INFO MEETING Q&A

1. **Will MUN conflict with Mock Trial?**
    a. We are aiming to have weekly meetings on Wednesdays, Mock Trial meetings are on Tuesdays. As for conferences, in MUN you get to decide which conferences you want to go to. You will not be required to attend all conferences but you must join **three** at least to continue as a member for the following school year.
2. **Am I able to choose what countries to represent?**
    a. It depends on the committee and officer team. Although sometimes you cannot choose which country you want to represent, you should keep yourself informed and research to get familiar with the country's policies, past, and present, possibly future as well.
3. **Can you explain more about the 1-minute Opening Speech for Tryouts?**
    a. For tryouts, we will give a separate email to those who submitted an application on time with more information. The 1-minute Opening Speech is a simulation of an Opening Speech a delegate would normally give at a MUN conference. There will be more information on what you should include in the speech in that email. Sample topics will be listed on a spreadsheet for you to sign up on which one your speech will be covering.
4. **What days are planned for weekly meetings during the school year?**
    a. Although it is not confirmed yet, tentatively we are aiming for Wednesdays.
5. **Will countries not included in the UN be excluded in conferences?**
    a. Yes, only countries included in the UN will be open for delegates to represent during MUN conferences.
6. **How long do conferences last?**
    a. Most conferences are 2 days long and take place over weekends. Travel conferences are usually 3-4 days long from Thursday/Friday to Sunday.
7. **Will MUN conflict with band?**
    a. In MUN you get to decide which conferences you want to go to. You will not be required to attend all conferences but you must join **three** at least to continue as a member for the following school year.
8. **Is it not recommended to do Speech and Debate while doing MUN?**

a. If you are interested in doing both at the same time, you should definitely go for it! Many students participate in MUN along with S&D or other activities in the same year! S&D definitely gives you exposure to what debate and foreign relations/policies are like. But you don't necessarily need the experience to do MUN. Just be sure you are able to handle time and don't overwork yourself!

9. Will weekly meetings be during school lunch time or after school?

a. As of now, it is still TBA, we will decide with the new team members when would be an optimal time to meet on Wednesdays (day of the week is also TBA).

10. How do teams move up to national level or state level?

a. Unlike Mock Trial, you do not have to level up chronologically. You can register for any conference you choose.

11. How do I register for conferences?

a. As a team member, you can leave that to the officers! Officers will normally introduce the available conferences throughout the school year, all you have to do is just demonstrate your interest and let us know you want to sign up.

12. How much prep time is needed?

a. We will be spending our school meetings leading up to different conferences to prepare. Typically, we want to aim towards using our meeting times to prepare giving speeches, debating, questioning, etc. In the beginning of the year, we will help guide you to writing the documents and anything not finished during meetings will be completed as homework. Prep time on your own is different for each person and how prepared they want to be for the conference. If you want to do well and win possible awards, you should give in more effort and prepare 2-3 hours the nights leading up to the conference.

13. Should speeches be memorized for conferences?

a. It is most recommended that speeches are memorized for conferences. While improvisation is allowed, it depends on how comfortable you will be. (We recommend writing out your speech, though.) In different formats of committee sessions, you can determine what you think will be best. Committee formats such as Moderated Caucus will be more formal so memorizing your speeches is highly advised. Whereas the Unmoderated Caucus is informal and any speeches can be prepared on the spot.

14. What will we be doing in our weekly school meetings?

a. During the beginning of the school year, the officer team will spend couple meetings having training and workshops on specific elements of the conferences, such as how to write a position paper, give an opening speech, and more. In

normal meetings, we will have committee session simulations to train for conferences.

15. How many conferences will we have per month?

a. This depends on the number of conferences you want to sign up for personally. You are required to be in at least THREE conferences in the school year to be able to continue MUN in the following school year.

16. Do I need to have past experience in Speech and Debate or Mock Trial to join?

a. No past experience is required!

17. How many members will MUN be taking for applications?

a. It depends on how large the applicant pool will be. We will be accepting at least 15 people, but do not let the number affect the quality of your application. Do your best at tryouts as well and prove why you would be a good team member to have.

18. Can you share the slideshow presentation of the informational meeting?

a. Yes, it was posted in our LinkTree: https://linktr.ee/modelunarcadiahs

19. What is the dress code for MUN conferences?

a. Formal attire, wear suits and blazers. No jeans or shorts, dark clothing colors work best but khaki is acceptable. Wearing necklaces and earrings are acceptable. Hair must be neat.

20. Who will the advisor be?

a. TBA! We are currently contacting the social studies department of teachers and are waiting to hear back from them!

21. What can I do in the summer to prepare for MUN?

a. There are many opportunities in the summer to get ahead and gain some MUN experiences. UCLA Model UN Summer Institute is a great program to learn more about how everything works. You can also explore this page https://learnmodelun.com/ to find some MUN opportunities this summer. Just researching and finding different programs to take in the summer will help tremendously with the upcoming school year of conferences.

22. What officer positions will be available?

a. Treasurer, ICC Representative, and Historian are available officer positions for the admitted team members to apply for.

23. Will officers have to reapply?

a. Officers do not need to fill out an application, only have a normal interview. More information will be provided later after team member applications are over.

24. How would you describe the atmosphere of the MUN team?

a. The MUN team is a big community! We are very supportive of each other and work together! MUN conferences are very fun and the intensity of the conferences will depend on the committee you sign up for.

25. Who will be judges for model UN, is it the teacher / advisor ?

a. Judges are generally high school students who are part of the school that is hosting the conference. They are part of the school's MUN team and are called "chairs"

26. This is really an academic team for AHS, right?

a. MUN has been around for 8 years or so now and to be an academic team you must be at AHS as a club for 5 years continuously. Due to the pandemic this year, the MUN officer team could not commit to such responsibilities and as a result, the advisor quit so it could not get chartered this school year and had no activity until now. We will certainly apply to be chartered as an academic team if allowed and as a club if not an academic team. While there is nothing guaranteed, we have seen much support from ASB in advertising for the Informational Meeting (very grateful for them!). All in all, MUN is an internationally recognized and credible event. We hope for the best and are currently working hard on applying to be chartered.

27. Just to get an idea, does it have a competition calendar, events/month? (each position paper 2-4 hours prep)?

a. As officers, we look from different websites on the upcoming conferences each month. We will keep our team updated with information from each event listed so that our delegates can sign up. In the past, MUN has usually competed at Gahr, Capistrano, and a few others, however we do not have to stick to the past and can definitely push for more conferences on different levels of recognition. The position paper also depends on your own speed with researching and typing, but it is reasonable to take 2-4 hours on the position paper.

28. On the day, for Saturday events : ½ day or full day 9AM to 5PM?

a. On each day, conferences will typically last from 8AM to the afternoon/ evening. Full day 8-9AM to 3-5PM is generally the case. Referring to the answer of Question #6, most conferences are 2 days long and take place over weekends. Travel conferences are usually 3-4 days long from Thursday/Friday to Sunday.