



Thursday December 8, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year's MUN Club has been accepted to attend one of the premier MUN events for high school students in North America. The National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) is taking place March 7 – 11, 2012 in New York City. NHSMUN brings together 3000+ participants annually from around the world and students discuss issues at the forefront of international relations with the UN Headquarters as a backdrop. The conference was founded in 1975 and has continued uninterrupted for 35 years, serving approximately 20 countries each year. Elmwood is very excited to be invited to this event and has been building its MUN program to be able to attend such a conference.

We are confirming interest early for this trip because of the cost and responsibility of out-of-country travel. We have also decided to use EF Tours, the travel company used this year for all grade trips to assist with our travel plans. Aside from attending this premier MUN conference for 4 days from **March 7 – 11, 2012**, the cost of the trip includes the following additional activities:

- Guided sightseeing of New York City
- A standard Broadway show
- Entrance into the Empire State Building Observatory
- A sit-down dinner
- Round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation
- Overnight stays in EF-approved tourist class hotels (all with private bathrooms)
- Professional night security every night at the hotel 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- Customary gratuities for the Tour Director
- HST (where applicable)

The total cost of the trip, depending upon numbers, is between a minimum of \$980 and maximum of \$1190. To reduce the cost we are travelling with Ashbury & Nepean HS and we will be sharing the activities as well while in New York City. In addition, the club is organizing fundraising activities to reduce the cost of this trip but upon signing this permission form, parents must be prepared to pay the full amount.

Thank you for your support of your daughter's interest in MUN and helping her to engage in discussions that will help to solve international issues.

Should you have any questions about the trip, please contact me at jgrass@elmwood.ca. Please complete and return the form attached by December 13, 2011.

Sincerely,

Jessica Grass
MUN Faculty Advisor
Humanities IL/Teacher



Elmwood School Parent/Guardian Consent and Release Form

for Excursion to NHSMUN New York Conference

Date of Trip: March 7 – 11, 2012

Departure: March 7, 2012 **Return:** March 11, 2012

Destination: New York

** In the case of joint custody, BOTH parents must sign this Consent/Release form **

COST OF TRIP

By my signature below, I allow Elmwood School to bill my account \$1190.00 for the cost of this trip. I understand that Elmwood School will incur fixed costs as a result of this commitment and accordingly there are no refunds in the event that my daughter is unable to participate.

MEDICAL INFORMATION and EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Student: _____ Birth Date: _____
Month Day Year

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Condition(s): _____

Medication(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Ontario Health Card Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE & TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

By my signature below, I give my daughter of SLG/Homeroom _____ permission to attend the NHSMUN New York Conference from March 7 – 11th, 2012.

I understand that all of Elmwood School's rules and policies (see Handbook) as well as any rules and directives established by those leading the trip remain in full force and effect for the duration of the trip.

By my signature below, I acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of my daughter's breach of any of Elmwood School's rules and policies and/or any rules and directives established by those leading the trip and the resultant disciplinary actions, if any, whether occurring prior to or during the trip.

By my signature below, I further acknowledge and agree that in the event that my daughter breaches any of Elmwood School's rules and policies and/or any rules and directives established by those leading the trip while on the trip, Elmwood School may in its absolute discretion require that my daughter immediately return home and any expenses related to such a return (including without limitation travel, including travel of an adult to accompany my daughter, and any outstanding trip expenses) will be my sole responsibility.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

In consideration of my daughter, _____, being permitted to participate in NHSMUN New York Conference ("the trip"), I do for myself, my daughter, my spouse and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, agree as follows:

I acknowledge and accept that participation in the trip may expose my daughter to unspecified risks and hazards, which are inherent in such trips, including without limitation, the method of transportation for the trip, my daughter's participation in all travel activities and programs incidental to the trip, including without limitation, participation in tours, cultural events, athletic events, sightseeing, recreational and entertainment events, whether or not they have been fully explained to me in advance, including without limitation, the use by my daughter of various methods of transportation, all of which I expressly and voluntarily assume.

Furthermore, I acknowledge and accept that my daughter will not be under the direct supervision and control of Elmwood School staff or other trip volunteers at all times during the trip. As such, I agree that the conduct of our daughter during unsupervised times and any consequences flowing from such conduct is solely the responsibility of my daughter.

By my signature below, I do for myself, my daughter, my spouse and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Elmwood School Inc. and its respective officers, partners, agents, employees, servants, representatives, successors and assigns ("the Releasees") OF AND FROM any and all actions, causes of actions, complaints, demands and claims whatsoever in existence prior to on or after the date hereof whether in law or in equity, in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my daughter's person or my person or property HOWSOEVER CAUSED, arising or to arise by reason of my daughter's participation in the activities contemplated herein except to the extent that same are directly caused by the gross negligence of Elmwood School Inc. or its respective officers, partners, agents, employees, servants, representatives, successors and assigns. I FURTHER UNDERTAKE TO HOLD AND SAVE HARMLESS AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY all the aforesaid from and against any and all liability incurred

by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my daughter's participation in the activities contemplated herein.

By my signature below, I also agree and undertake not to make any claim or take any proceedings against the Releasees set out above, or any other person or corporation which might claim contribution or indemnity under the provisions of any statute or otherwise from the Releasees set out above.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONSENT

In the event of an emergency, Elmwood School requires parental consent in order to consent to the medical treatment or surgery of the student. Elmwood School will use reasonable efforts to contact the parent(s) prior to consenting to medical treatment for the student and the parent(s) acknowledge and agree that the need for an immediate decision regarding medical treatment for the student may make such contact impossible.

Accordingly, I, by my signature below, hereby authorize and give my express consent to the Head of Elmwood School, or her delegate, to act in loco parentis and in that capacity to consent to medical treatment or surgery for the student based on the advice of the attending physician who considers immediate medical treatment or surgery to be a necessity.

In addition, by my signature below, I hereby authorize and give my express consent to the Head of Elmwood School, or her delegate, to seek and obtain any and all medical interventions that may be reasonably required to ensure the safety and well being of my daughter while on the trip.

I have read all of the foregoing carefully and by my signature agree to be bound by all aspects of the foregoing.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this form to Ms. Grass by December 13th, 2011