



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Leadership develop is the road...A brighter future is the destination...**Model United Nations** is the vehicle to get us there! Simply said, **Model United Nations** is the antidote for apathy. Join the movement.

### **What is the Model United Nations?**

The California YMCA Youth & Government Model United Nations program is a simulation of the "real-life" United Nations. Participants in Model United Nations (MUN) will take part in some of the activities that the real UN participates in. Ambassadors will research, debate and establish policies, treaties and resolutions focusing on international issues, including disputes between countries, peace-keeping responsibilities, border crisis, stabilizing financial markets and dealing with hunger, disease and poverty. Delegations are assigned one or more countries (depending on the number of Ambassadors) that they will represent, and the Ambassadors will research the countries and come to the MUN as representatives of those countries. The Model United Nations program is a tool utilized to empower Jr. High students (6th-8th grade) to be confident leaders by expanding their worldview and encouraging collaboration to address issues.

### **What do ambassadors do in MUN?**

Ambassadors practice public speaking, teamwork, and research all while having the time of their Participates in MUN are assigned to be members of either the General Assembly (GA), Security Council, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), International Court of Justice (ICJ), International Press Corps (IPC) or Non-governmental Organization (NGO). Much of the work of the MUN is done in the preparation phase; where Ambassadors meet with their local delegation, research the countries they are representing and prepare "country banners" to be presented at The Summit. Ambassadors will have the opportunity to learn about their organ, present and debate resolutions, hear court cases (called Memorials), write articles for the MUN website, and be faced with some "crisis" issues that they will be asked to resolve.

### **Conferences**

The Model United Nations program holds two conferences each year.

#### **Training Conference**

Held at Camp Roberts near Paso Robles, the first conference of the year focuses on giving new Ambassadors an overview of the Model United Nations program. Returning Ambassadors will focus on leadership development.

During this conference participants will receive specific training on their role in the Model United Nations.

#### **Model United Nations Summit**

The Model United Nations Summit is held in Irvine, California at the Hyatt Hotel. This four-day conference is the heart of the MUN program. Ambassadors are given a chance to put all their research and practice to work as they perform their roles and explore how the United Nations is run. There is a Parent Day the last day of this conference, where Parents are encouraged to attend and observe their child(ren).

