



## American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter *18-21 November 2023*

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### Last-Minute Prep for Students

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Conference is just two days away! As you make your last-minute preparations as a team, here are some suggestions from the AMUN Staff. AMUN asks that you please forward this communication to all participants on your team(s). In addition to the information below you can also learn more about this year's Conference from our [Conference Program](#).

### Read the Position Papers for Your Committee

AMUN staff strongly encourages you to read the position papers submitted by other Member States and observers prior to participation in the Conference. Position Papers are your best way to get a “sneak peak” into what other nations think about the topics being covered in your committees or councils. A functional understanding of other States' viewpoints will allow you to think about the diplomatic hurdles to solving global issues. [Submitted position papers are available online](#).

### Dress Code Reminder

AMUN will enforce the representative dress code for all formal meetings, including the opening session and the final day of the Conference. Standard Western business attire is the only appropriate clothing for participation. Exceptions are granted only for the required personal religious or cultural practice of Representatives; Representatives should not wear the religious, cultural or business attire of a culture or religion that is not their own. Representatives who are inappropriately attired may not be recognized during roll call or may be denied speaking rights on the floor or voting rights during committee sessions. Please carefully review the Dress Code Policy in the [AMUN Handbook](#). Want further explanation about the dress code? Check out the [AMUN Accords](#).

### Rules & Roleplaying Sessions

The Rules and Roleplaying sessions are held on Saturday, 18 November from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. These sessions evolve and change each year based on the feedback we receive from Representatives. We hope you will join us whether this is your first Conference or your fourth. Senior AMUN Secretariat members will offer demonstrations and explanations of AMUN's rules and offer suggestions for effective roleplaying in each of our three major simulation types: GA/ECOSOC, Report-Writing Bodies and Security Council Simulations. After the presentations, the speakers will be available to take questions from Representatives. Those unable to attend the in-person Rules and Roleplaying sessions can access our [online video series](#).

Sessions are divided by committee/council, see below for room assignments:

- General Assembly Committees and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) — Riverwalk A, Level 1 (Lower Level)
- Security Council & Historical Security Council — Mayfair Room, Level 2
- Report-Writing Bodies: The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Commission on Population & Development (CPD) — Michigan A/B, Level 2

All Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend AMUN's Rules and Roleplaying Sessions. The sessions are being held during Conference Registration, just before the actual Conference convenes, to give as many Representatives as possible an opportunity to attend. These sessions are designed to assist Representatives by clarifying AMUN rules and procedures and are a final opportunity to think about refining roleplaying strategies before Representatives formally step into their country roles. These sessions also allow Representatives an opportunity to interact with and ask questions of the AMUN Secretariat in a more informal setting.

## AMUN's Representative Dance

This year marks the return of the AMUN Representative Dance! This year's dance theme is **Barbie Land!** After the votes are cast, and the diplomacy is done, find your hottest pinks and glitter gloss and join the other distinguished Representatives of the 2023 Conference at the AMUN Barbie Land. While we encourage you to dress to the theme, it is not required. AMUN's Representative Dance will occur on Monday, 20 November from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

For entry to the Representative Dance, the following rules must be followed:

- Credentials must be worn at all times.
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- Baggy coats and backpacks are not allowed.
- No glassware, water bottles or outside drinks are allowed at the dance. The hotel will provide water.

## **If You Like Your Conference Experience, Think About Joining the AMUN Staff!**

Ask any member of the AMUN Secretariat and they will tell you that they love being on the AMUN staff. Please fill out an application online at [amun.org/staffapp](http://amun.org/staffapp) if you think you might enjoy being on staff. The Conference Services desk will also have applications available. AMUN Secretariat is open to anyone; we are a 100% volunteer staff, but we recommend it for juniors, seniors or students about to graduate. For more information talk to any member of the Secretariat at Conference or email us at [sg@amun.org](mailto:sg@amun.org).

## **Late-Night Caucusing Room**

AMUN has reserved the River Exhibition Hall on the lower level of the Sheraton Grand Chicago as a place for Representatives to gather after normal Conference hours. Passionate debaters can be a loud bunch, so please be considerate of other hotel guests and take advantage of this space for after-hours caucusing. Whether you want to hang out with new friends or keep talking about that resolution from GA1, this space is for you.

## **A Free Afternoon in Chicago**

From the glamorous storefronts of the [Magnificent Mile](#) to the everyday fun of the [Navy Pier](#), the Windy City has it all. We know that for many of you this is your first time in the great city of Chicago; we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to see a part of it, so we're giving you a free afternoon. On Monday, 20 November from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. you will be free of your duties as an ambassador to have an adventure in one of America's greatest cities. Burn off some of that late-night pizza with a Chicago bike tour, or if you have been good about those calories, how about a walking cupcake tour? Have you been to Chicago's famous [Christmas Market](#)? AMUN loves Chicago, and with the Conference centered in [Chicago's Loop](#) there is plenty to do just a short walk away.

## **Questions, Comments or Concerns?**

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good luck on your preparations,

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