

## **Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs**

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Salisbury Composite High School,

We would like to invite you to participate in the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs (SUNIA). SUNIA is an independent, non-profit and volunteer-run organization that has created a dynamic and exciting program for high school students.

At SUNIA we strive to explore many aspects of international relations through hands-on learning activities. For example, students partake in a development simulation as well as a mock United Nations Security Council. In addition, SUNIA provides students the chance to interact with and learn from diplomats from the United Nations and the Canadian Department of National Defense in an informal setting. We offer students two separate sessions to attend this summer: August 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> or August 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The camp takes place at the Goldeye Centre, located about 100 kilometers west of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. In order to take advantage of our beautiful setting we include hikes, canoeing and other outdoor activities as a major part of our program.

The purpose of SUNIA can be simplified into a few key points:

- 1) Develop an intelligent and informed interest among high school students in the global community by promoting:
  - a. An appreciation of the complexities of foreign affairs
  - b. An insight into the economic, political, and social dynamics of international issues
  - c. A critical understanding of the realities of the Lesser Developed Nations.
- 2) Offer students an opportunity to meet individuals of varying backgrounds and interests.

This year, our fees will be \$550 total (CDN). This is comprised of a \$75 (non-refundable) registration fee and a \$475 tuition fee. These fees cover the costs of transportation to and from the Goldeye Centre and Red Deer, as well as all meals and accommodations for the students while at SUNIA. All registrations are completed online this year, at [www.sunia.ca/register](http://www.sunia.ca/register).

SUNIA is designed for students who want to take an active interest in the world around them. Neither academic standing nor financial difficulties should prevent a student's attendance. In the past Local Teachers' Associations, community groups, businesses, churches, and various service organizations have provided partial or full scholarships for students. We are more than happy to provide any student with assistance in finding scholarships.

Our program offers students the opportunity to get hands on experience in dealing with international relations. We strongly believe it helps them become active members of their community and the global society as a whole. For further details about SUNIA visit our website [www.sunia.ca](http://www.sunia.ca). If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [harley@sunia.ca](mailto:harley@sunia.ca).

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