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# NHDNH Nationals Newsletter

## Important Information for Nationals

Please reply to this email by May 31st! Congratulations on making it to Nationals! You deserve it. We are so excited to see you in a couple weeks! NHDNH is planning on doing our annual [Tour of the Monuments](#) on Sunday or Monday night. We will get you the exact date soon.

As you continue preparing we have a few things we need from you:

- When will you be arriving and how?** Bus? Car? Plane and flight #? Please provide your estimated arrival time. Travel information is included below.
- Cell phone number?** We want this just so we can contact you at the competition to make sure you are on time to your judging and if anything goes awry. Our contact information is to the right.
- Would you like to go to a baseball game on June 11th as a New Hampshire group?** We have done this in the past and it has been quite fun, but we need to know the interest level before we plan on it. It would be the Orioles v. Angels. The total cost per person will be around \$30.00.

For information on Nationals, see the Nationals [schedule](#) and check out [nhd.org](#).

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## We still have T-Shirts

We still have a few shirts for those of you who haven't purchased one yet! The remaining sizes are: 4 Mediums, 7 Large, and 3 Extra-Large. If there is a large need for shirts, we will place an additional order.

**Shirts are \$10.00 each.** Please email us and send a check made out to PSU and NHDNH in the memo line.

## We will be staying in the Elkton Hall Dormitory

This is a special year in that we know which dorm we will be staying in ahead of time. This doesn't always happen! Elkton Hall can be found on any [map](#) of the University of Maryland at College Park campus. Elkton Hall is air conditioned. New Hampshire will occupy an entire floor with an elevator and common space dividing two halls, one for men and one for women (there may be a little overlap as some parents have requested to room with their child). The NHDNH staff is working closely with NHD to work out the rooming situation to ensure everyone's comfort.

## Golf for Parents

This year NHD is teaming up with the University of Maryland Golf Course to bring our NHD parents reserved tee times during the competition. Parents will pay green fees and, if needed, golf cart fees. Please see the UMD Golf Course web site for pricing and more information. The following tee times are first come, first serve.

NHD Reserved Tee Times:

Monday, June 10th: 8:03 AM, 9:06 AM, & 10 AM

Tuesday, June 11th: 8:03 AM, 9:06 AM, & 10 AM

Wednesday, June 12th: 8:03 AM, 9:06 AM, & 10 AM

To reserve your tee time today please call the University of Maryland Golf Course (**301-314-GOLF**) and ask for the tee times reserved for NHD. Also, please email Elaine Koontz at [elaine@nhd.org](mailto:elaine@nhd.org) with the following information:

First Name & Last Name

State you are coming from

Email & Phone number

## 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](#). Please call us as soon as you get to campus and someone on 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.