Dear Model United Nations Parents,

Your child has expressed interest in participating in the Seventeenth Annual YMCA Middle School Model United Nations Conference. This Conference is a one day educational event for young people in grades 6th through 8th to have a hands-on experience with international issues and policy. Students have the opportunity to develop leadership and speaking skills while debating under the rules of parliamentary procedure. We are excited to have this program for middle school students and are delighted that your child wants to participate.

The YMCA has four character components which we strive to instill in every program: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Adherence to the following criteria is just one way these components are expressed in our Model United Nations program.

1. Each student is to attend a FREE preparatory training session held at their school.
2. The training teaches each student how to research, write, present and debate a country resolution. The resolutions are due **November 9th.**
3. Each student is to pay an online $25.00 registration. **This money is non-refundable. All fees are due within one week of the school training. Please see the attached instructions for online payments on the YMCA website.**
4. Business attire is required of all conference participants. Boys are to wear coat, tie and slacks (no tennis shoes). Girls are to wear business dresses, skirts or slacks. We want all students to have a professional appearance.

Please be sure to download, print and sign the permission/delegate code of conduct form that appears during your online registration. Please have your child return it to their school advisor along with the receipt of payment. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me kclack@ymcamemphis.org or call me 359-3547. We are delighted to have your child participating in our program. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kelley Clack
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