

HISTORY DAY



IN COLORADO

Dear History Day Teacher:

Congratulations! Your student(s) have qualified to compete at the state **History Day in Colorado** contest, which will take place **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver. The competition will be on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver.

Important: If your student(s) do not intend to participate in the state contest, please be sure to notify your regional coordinator within 10 days after your regional contest.

Registration

We are using an online system to register students for the state contest. You will initiate the process, and then the students will each complete their own individual information. Please see enclosed sheet for the instructions on the registration process.

Fees:

There is a registration fee of \$10 **per student**. There are some different options for paying the fees:

- The individual student(s) or their families will be responsible to pay for each student's registration. If this is the case, each student should complete the payment information as part of his/her registration.
- OR
- A school will pay the registration fees for all students from that school. If this is the case, then the teachers should complete the payment information for the students who are participating.

We will never turn down an entry because of inability to pay the fees. Please let us know of these circumstances, and we will waive the fee.

The deadline for registering and paying fees is Friday, March 26, 2010 for students who participated in all regional competitions EXCEPT Mountain Region (Frisco) and Denver Public Schools. The deadline to register and pay fees for students from the Mountain Region and Denver Public Schools is Friday, April 16.

Early Submission of Entries

Early submission for Papers and Web Sites: Please note that students participating in the Paper or Web Site categories must submit their entries to the state contest ahead of time.

- For students who participated in any regional competition EXCEPT Mountain Region (Frisco) or Denver Public Schools, the deadline to submit their entries is **Friday, March 26**.
- For students who participated in the Mountain Region (Frisco) or Denver Public Schools, the deadline to submit their entries to the state office is **Friday, April 16**. **The state office must RECEIVE hard copies of the paper entries and students must submit their web sites NHD Weebly.**
- Students in the Paper category must submit six complete, competition-ready copies of their paper.

- Students in the Web Site category must submit their product using NHD Weebly <http://nhd.weebly.com/>. Students will need to bring six complete, competition-ready copies of their process paper/bibliography with them to the contest on May 1.

Early Submission for Special Awards (Documentary Entries Only): Please note that if students wish to be considered for a special award AND they are entering the Documentary category, they must submit a copy of their documentary ahead of time to be viewed by the special awards judges. **These entries must be received by the state office by Friday, April 16.**

Teachers: Please encourage your students to apply for a special award for their entry. Oftentimes, the special awards will have a prize or cash award attached, so it is to the benefit of your students to try. They can apply for a special award during their online registration.

General Contest Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. Upon check-in, you will receive a complete program listing specific rooms, times, and other details. The complete program will also be available on the History Day in Colorado web site (www.coloradohistoryday.org) after April 26.

When	What	Where
7:30-10:00 a.m.	Check in for Papers, Web Sites, Documentaries, Performances	Auraria PE/Event Center
7:30-8:45 a.m.	Check in and set up for Exhibits. All Exhibits must be ready to be judged by 8:45	Auraria PE/Event Center
9:00 a.m.-12:00	First round judging	<i>Exhibits:</i> PE/Event Center <i>Performances:</i> North Classroom <i>Documentaries:</i> King Center <i>Web Sites:</i> Plaza Building <i>Papers:</i> Plaza Building
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Exhibits, Papers, and Web Sites open for public viewing	<i>Exhibits:</i> Auraria PE/Event Center <i>Papers and Websites:</i> Location TBA
12:30 p.m.	Final round qualifiers for all categories posted	Various locations, TBA
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Final round judging	<i>Performances:</i> North Classroom <i>Documentaries:</i> King Center
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Exhibits, Papers, and Web Sites open for public viewing	Auraria PE/Event Center
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Dismantle exhibits	Auraria PE/Event Center
5:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Auraria PE/Event Center
6:00 p.m.	Teachers Only: Pick Up Judging Forms	Tivoli Student Union <i>Location TBA</i>

Please Note: There are no interviews during the final round in any category. **Exhibits must remain in the exhibit hall until at least 4:00 p.m.** Winners for all categories, including regional and special awards, will be announced at the awards ceremony.

New This Year! After careful consideration, the History Day in Colorado office has decided to post final round qualifiers for **ALL** categories. However, students who have applied for special awards or think that they might be considered for a regional award **MUST stay** for the awards ceremony.

When/Where Do We Check In?

- **Exhibits:** Participants in the Exhibit category must check in at the lobby of the Auraria PE/Event Center between 7:30 and 8:45. **All exhibits must be ready for judging by 8:45 and must remain standing until 4:00 p.m.** Please refer to the program for the interview time.
- **Papers, Performances, Documentaries, Web Sites:** Participants in these categories must check in at the lobby of the Auraria PE/Event Center *at least* 45 minutes prior to their scheduled presentation or interview, and no later than 10:00.
- **Teachers:** Please plan to check in at the teacher registration table in the Auraria PE/Event Center between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Scheduling Conflicts

If more than one entry will be using the same equipment, please notify the History Day in Colorado staff **in writing**, either as part of the online registration process or in a separate e-mail. Also, if your students have a pressing situation and would like to be judged in a certain time-frame in the morning or afternoon, **please submit the request and reason in writing**, either as part of your online registration process or in a separate e-mail. We will try to accommodate requests as long as you notify our office well in advance, preferably by April 12.

What to Bring

- **Process paper and annotated bibliography.** We recommend that all students in the Exhibit, Performance, Web Site, and Documentary categories bring **six** copies of their process paper and annotated bibliography. Why? If students qualify for the final round, they can be sure there are enough materials for the second judging team.
- **Documentary contestants:** We will provide SMART classrooms with VCR and DVD players, as well as equipment to project an image from a computer. We will also provide some laptop computers from which to run a DVD, in case a project does not run from our standard DVD players. **We suggest that, if possible, students bring their own laptop or other computer to run their project as a precaution.** Macintosh users **MUST** bring their own adapter to connect their laptop to the VGA cable.
We suggest that students bring a backup copy of their documentary project, in case they encounter technical difficulties with the original. We are not able to provide the equipment to make last minute edits to a documentary.
- **Exhibit and Performance contestants:** If students need access to electrical outlets, they must bring their own extension cords.
Please note that we will have a “Mr. Fix It” station for entries. We will have materials with which to make some emergency repairs to entries, such as sewing kits, tape, and glue. The station will be in the PE/Event Center.

Parking and Drop-Off

Please see the History Day in Colorado web site for information on parking at the contest. If you will be travelling to the competition by bus, please let the state office know by Monday, April 19 so we can give you information on where the bus should drop-off students and where to park.

T-Shirts (*New Process This Year)

Contest T-shirts and Proud Parent buttons will be available for sale through pre-order ONLY. We will not have a station for purchase on the day of the contest. The cost for a t-shirt is \$10 and the buttons are \$1. If you are interested, please indicate the size and quantity on the enclosed fee form and send your payment with your registration. Pre-ordered shirts and buttons will be available for pick up at a station in the Auraria PE/Event Center Lobby the day of the contest.

Food

The Tivoli Student Union food court hosts a variety of choices including Subway, McDonalds, and Taco Bell. For downtown dining options, please consult the information table in the PE/Event Center for suggestions.

Afternoon Activities

The only participants who must be present for the final round of judging in the afternoon are the finalists in the Performance and Documentary categories. All participants in the Exhibit, Web Site, and Paper categories are free after their morning interview until the awards ceremony at 5:00 p.m. (Participants in the Exhibit category should plan to take down their exhibit between 4:00 and 4:30). We have no formal activities planned during the afternoon. There will be a table in the PE/Event Center with information regarding the attractions in the area. We encourage you to stop by so you can plan an enjoyable afternoon in Denver!

If Your Student(s) Qualify for Nationals

The first and second place entries in every category qualify to compete at the National History Day competition, June 13-17, 2010, at the University of Maryland in College Park. National qualifiers will receive more detailed information in their winners' packets.

For More Information

We have much more information posted on our web site at www.coloradohistoryday.org, including:

- Frequently asked questions about the state contest
- Driving directions, campus maps, and parking information
- Lodging suggestions
- Suggestions for afternoon activities

If you have further questions, please contact the state office:

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We look forward to seeing you on May 1!