

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

2011/2012
INFORMATION BOOKLET



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National History Day in Indiana is an exciting program that encourages young people to explore a historical subject related to an annual theme. Students do the work of historians as their research leads to imaginative exhibits, original performances, documentaries, papers and websites. Students are encouraged to enter their work into the National History Day in Indiana contests, where district winners advance to state and state winners in the Junior and Senior divisions become eligible for The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest in Washington, D.C.

OVERVIEW

SPONSORING A STUDENT

Indiana students interested in participating in National History Day need an adult sponsor. The sponsor is the contact person and liaison between student participants and the NHD staff at the Indiana Historical Society. A sponsor may be a teacher, parent or any adult willing to mentor a student and make sure that the required forms are completed and submitted on time. Sponsors help ensure that students follow the National History Day rules, are responsible for distributing NHD materials to students and registering students for the contests.

THEME

Each year a broad theme is selected for National History Day. This year's theme is *Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History*. Within the theme, students may select a person, place or event of interest from any aspect of local, regional, national or world history. To understand the historical importance of their topic, students should consider the concepts of time and place, context, cause and effect, change over time, impact and significance. National History Day projects should go beyond biographical description to include analysis of information and conclusions which consider how the topic influenced and was influenced by other people, ideas and events. The annual theme is the vehicle by which students should analyze their chosen topics in depth. Several helpful worksheets have been included in the NHD Teacher Packets to help students understand and work with these concepts.

DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

At National History Day contests, student projects are judged against other projects from the same division and category. A student should choose a category that makes the best use of his or her abilities, talents and interests. Students should also consider available sources for their topic when selecting a category.

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Divisions

Youth—Grades 4 and 5
Junior—Grades 6–8
Senior—Grades 9–12

Categories

Paper—Individual
Exhibit—Individual or Group
Documentary—Individual or Group
Performance—Individual or Group
Website—Individual or Group

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Indiana History Day students must compete in a district contest to be eligible for the state and, for students in Junior and Senior divisions, the national contest unless otherwise approved by the State Coordinator. Each of Indiana's 92 counties has been assigned to a district. A district contest will be held for schools and youth organizations located in counties assigned to that particular district. Refer to the list below for counties assigned to each district.

Students who place in the top third of their division/category at their district contest will advance to the state contest, with a minimum of three projects advancing from each division/category. Choosing a percentage of the total entries from each district for participation in the state contest allows NHD to maintain a fair representation of students from across the state. Sponsors of district winners will receive state competition registration information following their district's contest.

Sponsors with students interested in participating in National History Day in Indiana should return a completed participation form to the NHD office at the IHS. Upon receipt of this form, NHD staff will send sponsors the contest rule books and district competition registration information.

Note that paper and website entries have early deadlines in order to distribute the entries to the judges. Paper entries must be received by the NHD office 10 days before the contest date. Website entries must be published online eight days before the contest date. These dates will be communicated with student sponsors in the spring. Refer to the NHD Contest Rulebook for more information.

DISTRICT CONTESTS

Central District

Counties: Adams, Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Clay, Clinton, Delaware, Fayette, Fountain, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jay, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Parke, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Union, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Warren, Wayne and Wells.

District contest location: Indianapolis

North District

Counties: Allen, Benton, Cass, De Kalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lagrange, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, Starke, Steuben, White and Whitley.

District contest location: Notre Dame

South District

Counties: Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Perry, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington.

District contest location: Nashville

TO REQUEST NHD WORKSHOPS OR CONTEST INFORMATION:

Contact the NHD staff at (317) 233-9559 or nhdi@indianahistory.org

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Get the most out of your National History Day experience with these student workshops.

The NHD staff is available to visit Indiana schools and support Indiana's National History Day students throughout the school year.

These workshops are tailored to meet the needs of NHD teachers and students and are FREE to Indiana students participating in National History Day.

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Getting Started with History Day Workshop

In this presentation, NHD staff will introduce students to National History Day in Indiana. The session includes an overview of the program, tips for selecting a topic and working with the theme, getting started with research, contest information and a review of sample projects.

NHD Student Research or Project Development Workshops

NHD staff will visit participating schools to offer a resource and/or project development workshop for students. A research workshop emphasizes research and analysis of primary and secondary sources, provides web research tips and identifies other useful resources. A project development workshop discusses elements of thesis development, exhibit design and storytelling, which can be incorporated into any project. These workshops can be combined and/or tailored to the needs of the students.

NHD Student Project Consultations

NHD staff will be available to meet with students at their schools to review their progress and offer tips on preparing for district and state competitions. These consultations are available February through April.

Library Nights with NHD

NHD staff will visit your local public library after school and into the evening hours to assist students with finding primary and secondary sources related to their projects. Library Nights should be scheduled with the NHD State Coordinator.

**To request a workshop, contact the NHD office at
(317) 234-0085 or nhd@indianahistory.org**

INDIANA JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP

Expand the NHD experience by starting an Indiana Junior Historical Society club. IJrHS clubs, sponsored by history organizations, schools, libraries, home school associations and individuals, provide students in grades three through 12 and educators with diverse and engaging programs. In addition to NHD benefits, IJrHS members receive specialized programs and resources at their schools and around the state, as well as free admission to the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center. IJrHS members also receive the *IJrHS Notes* newsletter.

IJrHS members receive a \$2 discount on registration for NHD district and state contests.

**For more information, contact the IJrHS coordinator at
(317) 233-4549 or ijrhs@indianahistory.org**

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OCTOBER 2011–APRIL 2012

Oct. 2011–
April 2012 Schedule Getting Started with History Day Workshops, NHD Student Research and Project Development Workshops and Library Nights

Nov. 4 NHD Teacher Workshop

Feb.–
April 2012 NHD Student Project Consultations

2011/2012 CALENDAR

Feb. 17 Contest Registration Deadline for North District Contest

Feb. 24 Contest Registration Deadline for Central District Contest

MARCH 2012

March 3 North District Contest, Notre Dame

March 10 Central District Contest, Indianapolis

March 16 Contest Registration Deadline for South District Contest

March 31 South District Contest, Nashville

APRIL 2012

April 6 State Contest Registration Deadline

April 21 NHD State Contest

MAY 2012

May 15 National Contest Registration Deadline

JUNE 2012

June 10–14 The 2012 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest, University of Maryland, College Park

For up-to-date contest information, visit
www.indianahistory.org/historyday.