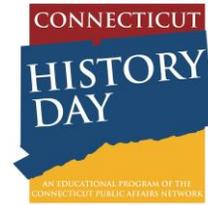


Notes for National Qualifiers



Packing and Preparing to Leave

Connecticut History Day Staff

- ✓ Team Connecticut will be accompanied by Rebecca Taber-Conover, State Coordinator.
 - **Rebecca's Cell: 860-402-0221**
- ✓ Rebecca will be staying in the CT dorm and is a dorm parent. Please feel free to sit down and join me for a meal at the cafeteria.
- ✓ We will bring bags of trading pins and shirts to wear during the Awards Ceremony. Stop by registration Sunday morning or pick them up following the Welcome Ceremony.
- ✓ Rebecca will have some DIY items if you need them for your project: items like tape and scissors. Contact her if you need them!
- ✓ Keep an eye on the Connecticut History Day Facebook page as we will be updating it regularly throughout the National Contest.
- ✓ Use the hashtag **#CHD2018** when posting your photos!

Philosophy

- ✓ View this as a really amazing learning opportunity, as well as lots of fun.
- ✓ Remember that you are representing the Connecticut History Day program, the state of Connecticut, your school, and your family. Please be kind and courteous to all those you meet.
- ✓ The National Contest experience is filled with a tremendous amount of excitement and opportunities to get to know students from Connecticut and the world (literally...Guam, American Samoa, and Shanghai are represented).
- ✓ A few things to remember
 - Embrace being part of Team CT and join in the planned activities.
 - Never leave campus without an adult.
 - If you are staying in the dorms, remember to keep your voices down at night. People are trying to get rest even if you are finished with your interview.
 - The use of any water-based toys (balloons, guns, etc.) and flinging anything from a campus window is prohibited.
- ✓ Bring your trading pins - try and exchange with as many people as possible. It is a great way to meet new students and is a fun part of the NHD experience.
- ✓ Competing is important, but remember that very few students will walk across the stage during the Awards Ceremony on Thursday.
- ✓ Some students go home early if they don't make runoffs. We hope that you won't decide to do so, because making Nationals is a huge achievement. **Be proud of yourself!**

What to Pack

- ✓ Bring COOL, casual clothes to sightsee in with VERY comfortable walking shoes- sightseeing usually entails lots of walking! Accept that you will be hot and sticky all week. Flip-flops don't hold up very well after a few miles. Foldable rain ponchos are a good idea as well.
- ✓ Non-performances should bring nice clothes for judging. Think of this as an interview- no jeans, shorts, short dresses, low-cut dresses, or flip flops! Boys, consider a shirt and tie if you have one.
- ✓ Make sure to pack at least four copies of your process paper and bibliographies (except for paper and website students). It is a good idea to bring extra copies just to be safe!
- ✓ If you are in the exhibit category, pack tape and other materials you may need to use to fix if damage occurred during travel. This is also a good idea for performance students with large props.
- ✓ For documentary students, make sure to bring you project on a DVD, thumb drive and on a laptop.
- ✓ Your bag of trading pins.
- ✓ Bring a Connecticut History Day t-shirt (if you have one) and any other clothes with CT on it.

If you are staying in the dorms

- ✓ The dorms are air-conditioned, but they are not luxurious.
- ✓ Please remember to be respectful of your fellow dorm residents and keep the noise down in the evening. We want all competitors to get plenty of rest.
- ✓ Things to pack:
 - Soap
 - Washcloth
 - Flip-flops to wear in the shower
 - While sheets are provided, they do not include a fitted sheet
 - Snacks
 - Decorations for the your door
 - Hangers (if you have clothes that need to be hung up)

Words of Wisdom for NHD Students

- ✓ Visit the monuments, museums, and DC sites!
- ✓ Don't try to drive in DC-take the metro. Bring small bills to purchase fare cards or you may end up with lots of change.
- ✓ If you want to save money-eat at the vendors in the mall or take a box lunch from the dining hall which is already paid for those staying in the dorms.
- ✓ If you have been there many times before-there are many places off the beaten path that are cool to visit!

Guidelines for a great trip!

- ✓ Always stay with a group. NEVER GO ANYWHERE ALONE-EVEN TO “JUST A DIFFERENT STORE.
- ✓ Make sure you have your cell phone and it is charged.
- ✓ Feel free to make your own family/friend group plans for sightseeing. It saves frustrating time waiting when trying to travel with large groups!
- ✓ The Metro is very safe but please stay away from the edge of the platform. Don't get on if there is not room for all of you.
- ✓ When traveling on escalators, move immediately to the right to allow people to pass you.
- ✓ Enjoy the experience!!

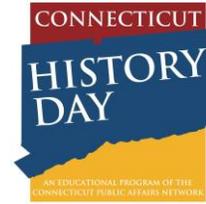


If you are ordering pizza, order from Papa John's. National History Day will receive 20% of all orders during Spirit Week) June 9-14). If ordering online enter promo code NHD and if calling please mention NHD.



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Day by Day Schedule Highlights



Sunday, June 10: Arrival & Registration

Checking in

- ✓ As soon as you arrive, go to the second floor of Stamp Student Center to register. Students will receive your judging time and location, along with a lot of other information.
- ✓ Rebecca will be working at registration on Sunday morning, so stop by and say hi! Pick up your bag of pins if you don't already have them.
- ✓ Make sure to pick up a Campus Map.
- ✓ For those of you in the exhibit category, remember that you may have help carrying in your exhibit to the Exhibit Hall, but the student must set up his/her exhibit without assistance.

Welcome Ceremony

- ✓ Team CT will meet outside of **Stamp Student Union at 6:15 p.m.** to walk over together. We will meet near the benches, look for the Connecticut sign.
- ✓ The Welcome Ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. It is held at the outdoors McKeldin Library Mall. The Mall is right across the street from the Stamp Union.
- ✓ It is very hard to find the group once seated. We will be holding up CT signs. Please remember, we can't hear a cellphone ring in the crowd.
- ✓ Please show CT pride, wear a History Day or CT-themed t-shirts! Bring your pins with you—as prior to the ceremony is a great time to trade.
- ✓ However, *during* the Welcome Ceremony, please do not trade pins or chat. Be respectful of the ceremony speakers.
- ✓ There will be a CT Delegation Team Meeting immediately following the ceremony on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the food court of Stamp Student Center. **Attend this meeting to pick up your free Nationals t-shirt, meet fellow CT competitors, and pick up pins if you need them.**

Monday, June 11 & Tuesday, June 12: Competition Days!!

General

- ✓ You will find out your competition time when you arrive and register.
- ✓ The first round of the Junior Division judging takes place on Monday; the first round of Senior Division judging on Tuesday.
- ✓ Practice questions with your parents or teacher ahead of time. Remember, though, that you are not giving a presentation to the judges.
- ✓ Relax! Judges are excited to meet you and learn about your project.
- ✓ On Monday and Tuesday, Team CT will have free ice cream social in the room immediately next to the Maryland Dairy Store (located in the food court of Stamp Student Union). Look for the table signs with Team CT.

Finals Rounds

- ✓ On Monday and Tuesday, the top finisher from each judging room will move on to the finals round.
- ✓ The qualifiers for the finals round for Documentary and Performances will be announced in Stamp Student Union around the monitors. For Juniors, that is Monday evening, for Seniors it is Tuesday evening. By evening, we mean between 6-7 p.m. The finalists will also be posted online around 7-7:30 p.m. If you are in another category, you will find out whether you made the finals round during the Awards Ceremony.
- ✓ For Juniors, the Runoff Round takes place on Tuesday evening and for Seniors the Runoff Round takes place on Wednesday during the day. Remember these will only be for the Performance and Documentary category.

Student interviews

- ✓ Teachers/parents should plan to help students get to their competition rooms.
- ✓ Re-familiarize yourselves with your bibliographies before leaving for Nationals. Re-read them. Judges have been known to ask about one particular resource. Be sure that you are able to explain how you determined which sources are primary and secondary.
- ✓ Be on time (which is at least 30 minutes early) to your performance or interview time.
- ✓ Dress to make a good impression. 'Costumes' can only be worn by performance students.
- ✓ Rebecca will try to get to as many presentations as possible, but we are assisting (along with other coordinators) in running the National Contest and have assignments during the day.
- ✓ Be sure to communicate with Rebecca how your presentation and/or interview went. Take photos and share them!

June 13: Washington DC Excursion

- ✓ Even if you have not signed up for the trip, please join us **at 12:00 p.m.** to meet Connecticut's two Senators, Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Sen. Chris Murphy. We will be posing for a photograph on the Senate Steps (those facing the Supreme Court) of the U.S. Capitol.
- ✓ Please dress appropriately for meeting U.S. Senators. Nice shorts with a CHD/NHD shirt or plain shirt are appropriate.
- ✓ There is a free shuttle that goes from Stamp Union to the Metro Station.
- ✓ Take the Metro if at all possible. If you are driving in the DC area, leave extra time. There is always traffic and it always takes longer than you would think.
- ✓ If you can, visit the National Museum of American History between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Each NHD affiliate (including CHD) will have an exhibit on display in the museum. You can tour the entire museum, view NHD projects, and meet NHD students.
- ✓ If you are joining us for the entire day, please look at the separate agenda for the day for further specifics.

- ✓ Since we are in the nation's capital, please note that you will have to go through security everywhere you go. At the U.S. Capitol, they are so strict that you cannot take in an empty water bottle.
- ✓ Purchase your Metro Card ahead of time at <https://wmata.com/fares/smartrip/>

June 14, 2018: Awards Ceremony Thursday

- ✓ Wear your NATIONALS Connecticut History Day t-shirt.
- ✓ At 8:15 a.m. we will gather at the foot of the steps leading into the Xfinity Center..
- ✓ The Ceremony begins with the Parade of States and then we take our seats in the Center.
- ✓ Team CT will be seated in Section 116, Rows 1-7. Look for the CHD banner. Ribbon and signs will mark off our seats.
- ✓ During the Parade of States, students will career the CT state flag, the CHD banner, and various signs.
- ✓ Please stay for the entire ceremony even if your category has been announced. It is disrespectful to the National Office and their special guests to leave before the conclusion of the ceremony.
- ✓ The Awards Ceremony lasts for approximately 3 hours. Bring water and snacks with you.
- ✓ Stay in your seats, as Rebecca will pick up the evaluation packets for Team Connecticut and we will hand them out to you. If you have to leave before Thursday, they will be mailed to you.

