



## PIKESVILLE MODEL UN

The Pikesville Model UN club began in 1999 and has consistently attended the National High School Model UN (**NHSMUN**) simulation in New York City in March. For more information about NHSMUN, you can visit its web site: [www.nhsmun.org](http://www.nhsmun.org) This simulation brings together over 2,000 high school students from around the U.S. and around the world to debate global issues. Pikesville's delegation has ranged from 12 to 28 students over the years. The advisors are **Mr. Dresner and Mr. Hill**. Students planning to participate in Model UN need to have a sincere interest in international relations, excellent academic skills, and a record of academic and behavioral success at PHS. Tryouts take place in late September or early October. Tryouts consist of demonstrating the skills required in Model UN; that is, students will be assigned a country to represent, a UN committee, and a current international issue to research. Students will then have a couple of weeks to research the issue and the country and write a position paper that expresses the country's view of the issue and what action it wants the UN to take. Then, there will be a mock committee meeting held during which students can demonstrate their oral advocacy skills. Students' oral and written presentations will be evaluated to determine whether or not they are accepted onto the delegation.

From early October, when tryouts are held and we register for the conference, our schedule is as follows: in mid-October we are assigned our country and we hold a meeting to determine the committee assignments for our delegation. Students then have until mid-January to research and write their position papers. The advisors go over the papers and some may be returned for revisions before they are submitted in early February. Costs for the trip, including registration fees, transportation, and lodging at the New York Hilton, range from \$500-600 (though no student is denied participation based on financial need). An initial deposit is required in October, a substantial payment in early December, and a final payment in January. The dates for the simulation are **March 7-10, 2012**. Students miss three days of school. We travel by motor coach on that Wednesday. Students have 15 hours of committee meetings over the next three days, and then some free time on Saturday before we return home. (It should be emphasized that this is **NOT** a sightseeing trip and is not advisable for students with questionable dedication to the issues being debated.)

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