

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

## BASIC INFORMATION

### **What is it?**

This club will meet weekly to prepare research and practice debate in preparation for attending the YMCA Model United Nations Conference which will be held January 7, 8, 9, 2011 at the Hershey Lodge and Conference Center.

### **Who Can Join?**

Any North Hunterdon student can join the club. At the Conference, club members participate as a County Delegate (representing a particular country in a particular committee) or as a member of the Press Corps or as a lawyer of the International Criminal Court or International Court of Justice.

### **What Do I Have to Do?**

County delegates are assigned a country and committee and research their country's views on their committee's topics. To prepare, delegates prepare a two page paper outlining these views, solutions that county would suggest and anticipated reactions to the solution from other countries.

At the conference, delegates use this knowledge to work together to develop resolutions that the committee will debate.

### **What are the Dates?**

Meetings will be scheduled based on the best day and time for the most participants. Meetings are typically held weekly to allow club members to do research, ask questions or practice debate.

An optional but strongly recommended debate practice session will be held on a Sunday in November or December. We will leave for the conference Thursday, January 6 at 3pm and return Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> by 4pm.

### **Is there a Cost?**

Yes. The fee covers transportation to the Hershey Lodge, three nights lodging, 7 meals and all conference materials. Depending on the number of participants, the fee may range between \$380 and \$420. Financial assistance is available.

### **How Many Other People Attend?**

About 1200 students from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. New Jersey schools include North Hunterdon, Hunterdon Central, Immaculata, Westfield, Cranford, Middlesex, Somerville, Monroe, Montgomery, Overbrook, Palmyra, and New Providence.

However, each committee ranges from 20 (regional blocs) to 150 (General Assembly)

### **Who Runs the Conference?**

The Conference is led by a high school senior who was elected Secretary General. He and his Assistants work with the committee chairs and co-chairs who are also all high school students to lead each year's conference. This leadership group, along with representatives from each school, work with the Conference Director throughout the year to plan for the upcoming conference.

\*\*\*\*\*OVER FOR NEXT STEPS\*\*\*\*\*

**I'M INTERESTED IN JOINING MODEL UNITED NATIONS  
WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

**Step 1 – Make sure you sign up to be contacted. Please give us both your name and email address. If you didn't sign on the interest list, email Ms. Szlachtianchyn or Mr. Yacullo at [aszlachtianchyn@nhvweb.net](mailto:aszlachtianchyn@nhvweb.net) and [lyacullo@hcymca.com](mailto:lyacullo@hcymca.com)**

**Step 2 – Attend the first meeting(s). Information & recruitment meetings will be held within the first two weeks of school starting in September. Check your email and listen to school announcements for details.**

**Step 3 – Review the Model UN General Information Sheet which outlines the choices of committees and begin to narrow down your choices to your top 2. Also, review the conference and other required dates to verify that you can meet deadlines and complete materials by their due dates**

**Step 4 - Submit a completed Credential form, \$100 non-refundable deposit and Committee Request form. Credential Forms will be distributed at information and recruitment meetings.**