## YMCA Model United Nations



For youth development, For healthy living, For social responsibility

## What is Y-MUN

- Students simulating countries & debating world issues in committees of various size
- 3 Ways to Think About Y-MUN
  - •Academic Researching world issues
  - •<u>Skills</u> Public speaking, researching, writing, critical reading, analytical thinking
  - •<u>Character Development</u> Leadership, teamwork, exposure to new ideas
- Learn the operation & structure of the United Nations

## Benefits for delegates & the community

**92.4**% of students gain confidence in their public speaking abilities from being a delegate.

**89.3**% of students are more open to having their views on an issue be challenged as result of being a delegate.

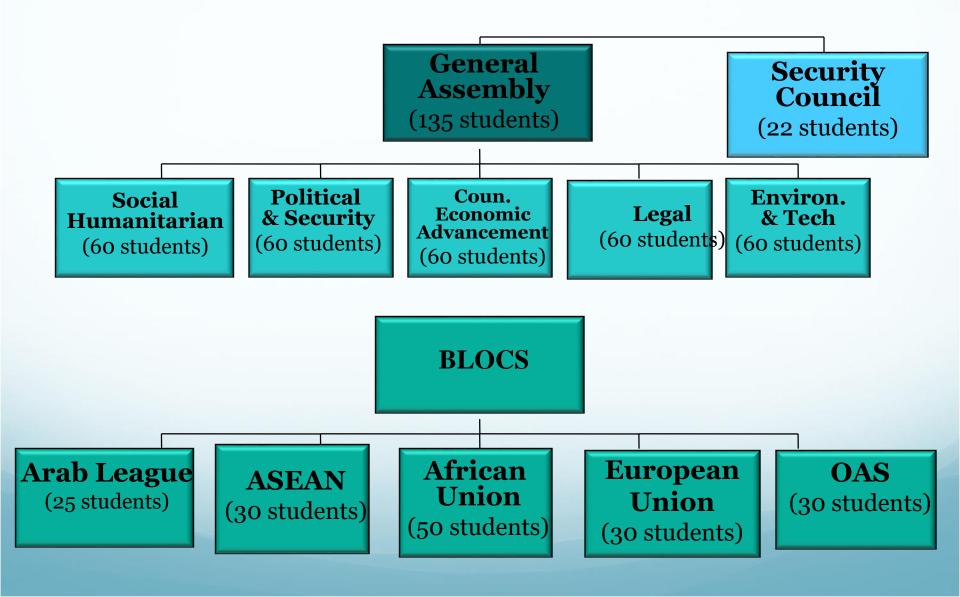
**95.2%** of participants would recommend the Hershey YMCA Model UN program to friends at their school and other schools.

"YMCA Model UN gave me a different perspective on the purpose and importance of the UN. To be involved in the process of watching resolutions pass and under- standing how foreign relations help shape foreign policy was incredibly beneficial to me."

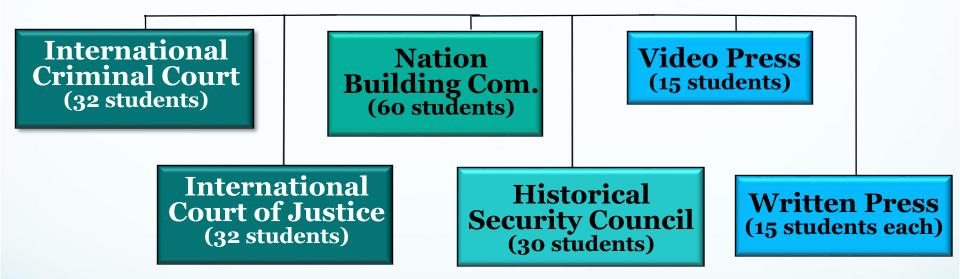
## **Conference Format**

- Conference held over a weekend early January (Fri-Sun)
  - Arrival Friday 10:00am
  - Depart Sunday 12 noon
- Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey,
   PA
- 1,500 students from NJ, PA, DE & MD from 40 schools
- Schools recruit & prepare students from Sept-Dec.

## **Committees-Country Based**



## **Specialized Committees**



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- International Criminal Court (ICC)
  - -Cases against world figures
- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
  - -Cases between nations
- Historical Security Council (HSC)
  - -Debate major international issues from historical eras
- Nation Building Committee (NBC)
  - -Develop comprehensive plan for a nation in historical period
- Press Corps (Written & Video)
  - newsletters, video, PowerPoint

## **Delegate Responsibilities**

- Perform research on country/topics
- Defend & debate country positions
- Make speeches & lead negotiations
- Submit documents
  - Credential
  - Country Research Paper or appropriate assignment

## **Student Document Flow**

Complete credential & submit \$100 deposit to Advisor to participate, then you'll receive committee & country assignment.

## **Country Data Sheet**

(basic country information)

#### **Resolutions**

(created at conference, details formal action for UN)



#### Country Research Paper

Country Information Positions on Topics



## **Country Data Sheet**

- Provides broad overview
- Evaluates 6 social institutions
- Important knowledge for debate
- Not submitted to program staff

## Country Research Paper

- Outlines nation's positions on all the assigned committee topics
- Provides specific recommendations for resolutions & debate
- Copies distributed in committees
- Used to develop actual resolutions
- Due to Program Office on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>
- MS Word file-sort by committee

## Resolutions

- Document written, debated and voted for action in each committee
- Prepared during the conference with other delegates.
- Each delegate writes and debates on any resolution

## Conference Awards

- Character Development Awards
- Premier Position Paper / Brief
- Premier & Outstanding Country Awards
- Premier & Outstanding Delegation Awards
- Premier 1<sup>st</sup> year Delegate Award
- Premier Diplomat Award
- National Affairs Delegates

## Student Leadership Positions

- Secretary General Student executive
- Committee Chairs Maintain procedure& order in committee
- ◆ Officers-at-Large- Assist committee chairs
- ◆ Youth Secretariat Relay information & assist local delegation

### **Conference Fees**

Fees include (Financial Assistance Available):

Hotel accommodations for two nights

Seven Meals

Conference materials

Conference t-shirt/gift

#### Fees:

Students @ \$270 per person

Advisors (double) @ \$295 per person

Advisors (single) @ \$335 per person

# For More Information/Forms:

## www.ymcamun.org



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