

3rd Session of the Ron Clark Academy Model UN
Conference Guide



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Welcome to RCA Model UN

February 2, 2014

Dear Faculty Advisors and Delegates:

On behalf of the Ron Clark Academy, it is our great pleasure to announce the 3rd Session of the Ron Clark Academy Model United Nations (RCAMUN) Conference for Middle Grades. RCAMUN 2013, in cooperation with UNA-USA's Global Classrooms®, will be held at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center in Atlanta, GA on Friday and Saturday, February 21-22, 2014. We could not be more excited to invite you to our RCAMUN conference - one that promises to be authentic, didactic, and engaging. Our staff has made extensive preparations in order to provide a challenging and rewarding experience for all involved!

RCAMUN will assemble middle school students together to discuss issues which impact the international community such as education for people with disabilities, eradicating poverty, and the situation in Mali. The conference provides a real-world simulation of the UN in a highly professional setting and offers delegates the chance to collaborate and debate with peers from around the nation and the world.

Committee delegates will engage in exciting debate and caucusing as they are guided and educated on the process and workings of the United Nations by our experienced staff. The goal is for students to not only come away with a better understanding of the UN and its specialized agencies but to also connect with new students and peers from a variety of backgrounds and communities.

Registration and conference materials are available on the RCAMUN website at www.rcacademy.typepad.com/rcamun. In addition, we hope that this conference guide will serve as a helpful reference as you prepare for your school's participation in RCAMUN 2014. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Sincerely,

Gina Coss & Adam Dovico
Co-Directors, RCAMUN

Schedule of Events

START	FINISH	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Friday, February 21st			
9:00AM	11:00AM	Optional visit to the Ron Clark Academy	The Ron Clark Academy
1:00PM	3:00PM	Registration	Lobby, Scheller College of Business
2:00PM	3:30PM	Optional pre-conference delegate training	Committee Rooms
4:00PM	5:00PM	Opening ceremonies	Main Auditorium
5:00PM	7:00PM	Dinner – Schools on their own	Tech Square area
7:00PM	9:00PM	Concurrent Session 1	Committee Rooms
Saturday, February 22nd			
7:30AM	8:30AM	Light breakfast provided	Lobby of the Scheller College of Business
8:30AM	10:15AM	Concurrent Session 2	Committee Rooms
10:15AM	10:30AM	Break	Lobby
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Concurrent Session 3	Committee Rooms
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Pre-ordered in Lobby Tech Square
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Concurrent Session 4	Committee Rooms
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Break	Lobby
2:45 PM	4:30 PM	Concurrent Session 5 (Final Resolution Writing and Voting)	Committee Rooms
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies & Awards	Auditorium

Country Information

Below is a list of countries that will serve as the delegations for the conference. Each school will be able to request up to three countries on the registration form. Although we try to accommodate requests, it is possible that your school may be assigned countries different from those selected on your registration form. Please note all committees are small in nature.

If you have any questions, please contact mun@ronclarkacademy.com.

MEMBER STATES REPRESENTED

Afghanistan	India	Republic of Korea
Argentina	Indonesia	Russian Federation
Australia	Iran	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Israel	Somalia
Chad	Italy	South Africa
Chile	Japan	Spain
China	Kuwait	Sudan
Colombia	Lebanon	Sweden
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Cuba	Mexico	Syria
Czech Republic	Netherlands	Tanzania
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nigeria	Turkey
France	Norway	United Kingdom
Germany	Pakistan	United States of America
Greece	Philippines	Zambia

Committee Information

COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE MISSION	TOPIC
General Assembly 3	The General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations. it provides a unique forum for multilateral discussion of the full spectrum of international issues covered by the UN Charter.	Education for Persons with Disabilities
UN Women	UN Women is the United Nations organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women all over the world.	Empowering Rural Women
UN Development Programme	UNDP is the United Nations' global development agency, working in 177 countries to provide knowledge, experience, and resources to help create country-owned solutions to global and national challenges.	Eradicating Extreme Poverty
Economic and Social Committee	The world's economic, social and environmental challenges are ECOSOC's concern. A founding UN Charter body established in 1946, the Council is the place where such issues are discussed and debated, and policy recommendations issued.	Access to Clean Water and Sanitation
UN High Commissioner for Refugees	The UNHCR is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees.	Environmentally Displaced Persons and Social Vulnerability
Human Rights Council	The Human Rights Council is the world's highest body on human rights protection and provides recommendations directly to the UN General Assembly when violations of human rights occur.	Uses of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)

COMMITTEE**COMMITTEE MISSION****TOPIC**

International Atomic and Energy Agency

The IAEA is the world's center of cooperation in the nuclear field. It was set up in 1957 as the world's "Atoms for Peace" organization within the United Nations family. The Agency works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies.

Future of Nuclear Power

Security Council

To maintain international peace and security in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations, to investigate any situation which might lead to international friction, and recommend methods of adjusting such disputes or the terms of settlement

The Situation in Mali



Fees and Deadlines

SCHOOL FEE	\$75.00	The non-refundable school fee is required for all schools to be considered registered for the RCA Model UN Conference. Late payment (after December 31) will result in an invalid registration form, and your school will not be considered registered to attend the conference or receive country assignments.
DELEGATE FEE	\$40.00	Fee is per delegate. Recommended limit of 16 delegates per school.
EXTRA ADVISOR FEE	\$25.00	One advisor is admitted for free for every eight delegates. Any additional adults attending beyond the 1:8 ratio (in any capacity) must be included as an additional advisor on the registration form.
<p>Schools will have the option of paying online immediately with a credit/debit card or mailing a check. All checks must be made payable to "Ron Clark Academy," postmarked on or before the date due. Paying via credit/debit is highly recommended. School fee is due at registration. Delegate and additional advisor fees are due by January 17, 2014. <i>Note: Fees are non-refundable after January 17, 2014.</i></p>		

DEADLINE	TASKS
Until December 31	<p>Register for the 3rd Session of the Ron Clark Academy Model UN Conference. School fee due upon registration (online credit card preferred or checks must be received within 7 days).</p> <p>Go to rcacademy.typepad.com/rcamun to register.</p>
December 31, 2013	<p>Last day of conference registration.</p> <p>Notify RCA regarding changes in the number of participants.</p> <p>All checks must be postmarked on or before this date.</p>
January 6, 2014	Country assignments and invoices will be sent to schools. Country assignments will be posted on the website.
January 17, 2014	<p>Final drop date for number of delegates.</p> <p>Schools are financially responsible for every registered spot.</p>
January 25, 2014	<p>Deadline for all delegate and extra advisor fees to be received by RCA. Schools will incur a \$50 late penalty for fees received beyond this date. Deadline for video and photo release forms to be received by RCA. Fax to 404-651-2121 (Attention RCAMUN) or scan and email to mun@ronclarkacademy.com.</p> <p>Position papers also due to appropriate committee chair. See website for position paper information. Papers received after this date are not eligible for position paper award.</p>
January 24, 2014	Signed video and photography release forms from each delegate are due. Forms may be mailed (postmarked on or before this date), faxed to 678-651-2121 or emailed to mun@ronclarkacademy.com

Travel Information

The Ron Clark Academy

228 Margaret Street
Atlanta, GA 30315
Phone: 678.651.2100

Scheller College of Business, Georgia Tech University

800 West Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30308-0520
Phone: 404.894.2600

Using MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority)

 www.itsmarta.com

Note: MARTA trains are available from Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport and from multiple locations throughout the metro Atlanta area.

- Take the North-South train line to the North Avenue Station (N3)
- Exit onto West Peachtree Street
- Follow West Peachtree Street North to Fifth Street (approximately a five-minute walk)
- The College is located on the left side of the street, at the corner of West Peachtree Street and Fifth Street

To Scheller College of Business from Hartsfield-Jackson Airport

- Take I-75 North from airport
- I-75 will merge with I-85 to become the I-75/I-85 connector
- Exit 250 (10th St, 14th St, Georgia Tech)
- Turn right onto 10th Street
- At the first light, turn right onto Spring St
- The Technology Square parking garage is on the right at 770 Spring St just past Fifth St and the Georgia Tech Hotel
- The College of Business building is located across Spring St, in the building with the Barnes and Noble bookstore

Traveling North on I-75/I-85 Connector to Scheller College of Business

- Follow I-75/ I-85 Connector to Exit 250 (10th St, 14th St, Georgia Tech)
- At the top of the ramp, turn right onto 10th St
- At the first light, turn right onto Spring St
- The Technology Square parking garage is on the right at 770 Spring St just past Fifth St and the Georgia Tech Hotel
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Traveling South on I-75/I-85 Connector to Scheller College of Business

- Follow I-75/I-85 to Exit 250 (Techwood, 10th St, 14th St)
- Turn left onto 14th St (first left)
- At the second light, turn right onto Spring St
- The Technology Square parking garage is on the right at 770 Spring St just past Fifth St and the Georgia Tech Hotel
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Suggested Accommodations

Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center

800 Spring St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
Reservations 404.838.2100
\$119 per room

Courtyard Atlanta Midtown/Georgia Tech

1132 Techwood Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30318
Reservations 404-607-1112
\$129.00 per night

General Rules of Conduct

General Behavior

As is expected in all the international agencies we are simulating, delegates seeking to participate in the Ron Clark Academy Model United Nations (RCAMUN) must respect the high standards of social conduct and behavior that are exemplified by actual diplomats and ambassadors. Delegates to the conference are guests of the Ron Clark Academy, the conference venue and the city of Atlanta and should therefore show excellence in behavior at all times. Schools are required to select student participants for the conference who are models of excellence in student citizenship. Faculty advisors are advised that RCAMUN staff reserves the right to withdraw delegates from the conference up to and during the conference for conduct unbecoming of a MUN delegate. Delegates and their schools who do not reflect the highest standards of student behavior and citizenship will not be invited to future RCAMUN conferences.

RCAMUN Advisors' Responsibilities

As senior representatives of schools at the conference, faculty advisors are expected to be responsible for their entire delegation. A faculty advisor must be a teacher from the participating school, not a parent or a hired chaperone. Advisors are expected to remain at the conference venue for the entire duration of the conference and to monitor their student delegates in committee sessions.

Additional Expectations

All delegates and faculty advisors are expected to wear business attire for the entire duration of the conference. Smoking at the conference venue is expressly forbidden, and no delegate or advisor may bring alcoholic beverages in to the conference venue. The use of any narcotic drug throughout the duration of the conference is strictly forbidden. If the delegates engage in any unacceptable conduct, RCAMUN staff reserves the right to remove them from the conference.

Meet the Team

Directors

Ron Clark Academy (RCA) Social Studies and International Relations teacher, Ms. Gina Coss, and School Implementation Specialist, Mr. Adam Dovico, are the creators and co-directors of the Ron Clark Academy Model United Nations Conference. With the help of dedicated parents, RCA staff, and volunteers, Mr. Dovico and Ms. Coss have worked to create an exciting and memorable experience for the delegates. These two individuals, along with RCA teacher Wade King, are the faculty advisors of the winning RCA Model United Nations team.

Secretariat Staff

It is with much gratitude that the Ron Clark Academy Model United Nations Conference welcomes the Emory University (EMUN) and Georgia Tech Model United Nations (GTMUN) teams as the Secretariat staff for this competition. These hardworking college students come from a variety of backgrounds and majors, but have a common appreciation and dedication to the Model United Nations experience. They bring with them vast experience working with middle and high school students in the structure and workings of MUN. For more information about EMUN and GTMUN, please visit <http://www.emorymodelunitednations.org/> and www.gtmun.org.

About the Ron Clark Academy

The Ron Clark Academy is a grades five through eight private school located in Atlanta, Georgia. Its founders, Ron Clark and Kim Bearden, were the 2000 Disney National Teacher of the Year and Middle School Teacher of the Year respectively. RCA offers a challenging curriculum and exciting opportunities to its students. RCA also hosts educator training, where visitors can spend one, two, or three days at the school and inside its classrooms. To date, over **17,000** teachers, administrators, and school officials from schools around the world have experienced the innovative and passionate teaching styles of the RCA staff.

Ways to Learn More about the Ron Clark Academy

Website www.ronclarkacademy.com
Facebook [facebook.com/rcacademy](https://www.facebook.com/rcacademy)
Twitter [@ronclarkacademy](https://twitter.com/ronclarkacademy)

Registration & Contact Information

All conference registration will be online. To register, please go to rcacademy.typepad.com/rcamun and select “Registration Information” on the left side. Then select the “Click Here to Register” link. You will need to provide school contact information, number of delegates, payment information, and committee and topic requests.

Payment Information

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Important Contact Information, Websites and Addresses

For questions please email mun@rcacademy.com
RCA Fax Number 678-651-2121
RCAMUN Website <http://rcacademy.typepad.com/rcamun>
RCAMUN Video Release Form <http://rcacademy.typepad.com/files/videorelease-2.pdf>
Model UN Preparation Guide <http://www.unausa.org/munpreparation>
Model UN 101 <http://www.unausa.org/modelun101>

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