

2011 Maine National History Day Program

The Maine State Archives will be administering the 2011 Maine National History Day Program. This year's competition will be held at the University of Maine at Augusta on Wednesday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Maine NHD would not exist without the generous support of the greater historical community in Maine. We greatly appreciate the continued support of those organizations who contribute annually to this worthwhile program. For those who have not donated before, please consider supporting this statewide, educational competition. National History Day teaches students research techniques that help them uncover the exciting details of history and allows them to present their knowledge in a category of their choosing. Many students become intrigued with history for a lifetime!

Your support of Maine National History Day invests in the historians of tomorrow who may one day be operating their local historical society!

Maine National History Day is the perfect state-wide place to share your resources! With the availability of laptops in schools, students can pull research material from the Internet, but local library sources and primary source materials cared for by historical societies are the key to a successful project.

Does your organization have materials relating to this year's contest theme: *"Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences."* This theme is broad enough to include research topics at the community, state, national and world history levels. **Maine is one of several states that will be commemorating the 150th anniversary – the sesquicentennial – of the American Civil War. The Maine State Archives and a host of local historical societies are working to make their Civil War holdings accessible to students and the public as part of that commemoration.** We believe the 2011 National History Day theme offers the opportunity to explore the issues and impacts of the Civil War, and we especially encourage 2011 participants to do so. You can help by listing your Civil War holdings, or other holdings connected to the sample topics listed on the NHD site, in order to encourage research at your site!



Civil War Sesquicentennial

Ways To Help

- Hold study hours at your facility.
- Help subsidize transportation costs for competition day.
- Become a Maine NHD judge. (Fill out and return form)
- Please fill out the donation sheet to support Maine National History Day!**

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Additional information:

Maine History Day website: www.state.me.us/sos/arc/historyday/index.html

National History Day website: www.nhd.org

Contact: Felicia Kennedy, MNHD Registration Coordinator, Maine State Archives, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084 - (207) 287-5790, felicia.kennedy@maine.gov

What is Maine National History Day?

An annual educational competition for all Maine students in grades 6 through 12. Each year students prepare papers, projects, or presentations that explore a broad historical theme. The program adds a new dimension to teaching and learning history, and rewards student initiative, creativity, and scholarship. It operates in cooperation with National History Day.

Benefits to Students

To foster creativity and imagination, students select from a variety of formats to present their entries: papers, exhibits, documentaries, websites and performances. Required research develops analytic abilities, as well as reading and comprehension skills. An interdisciplinary approach is encouraged, integrating arts, economics, sciences, and other disciplines. Problem solving skills and teamwork are stressed. Teams of educators and historians judge entries on historical quality, presentation, and adherence to theme. The experience of History Day enriches students' academic knowledge and practical skills.

Benefit to Schools and Teachers

The competition provides teachers with a means to encourage students to expand their efforts beyond the classroom experience. MNHD provides an excellent assessment tool; integrates the study of history with other disciplines, supports professional development through workshops and summer institutes; encourages interaction with historians, librarians, and archivists; involves families and communities in support of education. Winning schools, students and teams will be recognized for their achievements.

Relationship to National History Day

Maine History Day is part of a nationwide program. 700,000 students and over 40,000 educators participate annually. Maine State winners are eligible to take part in the national competition at the University of Maryland June 12-16, 2011.

2010 Maine National History Day

Participating Schools: Bonny Eagle High School, Standish; Bonny Eagle Middle School, Buxton; Brunswick Jr. High School; Buckfield Jr-Sr High School; Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School, Deer Isle; Eric L. Knowlton School, Berwick; Gorham Middle School; Hartford-Summer Elementary School, Sumner; Loranger Middle School, Old Orchard Beach; Massabesic Middle School, East Waterboro; Massabesic High School, Waterboro; Noble Middle School, Berwick; Scarborough Middle School; Shapleigh Middle School, Kittery; Thornton Academy, Saco; TW Kelly Dirigo Middle School, Dixfield

Number of Students Participating: 200

Total Entries (historical papers, documentaries, websites, performances and exhibits): 123

Students Attending and Participating in Nationals in Washington DC: 32

Because of generous donations received for the 2010 contest, Maine was able to pay the registration fee for 17 students to attend the National contest.

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2011 Donation to Maine National History Day

To: Treasurer of organization

Date: _____



Make payable to: Maine Historical Society **Please note:** "MNHD" in memo space
Send to: Felicia Kennedy, Maine State Archives, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084

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- \$25
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Have you judged at Maine NHD before: ____ yes ____ no