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NHDNH May Newsletter

News and Events

Nationals is just around the corner and we are gearing up for an exciting week down in Washington D.C.! For those of you attending, make sure you plan to participate in all the fun New Hampshire activities we have planned for you! We will give you more updates as the time gets closer.

Teachers, please complete the teacher survey in the left hand column. It is for the National Office and helps us get vital information.

2014

The 2014 theme for National History Day will be, "Rights and Responsibilities in History." New Hampshire is not yet sure on the exact date for the state competition, but we will get that information to you soon.

Nationals Registration

This year, Kelsie and Patrick will both attend Nationals along with three student volunteers from PSU! They will be your go-to people when it comes to information regarding Nationals. In the weeks before Nationals we will send you our contact information.

First and Second place Finishers from states may advance to Nationals! Third place finishers are considered alternates who may attend nationals if the finalist in their category cannot attend. NHDNH will contact the third place finishers that this applies to on a case by case basis.

Like States, registration for Nationals is completed online.

Participants must register by May 13th.

[Click Here](#) to register.

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Survey for Teachers

Teachers please follow the below link and complete this survey regarding participation in National History Day at your school. [Link](#)

Thank you!

Nationals 2013

The NHDNH Team will be at Nationals the entire time to support you in any way we can. Our priority is to help make this experience wonderful. We will all be at the University of Maryland all week, so don't hesitate to contact us at any time. **Contact information to follow.**

In advance please plan to attend all New Hampshire specific events and meetings. Nationals week starts on Sunday June 9th.

Sunday at 5:30 pm: Meet at the Kermit the Frog statue outside of the Stamp Union.

Sunday at 9:30 pm: Meet at our dorm common room for a brief and comprehensive meeting about Nationals.

PACKING FOR NATIONALS

To prepare, think in three categories:

Prepare your project

Prepare for hot weather

Prepare for walking!

Your Project

Be sure to have **at least three** printed copies of your Process Paper and bring an electronic backup on zip drive, laptop, or email it to yourself.

The most important part about the dress code is that you are comfortable and confident in front of the judges. Don't feel the need to "dress up". A nice clean button-down shirt and pants (not shorts) is perfectly appropriate. Please **do not** wear a "costume" unless you are in a Performance.

Hot Weather

It will be very warm and very humid in the DC area next week – it always is. Bring sunscreen. You should plan to dress casually at all times except when being judged. Remember you are representing New Hampshire. If possible, bring New Hampshire shirts or hats!

Walking

Bring sturdy and comfortable shoes because you will be doing a lot of walking at Nationals. University of Maryland is a very big campus, so even if you stay in the dorms, you will be walking between buildings. Do not wear flip flops!

TRANSPORTATION TO CONTEST

Please plan to come to registration at the University of Maryland Stamp Union Building first.

Flying

From BWI take the B30 METROBUS to get to the Washington DC area. This costs \$6.00 each way and will drop you at the Greenbelt Metro station. From there, it's only one stop to the College Park station where a FREE campus shuttle bus will bring you to the Union. The B30 arrives regularly every 30 minutes. Anyone at an information booth in the airport will be able to direct you to the pickup point (located just outside of the luggage area).

Driving

Please pay close attention to the parking regulations at University of Maryland. There is metered parking in a lot next to the Union building and on most streets. Visitor's permits are available for purchase at the NHD registration.

Registration and Arriving At University Of Maryland

Registration is at the Stamp Union Building. Someone in our team will help you get to the registration area and will provide you with your trading buttons. At registration someone can help you find the dorm and locate your building for your judging.

We won't know our dorm assignment until we arrive on Sunday. We may have a dorm that does not have A/C, so you're able to bring a small fan.