



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 25	BULLETIN #3
March 7	POSTMARK: SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST
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STARTING YOUR DELEGATION MEETINGS

Yes, it's already upon us. It's time to start meeting with your delegates and establishing your Model United Nations delegation. However, if you've never done MUN before, what can you do at your local meetings?

Talk about current international events, study up on what the real United Nations is up to, start profiling countries, play icebreakers and leadership games, establish the groundrules, plan fundraisers, ...basically, build the group cohesion and KEEP THEM ENGAGED. It takes a certain amount of faith, but it will all become much clearer after the Training Conference at the end of March.

In this first month, be sure to build your delegation infrastructure (parents meetings, fundraisers, icebreakers, rules, etc.). This will probably take 1/3 of your time. The other 2/3 should be spent on studying up on countries, because you'll need to pick one pretty soon.

Also remember, it's not too late to grow your delegation. Get students excited about bringing friends into the program. You can add new delegates up until the first day of the Training Conference.



SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS DUE SOON

Remember, there is some scholarship money available for new delegations, and delegations serving populations of students in need of financial assistance. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 7, 2008. LATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

CHOOSING YOUR COUNTRY

It's time for everyone's favorite game: Choose Your Country. Please read this bit carefully, so you know how this process works.

Included with this Bulletin is the 7th Model United Nations Available Countries list. This matrix shows all the countries that students may choose to represent, as well as which organs these countries have seats in. It is very important to pay attention to which organs a country is represented in; if a country does not have any seats in ECOSOC, ambassadors representing this country *cannot* be in ECOSOC. This list also shows the maximum number of delegates can represent each country. Country matrix is also available online (Form tab, country request forms, click on available countries).



Also included with this Bulletin is the 7th Model United Nations Country Request Form. You may submit this form via e-mail, fax, or snail mail. Country requests will be primarily considered on a first-come, first-served basis, so get it done early. You will prioritize the countries that you wish to represent on this form. Please complete the *entire* form. Listing only one or a few countries does not increase your chances of getting that country; it only increases the chances that you will get assigned something random, if we cannot give you one of your preferences.

Finally, it is important to remember that the "Big 5" countries (United States, Russian Federation, France, China, United Kingdom) are represented in every organ and have veto power in the Security Council.



Delegation Deposits are Due march 7!

Delegation deposits are to be postmarked by March 7! Deposits are essential to reserving your space in this year's Model United Nations. Reservations and programming are based on the numbers that come from the deposits, so please be as accurate as possible when predicting the size of your delegation.

Deposits are \$100 per participating delegate or advisor. Deposits are nonrefundable (another reason to be as accurate as possible). A copy of the Delegation Deposit form is included with this Bulletin. Deposits must include a check or a copy of a signed check request.



DO YOU NEED MORE MATERIALS?

Are you running out of manuals or posters? Did we not give you enough Advisor Manuals? Want another pretty, colorful Model United Nations Important Dates Calendar? Let me know right away. dat@calymca.org or (650) 522-9622.

Most information can be found online at <http://mun.calymca.org>, including copies of the Bulletins, an electronic copy of the Advisor Manual, and other important forms.

THE TRAINING CONFERENCE, OR BOB JR.

The Training Conference (also known as Bob Jr.) is held at Camp Roberts National Guard Base, about 15 miles north of Paso Robles, California. This conference provides training on each of the Model United Nations roles, procedures, and papers. It also has a track which will allow Advisors to learn everything the need to know about how the Model UN operates.

More information about what to bring to this conference will come in Bulletin #3, but here is some information that is important to know right now.

Camp Roberts is 15 miles north of Paso Robles on Highway 101. If you're using online map websites, Mapquest.com is the only one that will recognize Camp Roberts as a city. Use Paso Robles or San Miguel as nearby cities on other programs. Either

way, it's hard to miss; just take the "Camp Roberts" exit off of Highway 101.

You will want to figure out your transportation soon. Buses can be very expensive, so you might want to look into ridesharing with other nearby delegations. Tools to help you manage this are available on the website <http://ymcatravel.org>.

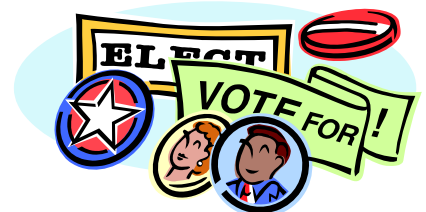
Other transportation options include Amtrak. Amtrak's closest station is in Paso Robles. A MUN shuttle will be available for pick-ups and drop-offs from this station, by request. Taking the train can be much cheaper, easier, and more fun than worrying about getting a bus. There is no feasible way to fly into Paso Robles.

Remember, transportation expenses, as well as meals to and from conferences, are not included in the registration fee.

ANY OFFICERS-TO-BE IN YOUR DELEGATION?

Like all Youth & Government programs, leadership skills are a major part of what we provide. No Model United Nations role is a better conduit for providing these skills than running for a statewide office. Start looking for delegates with the potential to serve as a Model United Nations officer, and encourage them to apply/campaign.

There are many opportunities for your Ambassadors to get involved in leadership. Each of the program areas (GA, Security Counsel, ECOSOC, ICJ) will have a youth **President** and **Vice President**, who will run the proceedings within their area. The President and Vice-President will be elected at the training conference.



Additionally, **Committee Chairs** will run the committees of the General Assembly and ECOSOC. Committee Chairs will be chosen via an interview process at the Training Conference. Applicants who cannot attend the training conference will be disqualified.

The position of **Secretary General** is the highest position in the Model United Nations program. Seventh, eighth, and ninth graders who meet the qualifications may run for Secretary General, and the elections will take place during this year's MUN.



Officer nomination forms are included in this bulletin, and details about the qualifications and duties of each position can be found in your Advisor Manual. Please make sure that you check the qualifications of each position.

COMING IN THE NEXT BULLETIN

The next Bulletin will have information on:

- The Training Conference
- Committees & Topics
- Role Assignment

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Be sure to get your **Scholarship Request** submitted to the office by March 7, 2008. **Delegation Deposits** and **Country Request Form** are both due on March 7, 2007.

Get your delegates excited & committed and meet their parents. Also work on group dynamics. The better the bonded the delegation, the more confident they will be at the conference.

As always, feel free to contact the Youth & Government office with any questions:

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