıflar sekiz gün olacak şekilde gerçekleştirdik.Kamplarımıza Hocaefendinin öğrencilerinden Ali Ak Bey İngilizce manevi sohbetlerle; Enes Kanter Freedom ise gerek spor hayatı ile ilgili gerek Hizmet ile ilgili tecrübeleriyle katkıda bulundular.











#### **BAYCC Winter Retreat**

Monday

From December 25th to December 30th, BAYCC successfully organized a family winter retreat which brought more than 300 attendees. Distinguished guests were invited to deliver insightful talks, contributing to the overall success of the retreat. The event provided a platform for individuals to connect, share experiences, and deepen their understanding of faith principles.











#### **Neorama Winter Retreat**

Monday

Winter means hot chocolate, fairy lights and sweaters, but for youth group RISE, the winter season signals the coming of an event much more exciting: Neorama. This 4-5 day winter retreat, sponsored by BAYCC, takes place in the Concord Hotel Plaza, and is a productive, diverse platform for a reflective and spiritual experience as the year comes to a close.

The annual Neorama - in 2023- functioned in a similar fashion, featuring interactive lectures, reading sessions, entertainment and much more. The event ran in correspondence with the BAYCC Winter Retreat: each day in Neorama featured one Cay, Cekirdek & Chat open discussion session, one informative lecture, one entertainment activity, one creative activity, two meals, and a lot of fun breaks.







## Ortaokul Kış Kampları

Ortaokullu öğrencilerimiz ev içi ve ev dışı aktiviteler ile keyifli vakit geçirdi.











# Kamplarda Ingilizce olarak yapılan sohbetler

İngilizce olarak yapılan sohbetlerde temel dini konular ele alındı.

PENSILVANYA'DAN ALI AK ABI ILE KIS KAMPI SOHBETLERI

1.GUN: IMAN
2.GUN: IBADET
3.GUN: NAMAZ
4.GUN: SORU-CEVAR

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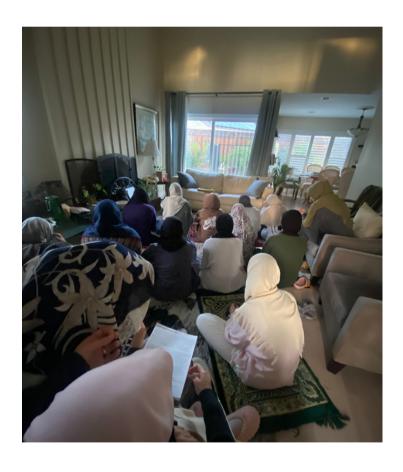


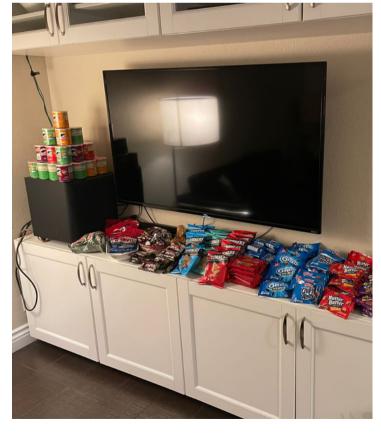




### Kış Kampı İçerikleri

Kamplarımızın vazgeçilmezi eşsiz tesbihat manzaraları ve Nur Bakkalı uygulaması ile Rabbimizi tesbih-i takdîs etmeye çalıştık. Her kamp mevsiminde tam kadro öğrencilerimizle buluşmak üzere Teşekkürler .







#### **Enes Kanter Söyleşisi**

Ortaokul ve lise öğrencileriyle bir araya gelen Enes Kanter öğrencilerimize Hizmet ve Hocaefendi konulu söyleşide bulundu









## Emine abla ile "İslami Şuur" konulu sohbet

Emine Eroglu abla liseli öğrencilerimize İslami Şuur konulu sohbette bulundu.











# Tanzania Trip for Students





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# Tanzania Trip for Students

## Tentative Program

Thursday, June 15: Arrival / Rest

Friday, June 16: Darussalam City TourReading Program

Saturday, June 17: Feast of Sacrifice Program

Sunday, June 18: Sacrifice Distribution

Monday, June 19: Mikumi Safari

Tuesday, June 20: Mikumi Safari

Wednesday, June 21: Reading Program

Thursday, June 22: Reading Program

Friday, June 23: Orphanage Visit/Volunteer Activity/Home Visit

Saturday, June 24: Water Well Opening Program /

Shamsiya School Visit

Sunday, June 25: Book Reading Program / Picnic

Monday, June 26: Zanzibar Island / Blue Safari

Tuesday, June 27: Zanzibar Island (Tortoise Island, Spice Garden)

Wednesday, June 28: Reading Program

Thursday, June 29: Reading Program

Friday, June 30: Gift Exchange and Return



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## **Bay Area Clubs**

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: Soccer, Volleyball, Hiking, Basketball, Diving, Pickleball, Stargazing, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness & Bodybuilding, "Art, Science & Culture Club", Winter Sports, Cyclist, Camping, Life on Wheels, Swimming, Life on 2 Wheel, and Surfing! Everyone is welcome to join any sports club they are interested to be part of. Kindly click the links below to join the WhatsApp community and choose the club you want to participate in. You can also initiate a new sports, culture, and arts club, kindly fill up the form with your brilliant ideas.

