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Monday, March 4th, 2013

Dear NJC Delegates and Parental Units,

Congratulations on your selection to the YMCA's National Judicial Competition (NJC)! In this program, delegates from every participating state are divided into teams to train, learn and ultimately compete against Y&G delegates from across the nation. Teams will compete in either Appellate Court or Mock Trial divisions. You (or your brilliant child) were selected from a talented pool of applicants for this highly competitive program, and your selection means that we believe you can be successful in this competition. It is our hope is that you bring back a giant trophy, but our goal is to make you more logical, knowledgeable, and downright formidable when it comes to making an argument (sorry, parents...).

Competition Dates:

The actual competition portion of the of the trip only happens the last few days. The National Judicial Competition will be held in Chicago, IL at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza from July 31st – August 3rd, 2013. We will depart for a pre-trip **several days earlier** to begin intensive final team preparations. (Yes, crying will be involved.)

Airplane Dates:

Please plan to leave for Chicago, IL on **Saturday, July 27th** and return to Homebase, CA on the evening of **August 3rd**. A complete list of other important, but non-airplane related dates follows below.

Dollars and Deadlines:

The total cost for this program is \$1500. This cost includes airfare, hotel accommodations, all competition materials and one banquet meal. Delegates should plan to bring additional money to cover meals while in Chicago. We suggest approximately \$300. A limited amount of scholarship money is available and can be applied for using the [NJC Scholarship Form](#). Scholarship applications are due April 15th.

Four Lawyers and One Responsible Adult:

NJC delegates will be under the guidance and supervision of our Volunteer Staff Team. Their names and contact information are below:

Allyssa Wickstrom	njc@calymca.org
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He Likes Hugs:

You may also contact Rolf Davidson, Executive Director of California YMCA, at rolf@calymca.org for any reason. Although, he doesn't receive *nearly enough* hugs or funny e-cards so those contacts are highly encouraged.

Dates Worth Calendaring:

Below is a list of important dates for this year's National Judicial Competition:

April 1st, 2013	We randomly select one delegate to play an April fools joke on. Be afraid.
April 5th - 7th, 2013	NJC Training @Spring Conference in Corcoran, CA *
April 15th, 2013	NJC Deposits due (see payment information)
April 15th, 2013	NJC Scholarship Form Due
May 15th, 2013	Financial Assistance Award Notifications (via email)
May 15th, 2013	Court Case released (<i>allegedly...</i>)
June 15th, 2013	Balance of Fees Due (see payment information)

Investment in Your Future (aka Payment Information):

All payments for the National Judicial Competition should be made to: California YMCA. A \$500 deposit is required by April 15th ~~so Rolf can pay his taxes~~ in order to hold your spot for the NJC.

Payments can be made via check or credit card. Please mail checks to 2220 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95816. Scott loves 1¢ stamps, so feel free to affix that one remaining stamp from 1998 in conjunction with 14 penny stamps.

To pay via credit card, please contact Kelsey Nolan at (916) 756-0230 ext. 107.

Payments may be made in a lump sum or in installments, if you prefer; however, the entire \$1500 fee is due **prior** to June 15th. Financial Assistance is available and can be applied for at [NJC Scholarship Form](#). The maximum award is \$500 per delegate.

In Sum:

You (or your brilliant child) have been presented with a wonderful opportunity to enhance a variety of life-skills, including those oh-so-valuable communication and time-management skills. To help us cultivate these skills in our delegates, we ask that parental figures direct questions to delegates and give them an opportunity to find the answers. Allyssa and/or Rolf are happy to speak to parents directly about the Ax-Murderer to Delegate ratio, or general "I want to know what kind of weirdo would write a letter like this" conversations. Thank you for being awesome, and to the parents, thank you for raising awesome kids. We are big fans of your work!

*According to the interwebs, Corcoran, CA takes up a whopping 6.4 sq miles of valuable CA real estate. It sits in Kings County, and is located 17 miles south-southeast of Hanford at an elevation of 207 feet...See, I just made you **more knowledgeable** and the training hasn't even started!?!?! How awesome is that? #trivia #jeopardy #unlikely

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