

# Global Elementary Model United Nations (G.E.M.U.N.)

## General Session

# May 11 & 12, 2012

Location: **Brookhaven College, Dallas, Texas**

**Welcome to GEMUN XXIII!**

Global Elementary Model United Nations (GEMUN) provides a unique and creative educational opportunity for all participants. This nine-month long working experience provides a student/delegate with an unparalleled opportunity not only to study the United Nations, but to experience it through role-playing. Student/delegates, in small groups called delegations, represent assigned countries and garner a genuine appreciation of other cultures and perspectives on issues. Following the study and research of global problems, students incorporate critical thinking, writing and interpersonal skills to create and submit resolutions. The practice of diplomacy, public speaking, and caucusing culminate for the year in an exciting two-day session in May at Brookhaven College in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

The General Session this year is a simulation of these eleven bodies in the United Nations System: **General Assembly (GA), Security Council (SC), Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Human Rights Council (HRC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).**

### The Structure of GEMUN

**Eleven Committees to be role-played at GEMUN XXIII: General Assembly (GA):** The GA is the central organ of the United Nations, where every nation can speak up and be heard on any matter. All Members of the United Nations are represented in it (see enclosed list of member nations). Every country has the same vote as every other country. The **Human Rights Council (HRC)** is a subsidiary body of the General Assembly created in 2006 with the main purpose of addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them.

**Security Council (SC):** The fifteen members of the SC (five permanent and ten non-permanent) address all issues relating to world peace and security (*SC members are marked (\*) on the enclosed list of Current Members of the United Nations*).

**Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):** ECOSOC is concerned with economic problems, such as trade and economic development, and social issues, including children's issues, women's rights, racial discrimination, poverty, etc. The work of ECOSOC is too big for a single organ. It works with what are called Specialized Agencies, Functional Commissions and United Nations Programmes.

Specialized Agencies, Commissions or Programmes to be role-played at GEMUN this year are: **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO), Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).**

The total number of student-delegates suggested for the most effective GEMUN delegation:

**Countries which are members of Security Council—11.**

**All other countries -- one delegate for each Committee covered by the delegation.**

(Minimum of 5 delegates to represent a major country. All other countries, no minimum.)

### **GEMUN 2012 COMMITTEES AND TOPICS**

- 1) General Assembly (GA) topics:** Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief, The question of Tibet, Rights of the Child, The Question of Palestine, Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects and Open agenda
- 2) Security Council (SC) topics:** Peace-keeping, Combat Arms Trafficking, Advocating DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration) programmes, Counter-Terrorism, International Economic Sanctions, Stability in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region, and Open Agenda -- All Issues of Security and International Peace
- 3) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) topics:** Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger, Minimizing Massive Financial Debt and/or Inflation, Increasing Technological Availability, Reducing Unemployment, Achieving Universal Education, Mitigating Social Problems Caused by Political/Economic Instability, Using Resources Effectively to Attain Sustainable Development, and Open Agenda
- 4) Human Rights Council (HRC) topics:** Poverty and Human Rights, Trafficking in Persons, The Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Racism, Torture, MDGs and Human Rights, and Open Agenda
- 5) United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) topics:** Combating Desertification, Increasing Water Sanitation in Developing Nations, Boosting Waste Management, Reducing Green House Gas Emissions, Ecosystems-based Agriculture, Forests and Sustainable Development, and Open Agenda
- 6) World Health Organization (WHO) topics:** Environmental Pollution and Health, Immunizations and Accessible Health Care, Hunger and Malnutrition, Infectious Diseases, Noncommunicable Diseases, Infant and Maternal Health Care, and Open Agenda
- 7) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) topics:** Child Labor, Child Education, Child Soldiers, Child Mortality, Children's Rights, Childhood Malnutrition and Hunger, and Open Agenda
- 8) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) topics:** Violence Against Women, Women and Education, Women and Health, Women and Poverty, Forced Marriage of Minors, Women and the Media, and Open Agenda
- 9) Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) topics:** The Impact of Climate Change on the Development Prospects of the LDCs and SIDS, Promotion of the rule of law and social justice, Improve access to available and affordable energy, Facilitate participation of the poor in economic activity, Increase private and public investment in agriculture and infrastructure, Sensitize the general public on environmentally safe practices, and Open Agenda
- 10) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) topics:** Genetically Modified foods, Water Scarcity, Food Security, Conservation Agriculture, Volatility of Food Prices, Organic Agriculture, and Open Agenda
- 11) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) topics:** Nuclear Weapon Disarmament, Radiotherapy Advancement, Nuclear Energy Research, Nuclear Safeguards, Radioactive Waste Disposal, and Open Agenda

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Student/delegates discuss and decide which country (or countries) to role-play.
2. On the registration form, list **five** country choices in order of preference for **each** delegation. Country assignments will be issued according to **postmark date** on **paid** registrations.
3. Deadline for return of registration form -- **postmarked by October 31**. (A late fee **must** accompany registrations sent after this date -- **\*\*NOTE\*\* first year participants exempted from late fee.**)
4. Enclose registration fees with form. **Registrations without fees cannot be processed.**

### REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee for *each delegate* -- **\$30.00**. For *each sponsor* -- **\$20**.

Expense for organizational duties, materials and printing requires a **LATE FEE of \$3.00** for each delegate registered after the deadline. **The registration fee after October 31 deadline is \$33 per delegate (sponsor fees do not change after deadline).** Checks or money orders should be made payable to GEMUN (Global Elementary Model United Nations) and returned with registration form to:

GEMUN, 6005 Royaloak Dr., Arlington, TX, USA 76016-1035

If you need more information: Marti Cockrell, The Robert Muller School -- 817/654-1018  
cell -- 817-819-7081      email -- rmswcc@airmail.net

### Current Members of the United Nations -- Fall, 2010 (\*SC Members)

1 Afghanistan	41 Côte d'Ivoire	79 Iran (Islamic Rep.)	117 Myanmar	156 Slovenia
2 Albania	42 Croatia	80 Iraq	118 Namibia	157 Solomon Islands
3 Algeria	43 Cuba	81 Ireland	119 Nauru	158 Somalia
4 Andorra	44 Cyprus	82 Israel	120 Nepal	159 South Africa
5 Angola	45 Czech Republic	83 Italy	121 Netherlands	160 South Sudan
6 Antigua&Barbuda	46 Democratic	84 Jamaica	122 New Zealand	161 Spain
7 Argentina	People's Rep. of Korea	85 Japan*	123 Nicaragua	162 Sri Lanka
8 Armenia	47 Democratic Republic	86 Jordan	124 Niger	163 Sudan
9 Australia	of the Congo	87 Kazakhstan	125 Nigeria*	164 Suriname
10 Austria*	48 Denmark	88 Kenya	126 Norway	165 Swaziland
11 Azerbaijan	49 Djibouti	89 Kiribati	127 Oman	166 Sweden
12 Bahamas	50 Dominica	90 Kuwait	128 Pakistan	167 Switzerland
13 Bahrain	51 Dominican Republic	91 Kyrgyzstan	129 Palau	168 Syrian Arab Republic
14 Bangladesh	52 Ecuador	92 Lao People's	130 Panama	169 Tajikistan
15 Barbados	53 Egypt	Democratic Rep.	131 Papua New Guinea	170 Thailand
16 Belarus	54 El Salvador	93 Latvia	132 Paraguay	171 The frmr Yugoslav
17 Belgium	55 Equatorial Guinea	94 Lebanon*	133 Peru	Rep. of Macedonia
18 Belize	56 Eritrea	95 Lesotho	134 Philippines	172 Timor-Leste
19 Benin	57 Estonia	96 Liberia	135 Poland	173 Togo
20 Bhutan	58 Ethiopia	97 Libyan Arab	136 Portugal	174 Tonga
21 Bolivia	59 Fiji	Jamahiriya	137 Qatar	175 Trinidad & Tobago
22 Bosnia/Herz.*	60 Finland	98 Liechtenstein	138 Republic of Korea	176 Tunisia
23 Botswana	61 France*	99 Lithuania	139 Republic of Moldova	177 Turkey*
24 Brazil*	62 Gabon*	100 Luxembourg	140 Romania	178 Turkmenistan
25 Brunei Darusslm	63 Gambia	101 Madagascar	141 Russian Federation*	179 Tuvalu
26 Bulgaria	64 Georgia	102 Malawi	142 Rwanda	180 Uganda*
27 Burkina Faso	65 Germany	103 Malaysia	143 Saint Kitts & Nevis	181 Ukraine
28 Burundi	66 Ghana	104 Maldives	144 Saint Lucia	182 United Arab Emirates
29 Cambodia	67 Greece	105 Mali	145 Saint Vincent and	183 United Kingdom*
30 Cameroon	68 Grenada	106 Malta	the Grenadines	184 United Rep. of
31 Canada	69 Guatemala	107 Marshall Islands	146 Samoa	Tanzania
32 Cape Verde	70 Guinea	108 Mauritania	147 San Marino	185 USA*
33 Cent. African Rep.	71 Guinea-Bissau	109 Mauritius	148 Sao Tome & Principe	186 Uruguay
34 Chad	72 Guyana	110 Mexico*	149 Saudi Arabia	187 Uzbekistan
35 Chile	73 Haiti	111 Micronesia	150 Senegal	188 Vanuatu
36 China*	74 Honduras	112 Monaco	151 Serbia and Montenegro	189 Venezuela
37 Colombia	75 Hungary	113 Mongolia	152 Seychelles	190 Viet Nam
38 Comoros	76 Iceland	114 Montenegro	153 Sierra Leone	191 Yemen
39 Congo	77 India	115 Morocco	154 Singapore	192 Zambia
40 Costa Rica	78 Indonesia	116 Mozambique	155 Slovakia	193 Zimbabwe

# GEMUN 2012 CALENDAR

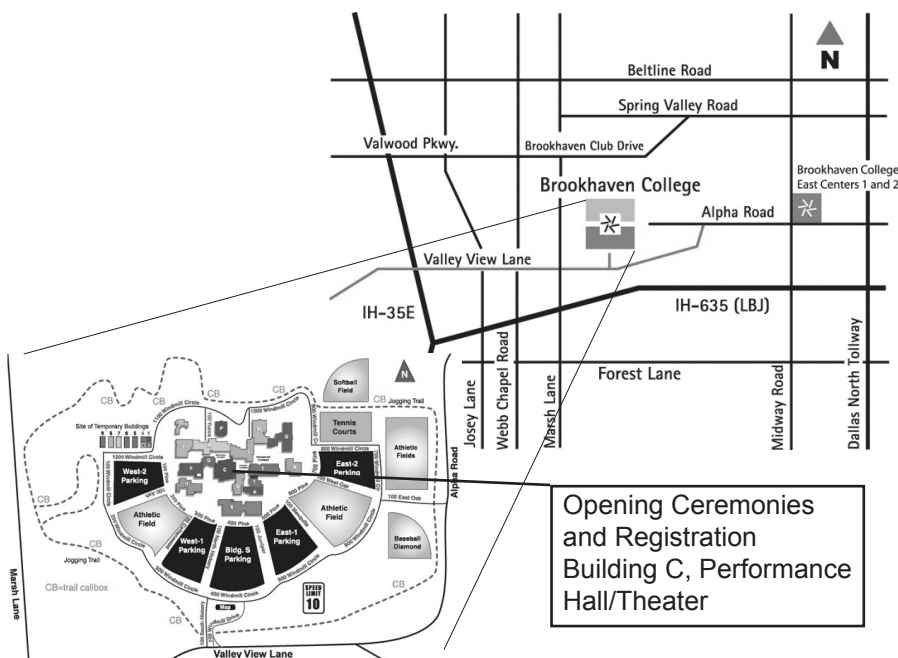
## IMPORTANT DATES -- PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

<b>October 31</b>	<b>Registration (w fees) due</b> (postmarked)
<b>Sat., October 8 (9 am-12 noon)</b> Morningside Middle School 2751 Mississippi Ave, Fort Worth, TX	<b>First Delegate Workshop*</b> Overview--Committees, topics Positions, Position Papers discussed
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Position Papers, Committee Assignments due</b> (postmarked/emailed)
<b>Sat., January 21 (9 am-12 noon)</b> Morningside M.S. (see address above)	<b>Second Delegate Workshop*</b> Resolution Writing, Debate Procedure
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Resolutions due</b> (emailed)
<b>April</b> dates & locations to be assigned	<b>Practice Session(s)*</b>
<b>May 11</b> (Friday, 9 am-3 pm)	<b>GEMUN XXIII*!</b> -- Brookhaven
<b>May 12</b> (Saturday, 9 am- 5:30 pm)	<b>GEMUN XXIII*!</b> -- Brookhaven

**\*Bring paper, pencil and GEMUN Handbook to all Sessions.**

## Brookhaven College How do we get there?

Brookhaven College is located at 3939 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, Dallas, TX. Opening Ceremonies and Registration will be in Building C, the Performance Hall/Theater Building, from 8:30 am until approximately 11:00 am Friday, May 14th. If you arrive late, a Directory in the Performance Hall Lobby will show you where the Information Center is located. Come there first to sign in and get your materials.



# GEMUN 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

## Global Elementary Model United Nations

Sponsor/ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

(circle grades registering: 4 5 6 7 8 )

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Area Code and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Area Code and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Area Code and fax \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Did you (as sponsor) participate in GEMUN last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Did your school participate? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes in either case, please list last year's country assignment(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# students registering: \_\_\_\_\_

# sponsors to receive mailings: \_\_\_\_\_

Total #: \_\_\_\_\_

@\$30 each, amount for students: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

@\$20 each, amount for sponsors: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(if late fee applies, add \$3 for each student)**

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List below **FIVE** country choices for each delegation in order of preference. From each set of 5 nations listed, one will be assigned. List country choices on back of this sheet to register more than 3 delegations.

**NOTE: IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED TO REPRESENT A PERMANENT MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL, ATTACH A PARAGRAPH STATING THE REASONS YOUR GROUP IS QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY.**

Delegation #1

Delegation #2

Delegation #3

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