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Registration and Information Guide

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**National History Day**

Fenimore Art Museum and The Farmers' Museum sponsor National History Day in New York State. Each year there is a one-day competition that acts as the culminating event of National History Day for students in New York. National History Day is a year-long educational program designed for students in grades 6—12. Throughout the school year, students conduct primary and secondary research in order to prepare presentations based on an annual theme.
Dear Student,

Congratulations on advancing to New York History Day! This year’s New York History Day will take place in Cooperstown on Monday, April 27th, 2020. Registration opens March 3rd, and you must complete the online registration in order to participate. To register, please visit nyshistoryday.org/state-contest/ We have several Special Awards that will be presented this year. To be considered for a special award, please nominate your project during the registration process. Online registration closes April 7th.

This Registration and Information Guide provides an overview of the contest, registration information, and guidelines for the submission of projects. It is very important that you review this information carefully so that you may compete in the State contest. Additional information can also be found on our website, nyshistoryday.org.

On Sunday, April 26th from 4-7pm, we will host a welcome barbeque for you and your family. The cost is $12 per person and must be paid for in advance. During this time, you may check in at the registration desk at the entrance to The Farmers’ Museum. Students with exhibitions may set up in advance, from 6-7pm at The Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown. Please note that all exhibitions will be shown at The Clark Sports Center this year, rather than at The Farmers’ Museum.

On Monday, April 27th, check-in begins at 7am at the front entrance of The Farmers’ Museum. At this time, you will receive information on the time and place of your interview or presentation. Exhibits may also be set up on Monday, April 27th from 7–9am at The Clark Sports Center. All exhibits must be set up by 9am. There will be a free trolley available for New York State History Day participants throughout the village of Cooperstown. Please be sure to bring all materials necessary to your project with you, including copies of papers and bibliographies.

We look forward to seeing you in Cooperstown for New York History Day! Please feel encouraged to contact us if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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New York History Day
The Farmers’ Museum & Fenimore Art Museum
Registration for New York History Day

- You must register for the New York History Day competition online using the username and password that you created to compete in your Regional contest.

- To register for the State Contest, please visit nyshistoryday.org/state-contest/ and follow the hyperlink to register. You will be taken to a different webpage where you will enter the username and password you used to register for your Regional competition.

- Your teacher should register first. Homeschool students’ parents should register as teachers. Teachers should choose the “my students” tab on the registration page and link to their students after students have created an account.

- You must complete one online registration per student.

- The first student to register for a group project will need information for all students in the group project. The first student will receive a “team key” from the website. Secondary students of that project will then link to the first student who registered and to the group project using the team key.

- The entry fee is $25 per student. Registration fees should be received prior to the contest.

- Checks for registration fees should be made out to “Fenimore Art Museum,” should include the student’s name in the memo field, and should be mailed to New York History Day; Fenimore Art Museum; Attn: Meg Preston; PO Box 800; Cooperstown, NY 13326.

- Online registration opens on March 3, 2020 and closes on April 7, 2020. Late registrations will not be accepted.

- Documentary entries only: If you are submitting a documentary, you must upload your documentary to SmugMug at nyhd.smugmug.com/NYHD-2020

- Judging will begin at 9:00 am on Monday morning. You must register on site before presenting your work to the judges.

- On-site registration will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 3:00pm—6:00pm and from Monday, April 27th from 7:00am—10:00am.

- New York History Day cancellations must be made in writing by April 14, 2020. We are unable to provide refunds after that time. Hotel cancellations should be made directly with the hotel; please refer to the hotel’s individual cancellation policy.
Hotel Reservations

The following hotels are offering a special group rate to New York History Day participants and their families. Please make your reservation directly with the hotel by telephone to obtain this special rate.

**The Inn at Cooperstown**
16 Chestnut Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326
www.innatcooperstown.com
(607) 547-5756

Please call to make your reservation and be sure to mention the code HD2020. History Day participants and their families will receive a discount of 15%.

**The Otesaga Resort Hotel**
60 Lake Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326
www.otesaga.com
(607) 547-9931

Please call to make your reservation and be sure to mention that you are a participant of History Day. Rooms rates will be $199.00 per night, available on Sunday and Monday nights.

Please contact the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce for additional hotel accommodations:

**Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce**
31 Chestnut Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326
(607) 547-9983
www.wearecooperstown.com
Tentative New York History Day Schedule

Sunday, April 26th

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Registration and Information
Main Barn Entrance Area, The Farmers’ Museum

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Kick-off Barbeque and Welcome
Louis C. Jones Center, Main Barn; The Farmers’ Museum

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  Exhibit Project Set-Up
Clark Sports Center

Monday, April 27th

7:00 am – 10:00 am  Registration and Information
Main Barn Entrance Area, The Farmers’ Museum

7:00 am – 9:00 am  Exhibit Project Set-Up
Clark Sports Center

7:15 am – 7:45 am  Judges’ Breakfast
Louis C. Jones Center, Main Barn; The Farmers’ Museum

7:45 am – 8:30 am  Judges’ Orientation
Louis C. Jones Center, Main Barn; The Farmers’ Museum

9:00 am – 12:00 pm  Judging of All Entries
Various Locations

The public is invited to attend performance and documentary judging (as space allows with preference given to family and teachers). Exhibit, paper, and web site judging is not open to the public; see schedule for public viewing times.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Submit Results for First Round of Judging; Judges’ Lunch
Louis C. Jones Center, Main Barn; Judges’ Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Public Viewing of Exhibits

1:15 pm  Performance and Documentary Finals Posted
Main Barn Entrance Area, The Farmers’ Museum

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  Final Performance and Documentary Judging
Various Locations

(Subject to change)

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  Exhibit Project Take Down
Clark Sports Center Gymnasium

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Awards Ceremony
Cooperstown High School Auditorium
Judging

- To be judged, all students must register and attend the contest.
- Each entry will be given an entry number and assigned a location. Students will receive the time and location of their judging when they register on site in the entrance area of the Main Barn at The Farmers’ Museum. Students should report to their judging areas 10 minutes ahead of their scheduled time.
- Students will receive a set of evaluation forms from the judges. These forms will be mailed to students following the State Contest. Evaluation forms for group entries will be sent to each student.

Paper Entries

- Students should upload a PDF of their paper and annotated bibliography via the New York History Day online registration system.
- Students should label the PDF file in the following format: Last Name, First Name_Division_Title of Paper
- Paper entries should only have the student’s name and title on the cover page.
- Students should bring four printed copies of their paper and annotated bibliography to the State Contest.
Exhibit Entries

- Students should bring the exhibit and four copies of the process paper and bibliography to the State Contest. Students must provide all equipment.
- Students must set up their own exhibits before 9:00 am.
- Students should be present at their exhibits just prior to and during the judging of their exhibits. Once an exhibit has been evaluated, students should leave the room.
- Exhibit must remain in place until judging is complete at 3:00 pm.
- Exhibits will be presented and judged at The Clark Sports Center.

Documentary Entries

- Documentaries should be uploaded to SmugMug by visiting nyhd.smugmug.com/NYHD-2020 The deadline for uploading documentaries is April 7, 2020.
- Documentary files should be labelled in the following format: Last Name, First Name_Division_Title of Project
- Students should upload a copy of their process paper and bibliography in PDF format to SmugMug as well.
- PDFs should be labelled in the following format: Last Name, First Name_Division_Title of Project
- Students should bring four printed copies of their process paper and bibliography to the State Contest.
- Computers, AV equipment, and projection screens will be provided by the State Contest. Students may bring a backup of their documentary (on a thumb drive, laptop, etc.).
- Students are responsible for setting up and running all equipment.
Performance Entries

- Students should bring four copies of their process paper and bibliography to the State Contest.
- Students must provide any equipment or props used in their entries.
- Students are responsible for setting up and taking down their own props.
- The setting up and taking down of props should not occur while other students are performing.

Website Entries

- All entries must be created using the NHD Web Portal: website.nhd.org
- Students will copy and paste the NHD Site Key for their website when registering for the State Contest via the online registration form.
- Students should bring four copies of their process paper and bibliography to the State Contest.
Awards

- Awards will be granted to the first, second, and third place winners in each category and division.
- First and second place winners will advance to the National History Day competition in College Park, MD to be held June 14–18, 2020.
- All winners should remain after the Awards Ceremony on April 27, 2020 for photographs and special instruction.

Special Awards

- If your project qualifies for a Special Award, you may nominate your project for consideration via the online registration system. The following Special Awards will be granted at the State Contest:
  - **Special Award for the Best Use of Historical Records.** One prize will be awarded to an individual entry in any category. The project bibliography must include evidence of historical records; information from the records must be used to enhance the project; the students' interpretation must be based on his or her use of historical records.
  - **Outstanding Entry with a Focus on Rural History.** One prize to an individual entry whose project excels in exploring the rural past.
  - **History of Women’s Suffrage Special Prize.** One prize will be awarded at the junior level; one prize will be awarded at the senior level. Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries related to the history of women’s suffrage, including suffrage post-1920 activities by women seeking to access voting rights.
  - **Special Prize for a Maritime Topic.** First and second place prizes will be awarded at both the junior and senior levels. Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries with a maritime focus.
  - **The Farmers’ Museum Award.** One prize will be awarded to an outstanding project focused on the history of or innovations related to agriculture.
  - **Fenimore Art Museum Award.** One prize will be awarded to an outstanding project focused on the history of New York State.
New York History Day Venues

Participants in New York History Day 2020 may have their entries judged in any one of the following venues:

**Fenimore Art Museum** — 5798 NY-80; Cooperstown, NY, 13326

**The Farmers’ Museum** — 5775 NY-80; Cooperstown, NY, 13326

**The Otesaga Hotel** — 60 Lake Street; Cooperstown, NY, 13326

**The Baseball Hall of Fame** — 25 Main Street; Cooperstown, NY, 13326

**The Clark Sports Center** — 124 Co Rd 52; Cooperstown, NY, 13326

*Please note that all exhibits will be judged in the Clark Sports Center this year.*

The Awards Ceremony will be held at **Cooperstown Central School** — 39 Linden Avenue; Cooperstown, NY, 13326.

**Parking**

Cooperstown is a small village and parking can be limited. However, you should be able to find parking at most of the judging sites or at one of the Trolley parking lots around the village.

**Trolleys**

Two free trolleys will be available between judging sites on Monday, April 27th from 7:30am to approximately 5:00pm. The trolley route runs approximately 20 minutes. Trolleys will not be available for the Awards Ceremony at Cooperstown Central School.
Chaperone Responsibilities

All students attending the History Day contest must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the students in their charge. Larger groups should have enough chaperones to cover the size of their groups. Chaperones are responsible for their students for the duration of the contest.

Student Conduct Policies

- Students must follow the rules of the host venues and the rules at each judging location.
- Students may not create excessive noise or disruptions which interfere with judging of student entries and/or other activities during New York History Day.
- Students may not possess or use alcoholic beverages or other illegal substances (including tobacco and cigarettes).
- Students may not abuse, vandalize, or steal any property or service.
- Students who violate stated rules will be subject to punishment, up to and including financial restitution, and may be sent home at parents’ expense. In addition, students in violation of the stated rules are subject to disqualification from New York History Day. Student winners who are found in violation of contest rules will not represent New York State at the National Contest at the University of Maryland.
Please Join Us For a Barbeque!

The Farmers’ Museum cordially invites students, teachers, parents, and chaperones to a barbeque on Sunday, April 26th from 4:00 p.m—7:00 p.m. to kick-off New York History Day 2020! Come enjoy Brooks Barbeque chicken, a kosher hot dog, or a vegetarian burger with students from across the State! During the evening you will be able to meet the people who make History Day happen and get a jump-start on the details of Monday’s competition. The barbeque is $12.00 per person and will include drinks, sides, and dessert. You must make advance reservations for the barbeque. Please complete the Barbeque Reservation portion during the online registration process.

Kick of Barbeque and Welcome

Sunday, April 26, 2020

4:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Main Barn, The Farmers’ Museum

We must receive your online reservation form and payment by April 7, 2020.
New York History Day
2020 Educator of the Year

The Educator of the Year Award honors a teacher or librarian who participates in the History Day Program. Selection is based on the individual’s active and engaging teaching of history, involvement in the History Day program, and impact on regional youth.

To nominate an educator for the award, please compose a one-page essay that describes why your nominee should receive the award. Please send this essay as well as the information below to m.bosma@fenimoreart.org

Please Submit:

Nomination Essay
Nominee’s Name
Nominee’s Contact Information
Nominee’s Place of Employment and Title

The Essay Might Include:

Number of Years Nominee has Participated in History Day
Any Organizations that Nominee Partners with to Support History Day
Number of Adults the Educator Recruits for Involvement in History Day
Number of Students the Educator Recruits for Involvement in History Day
Does Educator Teach at the Junior or Senior Level?
Approximate Hours of Unpaid Volunteer Hours to History Day

Student Registration Checklist:

- Complete the online registration at www.nyshistoryday.org/state-contest by April 7, 2020.
- Keep a copy of the confirmation of your online registration.
- Place your Welcome Barbeque reservations via the State Contest registration system by April 7, 2020.
- Ensure payment for registration and BBQ has been made by check or credit card.
- Make overnight accommodations with hotel of choice.

We look forward to seeing you on April 27th!

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations for sponsoring New York History Day: