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NORTH VALLEY FAMILY YMCA MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

Middle school students, called delegates, participate in the program with their peers. During weekly meetings, delegates are given the opportunity to discuss international issues, discover other cultures, develop life enhancing skills, and make new friends. The four-month program culminates when delegates from around the state meet at the YMCA’s Annual Model United Nations Summit Conference in Los Angeles, California. **Enrollment is open.**

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**Location:** Porter Ranch Community School, Room #224

**Weekly Meeting:** Thursdays, after school. Meetings begin January 16, 2020

**Program Fee:** $250 per month for 4 months ($1,000). Financial assistance available

**Program Conferences**
- **Training Conference:** March 21-22, 2020: Camp Pali Mountain
- **MUN Summit Conference:** April 23-26, 2020: LAX Sheraton

Program fees include all conferences, meals and lodging. Transportation to Training Conference also included.
Youth & Government

For over 65 years, California YMCA Youth & Government has provided outstanding statewide educational and social experiences for middle and high school youth. The programs, run through partnering YMCAs, local schools and youth organizations, have served an impressive 38,000 students over the past 15 years alone.

The mission of California YMCA Youth & Government is to build values-based leadership and civic engagement in California’s youth to strengthen our democracy.

PROGRAM DELIVERABLES & OVERVIEW

California YMCA Youth & Government prides itself in providing quality educational and civic engagement programs that offer youth the following skills to help them transition and succeed with ease from middle school all the way through college graduation:

- Leadership skills
- Public speaking
- Research and writing skills
- Core values and team work
- Study skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Greater understanding of civic engagement and issues on statewide and national levels.

Since 1948, California YMCA Youth & Government has offered our Model Legislature & Court (MLC) program to high school students. Currently, the MLC is serving more than 3,000 participants from over 85 delegations across the state. In 2001, California YMCA Youth & Government expanded to offer a Model United Nations (MUN) program to middle school students. The MUN program is currently serving close to 900 participants from over 40 delegations across the state. Our Intern program is geared towards recent high school graduates who wish to continue their educational advancement as well as hone mentoring skills.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Our Model United Nations (MUN) program is entering its 19th year and serves close to 900 students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade from over 40 different delegations. Each delegation will select one or more countries (depending on delegation size) to research and represent at our two MUN conferences. In March, participants attend the MUN Training Conference, held at Camp Pali. While there, participants will not only learn more about the program area in which they will be participating (General Assembly, Non-Governmental Organizations, International Court of Justice, etc.), they will also receive training in areas such as public speaking, decision-making, cultural competency, and evidence-based persuasion.

In April, everyone meets for our annual Model United Nations Summit, in Los Angeles. During the Summit, participants will represent their respective countries in the roles for which they prepared during the Training Conference (Economic and Social Council, Security Council, etc.). During the course of the conference, they will also have the opportunity to participate in various cultural experiences. Each year, MUN is fortunate to have 5 to 10 foreign dignitaries come for our Saturday night banquet. These foreign dignitaries also sit with the delegations representing their countries and answer questions pertaining to their country.

By simulating the official United Nations, the MUN program teaches the participants about international policy, appreciating different cultures, and working together to find creative solutions to problems.

Changing the world, one leader at a time.