



California YMCA Model United Nations Friends,

As you are aware, the California YMCA Model United Nations program was forced to alter the format of our March Training Conference. I would like to take a moment to share with all of our supporters, the reason behind this change.

The alterations to the MUN Training were prompted by the sudden unavailability of Camp Roberts National Guard base. Camp Roberts is in the midst of a \$200 million dollar renovation that has temporarily reduced the capacity of the base. We were aware of the project and had been in regular communication with Camp Roberts.

We had also been made aware that Camp Roberts would be hosting a group of soldiers preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. We were assured that the size of the training would allow us to continue to meet our conference needs. Approximately 3 weeks prior to our event, Camp Roberts informed us that the US Army had dramatically increased the number of soldiers assigned to be on base during our event and they would no longer be able to accommodate our needs.

We explored a number of options including changing the dates of the training and/or moving the event to a summer camp location, but a combination of logistics and supervision challenges made those options untenable, given the short timeframe. In the end, our team decided that best course of action would be to amend the training format into single-day events.

We want to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused your delegations but also want to thank you for your support. Our advisors, volunteers and youth really stepped up to make this one day training conference the best it could have been, we are very pleased with the quality of program that was presented.

The construction at Camp Roberts is schedule to be completed this summer and we are excited to be back at Camp Roberts next year. Additionally, we are working with the members of the California State Legislature who serve on our Advisory Board, to help ensure that Camp Roberts will always be available to our programs.

We appreciate your ongoing support of California YMCA Youth & Government and are looking forward to a fantastic Model United Nations Summit in Irvine!

Respectfully.

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