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Conference Policies:

The Clinton School Model United Nations Conference (ClintonMUNC) is dedicated to fostering meaningful debate and providing students with the chance to explore a wide range of global topics while promoting collaboration and teamwork among delegates! While we encourage passionate discussion, we emphasize the importance of maintaining respectful and considerate language, especially during debates. We trust that all participants will contribute to a positive and inclusive environment. The following policies and expectations are in place to ensure every delegate has an enriching experience at ClintonMUN.

Attire: Delegates are required to adhere to formal Western business attire for the duration of ClintonMUN. Exceptions may be made in crisis committees for character-specific costumes, but prior approval from the committee chair is necessary.

Expectations in Committee: Delegates are expected to uphold decorum, respect, and professionalism during all committee sessions. While representing your assigned country's stance, please communicate your points respectfully. Please follow the expectation below in order to help us create an inclusive and engaging environment for all delegates:

- Only one delegate may speak at a time during moderated caucuses. To speak, raise your placard and wait for recognition by the chair.
- Outside of Model UN Personal attacks will not be tolerated. In cases where such behavior occurs you may be asked to leave the committee/conference.
- Please Maintain focus and respect when others are speaking
- Do not speak without proper recognition and limit talking over others
- Please limit any and all unauthorized use of cell phones
- Do not use technology or any forms of AI when not permitted

- There is no toleration of any form of harassment, whether verbal, physical and will result in removal from the committee/conference.

Technology: Crisis committees operate under a strict no-technology policy—laptops and cell phones are not permitted during sessions. General Assembly (GA) committees allow limited use of technology strictly for resolution drafting during unmoderated caucuses and approved breaks. Laptops must remain closed during moderated caucuses and while fellow delegates are delivering speeches.

Awards: Delegates will be evaluated by committee chairs and directors and will consider:

- Quality and clarity of speeches
- Collaboration and leadership
- Contributions to drafting and presenting resolutions or directives
- Creativity

Meet Your Chairs

Dear Esteemed Delegates and soon-to-be Yellowjackets,

Hi! I'm Sarah, and I'm one of your chairs for this committee. I've been in Model UN for two years now, starting in the second semester of tenth grade. As a senior, Model UN has been one of the few clubs I've continued to show up for because I love the social and research aspect of role-playing as different countries or characters and learning about new topics while meeting new people.

Outside of being a member of Model UN, I'm also a big theater-kid (as the theater co-President) and a top 0.3% global fan of Laufey! You'll typically find me watching Gilmore Girls or Neon Genesis Evangelion, although in my free time, I'm usually napping.

Between you and me, I really only started watching Yellowjackets because of Ella Purnell (actress of Jackie Taylor in Yellowjackets and voice actor for Jinx in the show Arcane). But as dark and morbid as Yellowjackets is, it has remained one of my all-time favorite shows for its magnificent storytelling and character building. I really recommend watching the show, not just to best prepare for the conference, but also for fun!

I can't wait to meet you all and I hope we all make it out to see a plane rescue.

Best,

Sarah Belkas

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Hey delegates,

I'm Samantha, a senior at Clinton and co-secretary general of our MUN team. I've chaired GA committees the past two years, so I'm thrilled to be part of the crisis this year as your backroom leader. Yellowjackets is one of my favorite shows that I will never stop recommending to everyone— if you haven't watched it yet, you absolutely should!

Outside of MUN, there's a very good chance I'm listening to Ethel Cain (it's an honor being her 561st global listener) or watching House MD in my free time. I love fashion, music, and movies so much and would love to incorporate them into our fun-MUN time. Getting ready for college, it's been such a wonderful experience being part of MUN, where I've developed immense public speaking, research, and leadership skills.

I'm so excited to see where you guys take the Yellowjackets and hope it's a great committee experience. I would love to see out-of-pocket notes to the backroom, trials, accusations, and more. Be creative!!! Of course, we have some very special twists planned so be prepared. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out. I can't wait to see you all!

Best,

Samantha Jeffery

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Hi Delegates!

I'm Emma, a senior at Clinton and the co-chair/director of this committee. I've been in MUN since 9th grade, working in and leading backroom for the last two years. This year, I'm excited to get to be in the actual committee room and watch you guys debate. I've watched a bit of Yellowjackets with friends, but it wasn't until recently that I actually watched the show. The show is really complex and hopefully it will make for a really exciting committee.

Outside of MUN, you can find me watching Grey's Anatomy (I just finished watching every episode in order twice) or yapping with my friends. I initially joined MUN because I really enjoyed history throughout middle school, and while MUN was definitely very different from what I expected, I've continued to be passionate about history outside of school, researching and advocating for AAPI and women's history in the city's schools. However, I also love every subject from humanities to STEM, and MUN has allowed me to encounter many topics across various disciplines.

I'm excited to be in the committee room with you all, and I hope you'll watch the show and bring some chaotic plot twists! As someone who's been in the backroom, my advice is to bring a dark pen and your best handwriting (don't worry, my handwriting is pretty messy too) when it comes to crisis notes. I hope you guys have a lot of fun, and feel free to reach out with any questions!

Best,

Emma Chen

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About Yellowjackets

Yellowjackets, a fictional TV show that first aired in 2021, tells the story of a high school girls' soccer team challenged with surviving after their plane crashed on the way to nationals. While the story is told in two timelines—1996, the year of the incident, and the present, where the adult girls cope with the trauma— this committee will focus on the teen timeline.

The Yellowjackets, a high school soccer team in New Jersey, were exceptional, and were preparing to compete in nationals after winning the state competition. However, their plane crashed, with the survivors being the team, their coach, and manager. They were stranded in wilderness with no way to get help, and lack of wilderness skills. They found an abandoned cabin, water source, and learned to hunt in order to survive.

While the girls could function in harmony when their lives depended on it, tensions brewed as winter approached. Jackie Taylor, the team captain, found out her best friend, Shauna Shipman, was pregnant with her boyfriend Jeff's child. Heartbroken by this betrayal, they had an argument that ended with Jackie deciding to sleep outside, and thus, froze to death by morning. Now, Shauna is dealing with the bittersweet experience of grieving her best friend, while finally stepping out of her shadow.

Crisis in the Wilderness

After the death of Jackie, the team captain, the Yellowjackets are navigating their first winter in the wilderness filled with a myriad of challenges. For one, they need a leader, although tensions between the group are making one difficult to appoint. Lottie and Nat are two promising candidates, although they have very different appeals. Lottie is very spiritual, and believes they are stranded for a reason, and “the wilderness” is speaking to her. Thanks to its assistance, she can best guide the group through survival until they are eventually rescued. Nat, on the other hand, is not sold on Lottie’s delusions, and is more driven by survival through the winter, and then finding help. The rest of the team is similarly divided, whether they believe in “the wilderness” or not is what drives them to keep surviving.

The issue of Jackie’s body is also up for debate. Hunting is slow during the winter, and the Yellowjackets barely have enough to eat. So, some girls believe that they should eat Jackie, and resorting to such a desperate measure isn’t enjoyable or desirable, but necessary to survive the winter. However, others argue that this can set a dangerous precedent for the rest of their time in the wilderness, since they don’t know how much longer until they’ll be rescued.

So, this committee will focus on the tensions caused by the complicated power dynamics of the team. Lottie may go so far as to argue that the wilderness demands sacrifices, which Nat would do anything to prevent from happening. Either way, the girls need to exist in harmony in order to survive the winter and the rest of their time on their own. Delegates will debate the best way to elect a leader, and the power this leader can yield.

Jackie's Body

The Yellowjackets are facing their first winter after surviving longer than they had anticipated. In fact, they've fallen into such a rhythm that's being threatened by the looming cold to come. While those who were lost during the initial crash were buried, Shauna has been keeping Jackie's corpse company since she died. Shauna harbors immense remorse and guilt for her death, to the point of denial. The other girls have been worrying about her mental state, and need to put a stop to her madness, as Shauna's responsible for preparing and butchering the meat they all need, therefore the team needs her to focus.

There's an unspoken opportunity the girls must consider: they could eat Jackie's body. They're starving, and don't know how much longer until they can find another animal to eat in the violent wintertime, but cannibalism raises ethical concerns for everyone in the group. What kind of precedent would it set to eat one of their own? Do they have an alternative?

Coach Ben is the loudest opposition to this notion, but fears for his life at the thought of speaking against the girls. He's afraid of what else they're capable of if they would turn to eating one of their own. Nobody is overtly happy about the idea, but some are desperate enough. Lottie's theory about the Wilderness would assert that it's a necessary sacrifice and meant to be, while Tai would have a more practical outlook and argue eating Jackie is a desperate measure for survival. If the girls can't come to a consensus, or some have lingering doubts, tensions will erupt unless they can come to an agreement. Delegates should consider the implications of choosing to eat Jackie, and what other measures need to be taken to ensure they don't go hungry this coming winter.

Leadership

Jackie was the team captain, and had assumed leadership of not only the Yellowjackets, but over Ben and the boys as well. With her death, the group needs a leader to guide them and to make the tough decisions. As winter approaches, tensions rise between the hungry girls. There are two main sides the girls tend to take: Lottie's and Nat's.

Lottie believes everything is happening for a reason, they're being tested by the Wilderness. She evidences this theory by asserting her strange coincidental experiences, such as speaking French the first night without having properly learned it. So, she preaches to the team that the Wilderness has demands of the group for letting them stay in the abandoned cabin. Lottie uses this tactic to support her calls for action, which often involve acknowledging the Wilderness as a spiritual entity.

Many of the girls gravitate towards Lottie because she offers them comfort and a scapegoat for their predicament. However, it's kept quiet that Lottie is a diagnosed schizophrenic, and had been medicated prior to the crash. She has been unmedicated the entire time in the wilderness, so her mental state may be partially to blame for her very spiritual approach and explanations. She claims she can communicate with the wilderness, which gives her legitimacy amongst the girls to mediate between the natural and supernatural entities. Lottie asserts that they will be treated best if they submit to the Wilderness, which is met with unease from both her supporters and opposition.

Nat is Lottie's biggest adversary. She believes that Lottie is not well, and is misleading the group, which should be taking a more realistic approach to their circumstances. She is hellbent on finding help, and at the very minimum, surviving the winter. She needs structure

and believes that she's the key to ensuring everyone will survive. Nat has the reputation amongst her group for being the one most likely to fail a drug test, but has proven she's stable enough to lead. As a hunter for the Yellowjackets, Nat has the strong stomach required to be the group's leader, but struggles to treat those who disagree with her with respect.

Finally, Shauna was constantly in Jackie's shadow, and never properly considered as her own person. However, she's the only one on the team who was willing to prepare the meat they hunted, by skinning it and removing the organs. For this reason, there's no debate that everyone is dependent on Shauna to not go hungry, which she may very well leverage to her advantage. While pregnant, Shauna becomes very disturbed throughout her experience in the wilderness and takes it out on others, sometimes evoking fear.

So, the question of who will emerge as leader of the group is highly contested, and sparks tension not only between the potential leaders, but between the rest of the girls as well. They need one to survive the winter, but how should they pick one? Because this is a crisis committee, delegates are welcome to hold an election, sabotage other candidates, or try to put forth new potential leaders as well.

Notes on the Committee

- While this committee officially takes place between seasons 1 and 2, we made some adjustments to the timeline to include more characters. Please do not stress over sticking to the events of the show strictly if your character appears in the show after this time, and try to act how you believe they would react to the events being simulated.
- Additionally, the backroom will be the Wilderness. While this role is debated amongst the Yellowjackets, it will allow this committee to be more interactive, which delegates should take advantage of. Whether you are an experienced crisis delegate, or it's your first time, you are expected to be sending notes and participating to maximize the experience for everyone.
- This committee is tech-free! You will be writing your directives on paper, either that you brought, or the notebooks provided. Sponsors and signatory requirements will be clarified during the conference. Please come prepared with ideas for conflict and solutions, but do not pre-write directives. Any delegate caught doing so will automatically not be considered for an award.

Character Positions

Shauna Shipman - Best friend of Jackie Taylor, although felt overshadowed by her magnanimous personality. With the absence of Jackie, Shauna's gaining confidence and taking on leadership in the wilderness.

Charlotte "Lottie" Matthews - Lottie has a history of mental illness, such as schizophrenia, and is the most spiritual of the group. She claims that the wilderness speaks to her, and has expectations for the girls to connect with the wilderness and meet its demands.

Natalie Scatorccio - Natalie is not amused by Lottie's wilderness preachings, and is desperate to be saved. She has taken on leadership in the wilderness, although her authority remains constantly challenged. She and Travis have been in an on-and-off relationship since the plane crashed.

Taissa "Tai" Turner - Struggling with sleep walking, Tai refuses to believe it's the wilderness communicating with her, as Lottie and some of the other girls try to explain. She and Van are the only official couple of the team, although whether or not "the wilderness" is speaking to them is a sore subject.

Misty Quigley - Misty is the odd one out of the group, in fact, she destroyed their only way of calling for help when the plane crashed so she could feel useful to the other girls. She amputated Ben's leg, and has been harboring feelings for him since. That being said, Misty is the most equipped for the circumstance the girls find themselves in.

Travis Martinez - Grieving the death of his father from the initial plane crash, Travis tries to keep to himself while ensuring the protection of his younger brother, Javi. As the only boy the same age as the soccer girls, the girls occasionally dote over Travis, especially with his rocky relationship with Natalie.

Javi Martinez - Also grieving the death of his father, Javi is protected under the care of Travis. He doesn't talk much with the other girls, rather he keeps to himself and his brother.

Ben Scott - Ben is the team's coach, but hasn't been of particular use due to his amputated leg. He spends most of his time inside, waiting to be cared for, although dreads spending time with Misty, whom he doesn't reciprocate feelings for because Ben is gay.

Mariana "Mari" Ibarra - Mari tends to clash with Shauna due to her own sarcastic and confrontational demeanor. Although she remains skeptical of the behavior and views held by the other girls (such as Lottie or Shauna), she has become closer and more involved with the group.

Vanessa "Van" Palmer - After barely escaping the fire in the initial plane crash, Van was attacked by wolves during a failed expedition to find help. Very traumatized, she's open to Lottie's preachings, although is cautious about this subject around her girlfriend, Tai.

Akilah - Akilah is no one if not an animal lover. She loves nature, so her time in the wilderness is not a completely traumatic experience. While she does her part in the group, she's not overtly concerned with trying to assert her ideas or try to emerge as a leader.

Kristen “Crystal” - The Yellowjackets don't know who they find more annoying: Crystal or Misty. Crystal is the theater kid of the team and lacks some social awareness, to the point where the other girls tend to avoid her. However, she and Misty become very close as they bond over their ostracization from the team.

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Guiding Questions for Committee

1. How should the Yellowjackets elect a leader? Should there be a leader?
2. Should the team consider another initiative to find help?
3. How should the team approach the spiritual divide between them?
4. How should Jackie's body be disposed of? Should the Yellowjackets resort to eating her, or risk starving to respect Jackie's dead body?
5. How should the Yellowjackets adapt their lifestyle to survive the winter?

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