

# Memo



Date: October 7, 2016  
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler *OK KM*  
From: Scott McPeak  
Re: Out-of-state Field Trip Request  
Cc: Bonnie Johnson, Mary Beth Mondul, Bryan Ketter, Tom Rogers, Matt Hahn

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The following information pertains to a request made by GHS faculty members and club sponsors to attend an event outside the State of Illinois:

Destination/Event: Vanderbilt University Model United Nations (VUMUN); Nashville, TN  
Hampton Inn & Suites Vanderbilt Elliston Place  
2330 Elliston Pl, Nashville, TN 37203  
1-615-320-6060

Date of trip: November 4-6, 2016

Length/time of trip: Leave 5:00 am Friday; Return at about 10:00pm Sunday.

Staff Member: Mary Beth Mondul and Bryan Ketter

Group: Model UN

# of Students: 12

# of Chaperones (if app.): 2

Transportation: Activities Bus and 1 Mini-Van

Total Cost of trip: \$350.00 per student

How the trip will be paid for: Individual students

Educational Benefit of trip: Students will be attending and participating in a Mock United Nations (Model UN) conference which allows them to practice communication, collaboration, and enhances their understanding of global politics and issues with students from across the country and the world.

At this Model UN Conference, students will have an opportunity to:

- Communicate on topics they've researched thoroughly over the past month
- Understand how different countries have different goals and must collaborate and compromise in a simulation as they represent those varying interests
- Write formal resolutions after vigorously debating the merits of varying perspectives and issues

The conference preparation will be done after school during mandatory research time as a group and on their own. Students will then be divided into their appropriate committees or cabinets based on their positions and will have to work (while developing new relationships) with other high school students.

After participating in the VUMUN Conference, students will be able to:

- Clearly communicate their points, as well as refute opposing points, in front of a crowd of similarly aged persons
- Construct an argument for or against their positions, which may actually differ from their own personal views
- Collaborate with new people in order to accomplish a goal of finding a resolution on a global topic

Additional Info:

VUMUN Conference 2016

[www.vumun.org](http://www.vumun.org)

Best Delegate – Model UN Resources

<http://bestdelegate.com/resources/>