

Hello Parent and Guardians,

I am pleased to announce that this year, Southwest High School's Model UN club will be attending a conference in Chicago January 23rd-26th, 2014. Through research, the club co-presidents and myself have determined this is the best conference based on testimonies and the unique way the conference is organized. I have attached some information for the conference but more can be found on the conference website (<http://www.cimun.org/>)

For those of you unfamiliar with Model UN, it is an academic simulation of the real United Nations. Students are assigned a country that they will research. Students will then be given different scenarios where they will be asked to respond how their country would in real life. Students develop skills related to politics, human rights, preserving the environment, and critical thinking. Students are able to learn more about one of the key organizations that shape the future of the world.

For transportation, we will be taking the Megabus to Chicago early in the morning of January 23rd (Bus Departure @6:00 am in Minneapolis). We have decided to take the Megabus based on affordability. Taking this method of transportation will greatly lower the cost of the weekend. We will be returning back to Minneapolis around 9:30 pm January 26th.

The cost for the trip will be based on whether your student wants the conference's meal plan. The price per student who do not want the meal plan will be asked to pay \$450. If your student wishes to take advantage of the conference meal plan, the cost will be \$495. The conference meal plan is attached to this packet. Students will still be responsible for food expenses even if they do not choose the meal plan. The price includes travel to and from the conference, a Thursday night banquet meal, 3 nights stay at the Fairmont Chicago, Millenium Park, and all materials that will be provided at the conference. Checks can be made out to Southwest High School with Model UN as the memo.

If your student is planning on going, please return the attached forms and payment by Friday, October 25th so I will be able to reserve our place at the conference.

I am very excited that we will be taking this trip this year. It should be a great learning experience and something that you student can use on applications or resumes. If you have any questions, please let me know.



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Southwest High School  
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**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**Departs on Megabus** 6:00 AM Minneapolis, MN , Parking lot on Chicago Ave between S 3rd St and S Washington Ave

**Arrives** 2:20 PM Chicago, IL , Union Station S Canal St south of Jackson Blvd.

**Thursday, January 23, 2014**

12:00 pm - 5:30 pm	School Arrival and Registration
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Hotel Check In
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Delegate Training Workshops
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies and Banquet
8:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Committee Session
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Faculty Advisor Reception
12:00 am	Curfew

**Friday, January 24, 2014**

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Diplomatic Consulate Visits and Panel
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Lunch
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Committee Session
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Faculty Advisor Meeting
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Committee Session
12:00 am	Curfew

**Saturday, January 25, 2014**

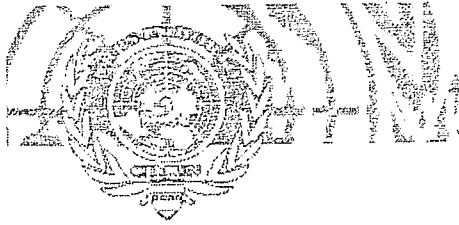
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Committee Session
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Committee Session
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	Faculty Advisor Meeting - Lottery for CIMUN XI
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Delegate Reception
12:00 am	Curfew

**Sunday, January 26, 2014**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Committee Session
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Simulation Debriefing
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies

**Departs** 1:00 PM Chicago, IL , Union Station S Canal St south of Jackson Blvd.

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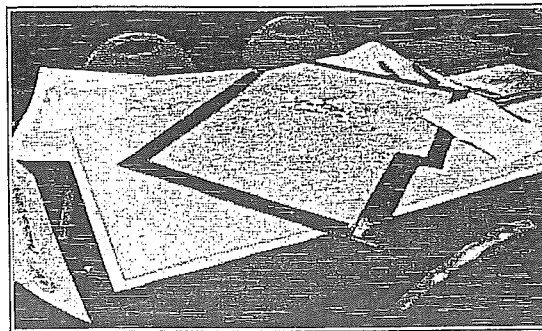
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**Crises and Simulations**

Ready to Think on the Run?



At CIMUN, all committees feature a fully-integrated crisis simulation that will force delegates to think on their feet and work across multiple committees. From the General Assemblies to our Historical Cabinets and Regional Bodies, all of our committees are vital participants in the crisis, constituting one of the largest integrated MUN simulations in the world. As a result, delegations are given the opportunity to work as a team in order to best promote their national interest, simulating the work of actual diplomats in a variety of forums.

Our Department of Simulations is made up of over 40 staff members from around the country, and works for months before the actual conference to craft cutting-edge crises that will challenge delegates of all skill levels.

Instead of relying only on traditional background guides, our preparation materials include primary source materials, samples from the news media (both Historical and Present Day) and declassified intelligence documents designed to lead delegates to a deeper understanding of the issues that they will be debating instead of simply regurgitating facts. Additionally, our expansive Simulations department provides every delegate with an in-depth briefing the first night of the conference.

Specific questions can be addressed to our Undersecretary-General of Simulations, Blaine W. Coyle, at [usgsims\(at\)cimun.org](mailto:usgsims(at)cimun.org).

Some of our favorite simulations include:

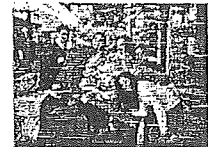
**Present-Day:**

- 2005 - War Between Israel and Lebanon
- 2006 - Oil Pipeline Politics Between Russia and Western Europe
- 2010 - Korean Peninsula and the Death of Kim Jung Il

**Historical:**

- 1977 - Red Army Faction
- 1983 - Able Archer Nuclear Missile Readiness Exercises / KAL 007
- 1962 - Cuban Missile Crisis - Sino Indian War
- 1967 - Arab Israeli Conflict
- 1989 - Soviet Crackdown at the Berlin Wall

**Testimonials!**



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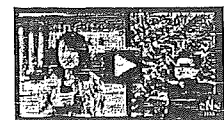
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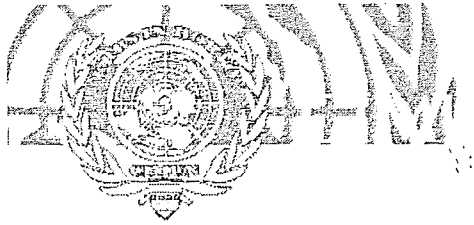
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## How We're Different

At the core of the CIMUN philosophy is a strong focus on realism and innovation, with our primary goal being the accurate portrayal of the challenges faced by real-life diplomats and politicians. All committees at CIMUN feature a fully-integrated crisis simulation, forcing delegates to think on their feet and work as a team between multiple committees to solve demanding international problems. The result is an unconventional conference that immerses students in a global context, and makes CIMUN a truly one of a kind Model UN experience.

#### What Makes CIMUN Unique:

- Fully Integrated Committees  
*Students are able to work together across committees as national delegations.*
- Interactive Crisis Simulations in All Committees  
*Challenging scenarios and live updates keep delegates thinking on their feet.*
- Diverse and Talented Staff  
*Our staff is drawn from over 50 top universities around the world.*
- Extensive Use of Media and Technology (Check Out Our Videos)  
*Highlights include a real-time news ticker, and even a student run TV news station.*
- Prime Location in Downtown Chicago  
*Our AAA Four Diamond hotel is just minutes from many of the city's top sights.*
- Only Major Conference to Feature a Full Opening Banquet  
*No need to worry about dinner Thursday night.*

This year, our conference will feature 19 committees, most with 15 delegates or less, and a historical simulation set in 1971 during the formative years of the Cold War. Our unique simulation-driven model gives delegates in *all* committees the opportunity to make world-shaping decisions in real time, and requires them to think critically beyond the bounds of any one topic to best represent their national interests.

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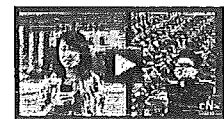
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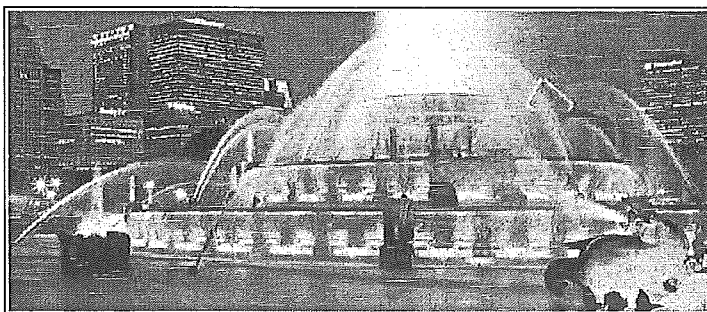
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Hotel Information

CIMUN X will be Held at the Fairmont Hotel in Downtown Chicago



Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Chicago adjacent to Millennium Park, the Fairmont puts you in the middle of all that Chicago has to offer. Widely renowned as one of the city's finest hotels, the Fairmont consistently earns five star accolades, and guests will enjoy spectacular views of the Lake Michigan, the Loop business district, and the downtown skyline. For more information on Chicago's sites and attractions, many within walking distance of the Fairmont, see [While You're Here](#).

The Fairmont is directly connected to the Aon Center food court for easy access to more than 10 different restaurants without ever having to leave the hotel!

All hotel reservations will be handled by CIMUN. We have secured a reduced rate with the Fairmont, and all hotel costs are included in the delegate fees. Once you have registered, you will have an opportunity to submit your hotel rooming list through our online system. For more information, please see [Fees and Payment](#). Questions about hotel reservations may be directed to our Undersecretary-General of Administration, Katie Duthaler, at [usga@cimun.org](mailto:usga@cimun.org).



Hotel Information:

Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park  
200 North Columbus Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601  
United States

Tel: +1 888-540-4408  
<http://www.fairmont.com/chicago>

[Click Here to View of Map of the Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park](#)

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# CIMUN IX Meal Plan

BY:



Package Price: \$40 per Delegate

## Friday Evening Dinner

*Served During 5:00 - 6:30pm Committee Break  
Choose One Option*

### Option 1

Fried Chicken (2 pc.)  
Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Steamed Vegetables  
Dinner Roll  
Bottle of Water

### Option 2 (Vegetarian)

Pasto Alforno w/Vegetarian Marinara  
Mixed Steamed Vegetables  
Dinner Roll  
Bottle of Water

### Option 3

Half Slab of BBQ Ribs  
Red Skin Mashed Potatoes  
Mixed Steamed Vegetables  
Dinner Roll  
Bottle of Water

## Saturday Afternoon Lunch

*Served During 12:00 - 1:30pm Committee Break*

### Sandwich Choices (Choose One)

Oven Roasted Turkey Breast w/ Swiss Cheese on Eight Grain Bread  
Roast Beef w/ Cheddar Cheese on Sourdough Bread  
Tuna Fish Salad on Honey Wheat Bread  
Fresh Mozzarella w/ Tomato, Cucumber, Lettuce, and Balsamic Dressing on Eight Grain Bread

### Sides (All Included)

Gala Apple  
Chocolate Chip Cookie  
Bag of Lightly Salted Kettle Chips  
Bottle of Water

## Saturday and Sunday Morning Breakfast

*Served Before Committee Starting at 7:30am on Saturday and 8:30am on Sunday  
Choose One Option Per Day*

### Option 1

Fresh Muffin  
Banana  
Vanilla Yogurt  
Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice

### Option 2

Yogurt Parfait  
w/ Fresh Berries, Yogurt, and Granola  
Banana  
Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice



## EXTENDED FIELD TRIP – NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PARENT/ GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FORM

Student Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Name(s) PLEASE PRINT**

A field trip to: \_\_\_\_\_

Is planned by: \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose(s) of: \_\_\_\_\_

On: \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Date Beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Time Ending \_\_\_\_\_

Date Ending \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s), on behalf of the above named student in consideration of participation by the student in the described trip herewith declare(s):

- 1) That I have disclosed all special health problems or disabilities of my child that may require special attention or supervision on this field trip, and made provision for the safe handling of any medication required by my child;
- 2) That the necessary arrangements, plans, supervisory arrangements and precautions being taken on behalf of my child's safety and supervision for the described trip have been explained to me and accepted by me.
- 3) That by signing this authorization agree to assume all risks of said trip to my student and to hold harmless Special School District No. 1 for all damages from injury to person or property arising out of any act not under the direct control of said School District, including but not limited to the following:
 

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Insurrection, Revolution, Civil War or rebellion</li> <li>b. Abduction or kidnapping</li> <li>c. Natural disaster</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Any act of aggression by a foreign government or its citizens,</li> <li>e. Air piracy</li> <li>f. any act, whether accidental or otherwise perpetrated by anyone not under the direct control of the School District.</li> </ol>
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- 4) That the costs of said field trip have been explained to me and approved by me, including the liability for additional costs incurred by my student for early return or medical care or treatment, loss of travel documents or due to costs incurred due to acts of my student whether of intent or negligence.

On the basis of the above, I /We authorize the above named student to participate in the field trip described.

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

HOME (preferred contact number)  
Telephone Numbers :

Alternate Phone (Work/ Cell)

Alternate Phone # 2 (Work/ Cell)

Address: HOME addresses of all signers

EMERGENCY Name and telephone contact if parent/guardian cannot be reached



# EXTENDED FIELD TRIP – NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT FORM

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Student's Name (please print)

Name of School Sponsoring Trip

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Student's ID No.

Title of Trip

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Sponsoring Teacher/ Group

### **Parent or Guardian Agreement:**

1. I understand that my student will be under the care and control of the chaperones on this trip, and that those chaperones will make decisions regarding the daily schedule, permitted activities and the educational experiences offered by this trip.
2. I understand and agree that my student will be expected to abide by Minneapolis Public Schools expectations for appropriate student conduct at all times. I understand that my student's conduct must comply with district policies regarding behavior, including the Citywide Discipline Policy and policies regarding controlled substances, weapons, bullying, hazing, harassment and violence. I have reviewed these expectations with my student and we agree to abide by these policies and expectations.
3. If this trip includes leaving the United States I agree that my student will be supplied before departure with the necessary travel documents, such as a passport, visas, and immigration status materials required to enter and leave countries, including the United States, at my own expense. My failure to provide the necessary documentation may result in forfeiture of deposits made or payment of fees charged to change arrangements.
4. I agree that inappropriate behavior of my student may result in him or her being sent home from the trip at my expense.
5. I agree that my student will make no personal excursions during the term of this trip and is expected to travel with the group at all times.
6. I agree that any expenses for emergencies for my student will be paid by me. This includes, but is not limited to, long distance phone call charges incurred by or on behalf of my student, extra land transportation costs including taxis, legal fees, medical fees, extra hotel or accommodation expenses and airline fees should the student be sent home before the rest of the group, or because the student's condition does not allow the student to leave the destination with the group.
7. I understand the arrangements made for this trip including any home-stays planned.
8. I affirm that the sponsoring teacher or staff member has reviewed this agreement with me and answered my questions regarding it.

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**Parent/ Guardian Signature**

**Date**

I am:  Parent to this student

Guardian of this student





**EXTENDED FIELD TRIP –  
NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL  
STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM**

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Your Name (please print)

Name of School Sponsoring Trip

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Your Student ID No.

Title of Trip

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Sponsoring Teacher/ Group

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**Student Agreement:**

1. I agree that this planned trip experience is an extension of my school classroom.
2. I agree that the chaperones are responsible for helping me make the best of this learning experience.
3. I understand and agree that chaperones will make decisions regarding my daily schedule, my permitted activities and my behavior while on this trip.
4. I agree to follow the directions given me by the chaperones on this trip.
5. I agree to meet the expectations for appropriate student behavior and to abide by all Minneapolis Public School policies, including the Citywide Discipline Policy, and policies regarding controlled substances and weapons, bullying, hazing, harassment and violence.
6. I agree that I will not use alcohol or any other controlled substance while I am a participant on this trip even though the location of the trip might permit others of my age to use these substances legally.
7. I understand and agree that my failure to follow the directions of my chaperone, or failure to follow district policies may result in my being sent home at my parent's expense, and that my family will not be entitled to any reimbursement for any amounts we have paid for me to participate in this trip.
8. I understand that I may not make any individual excursions during the term of this trip.
9. I understand that I must remain with my assigned group and chaperone at all times.
10. I agree that I will ask the sponsoring teacher or staff for help to resolve any issues I encounter that might prohibit my successful completion of this trip.
11. I understand that I represent myself, my family, my school and my community on this trip, and will strive to represent them honorably at all times.
12. I affirm that the sponsoring teacher or staff member has reviewed this agreement with me and answered all of my questions regarding it.

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*Student signature*

*Date*