



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

CHANGE THE WORLD

This club teaches research, public speaking and debate skills through activities which model the real United Nations. It prepares students to participate in the YMCA Middle School Model United Nations Conference which is designed to introduce students to the operation and structure of the UN while providing them with the opportunity to actively learn about world cultures and debate issues of international importance

WHO: GRADES 5-8

WHEN: TUESDAYS 2:30-3:30PM

WHERE: ROOM

**FIRST MEETING
TUESDAY 9/29**

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB INFORMATION



What is it?

Model UN is a club run by the YMCA that meets weekly at OTS for students in grades 5-8. Students will be assigned a country and learn more about that country by researching its views on pre-selected issues. Students in grades 6-8 have the choice to participate in the Northeast Regional Middle School Model United Nations Conference held January 15, 16, 17 in at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to participate in the club but there is a cost to attend the conference which includes 2 nights hotel accommodation at the Hershey Lodge, meals and common costs such as bus transportation and chaperone fees. The cost per student will depend on the number of participants, bus fees, etc. but is expected to be approximately \$625. Financial Assistance is available.

What do students do?

Preparation for attendance will include practice and developing skills public speaking, resolution writing, parliamentary procedures and debate. Students will also learn about their country and the topics to be discussed by defining terms and answering questions about their country's experience with and views on the topics to be debated.

At conference students will use the knowledge and skills learned to act out the United Nations through writing and debating solutions that they develop to solve two different world issues. They will also take on the roles of lawyers and judges in a model of the International Criminal Court.

Who Attends?

About 200 6th, 7th and 8th graders from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Connecticut and New York participate in the conference. During the debate and court simulation students are divided into 7-8 committees of 25-35 students

YMCA staff serve as club chaperones on the trip.

**For Questions about Model UN Club
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