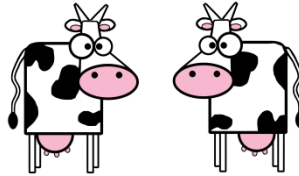


2018 NHD NATIONAL FINALISTS – Travel Option 1

Monuments, Museums, Medieval Times, AND More



What You Need to Know About

Taking the Team Wisconsin Bus and the

2018 National History Day Contest

June 10 – 14, 2018



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TEAM WISCONSIN BY BUS

Ride to Nationals in style with a large group of history lovers led by your nerdy NHD Coordinators! The NHD in Wisconsin team has pulled together an exciting plan to provide the best possible National Contest experience for our students. To start, we'll drive 36 hours together cross-country to Maryland in a coach bus, staying as a group in a residence hall at the University of Maryland - College Park. During downtime in the National Contest schedule, we'll take excursions to major museums in the Smithsonian complex, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, monuments on the National Mall, Medieval Times, and more!

DATE	What's Due?
<p>May 1</p>	<p><u>DUE</u>: RSVP to the National Contest. Email: historyday@wisconsinhistory.org</p> <p><u>DUE</u>: Submit Liability Waiver for Wisconsin Historical Society https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fVIAV0PgH3gK7X</p> <p><u>\$\$\$ DUE</u>: Submit Bus Reservation Form AND Pay Deposit for Bus Trip - \$350 nhdinwi.weebly.com (NATIONALS tab)</p>
<p>May 11</p>	<p><u>DUE</u>: Submit Roommate Request Form</p> <p><i>Anyone staying in the residence hall</i> who wants a specific roommate must submit this form. This includes parents! Online at nhdinwi.weebly.com (NATIONALS tab).</p>
<p>May 15</p>	<p><u>\$\$\$ DUE</u>: Online Registration for National Contest AND Registration Fee - \$150 or \$60</p> <p><i>All National Finalists and their teachers</i> who are attending the National Contest must register. <i>If a group member will not be at the contest</i>, he or she must still fully register and pay \$150 by the deadline in order for the group to register. Student fee: \$150. Teacher fee: \$60 Teachers please register as "Educator with Competing Student." The contest has a lot of professional development workshops! Register online at: nhd.org/register</p> <p><u>\$\$\$ DUE</u>: Lodging/Meals Payment - \$458</p> <p><i>Anyone staying on-campus</i> needs to select "Lodging & Meals Package 1" when they register online with the NHD national office. The \$458 fee is payable with either a purchase order <i>or</i> with a credit card payment.</p> <p><u>DUE</u>: Paper and Website Projects Submit/mail/publish</p> <p><i>Paper students</i> need to submit their projects <i>both online and in the mail</i>. <i>Website students</i> need to press "Publish" before the NHD national office locks all websites at 12:00pm ET on Wednesday, May 17 (11 PM Wisconsin time).</p>
<p>May 30</p>	<p><u>\$\$\$ DUE</u>: Remaining Balance for Bus Trip - \$725</p> <p>nhdinwi.weebly.com (Bus Payment tab)</p>

FAST AND EASY

The real beauty of the Team Wisconsin Travel Package is its convenience. **Once you register for the National Contest online and submit a few forms to the Wisconsin Historical Society, you're all done!** Arrangements for your transportation, food, housing, and sightseeing are taken care of, and you'll still have free time during the trip to make additional sightseeing plans (Monday for senior division, Tuesday for junior division).

ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES INCLUDED

All of the incidental expenses of your trip to National Contest are included in the cost of the Team Wisconsin Travel Package, including your off-campus meals and your admission to the sightseeing venues on our schedule.

- By **driving together on the coach bus**, we avoid air fares and ground travel costs in the D.C. area.
- By **pre-booking all of our sightseeing activities** in advance, we benefit from discounted group rates.
- By **staying in the dorms and eating in the dining halls**, lower high "east coast" costs.
- If you are an **Exhibit** or a **Performance** student, bringing your project on the bus will also save you shipping. **We cannot transport materials for students who opt out of the Team Wisconsin Travel Package.**

FAMILIES WELCOME

Who can join Team Wisconsin? Students (of course), parents, teachers, siblings, friends ... just about anyone. If your family has thought about driving out to D.C., here's your chance to let someone else do the driving.

CHAPERONES NEEDED

Students must have a designated chaperone for the entire trip. No more than three students can be chaperoned by one adult. Chaperones can be a parent of any student on the bus, a teacher, or an adult 18 years or older.

For schools with more than one National Finalist, consider asking a teacher to be your chaperone. This might mean that you'll need to do some fundraising or pay a portion of the chaperone's travel costs; however, it's less expensive if several students share the cost of one chaperone. Ask your school if there are funds available toward this important academic activity.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

On the nhdinwi.weebly.com site download the medical information form. **This form needs to be printed, filled out, and placed in a sealed envelope with the students' full name on the front.** As students board the bus on June 8, this envelope will be collected by NHD and only opened if a medical emergency arises.

TEAM SPIRIT

The "Olympic Village" experience of staying and travelling with Team Wisconsin is an exciting chance to meet other hardworking students who share your interests! Get to know your fellow history lovers through seven days of shared adventuring. "Making History Since 1848!"

RIDING THE BUS

The Team Wisconsin bus is **a coach bus with wireless internet access, video screens, and one restroom.** We use the same bus for the entire trip – driving out to Maryland at the beginning, sight-seeing around D.C. during the week, and driving back to Wisconsin at the end. Bring snacks and water. We'll make stops at several (safe, clean) travel plazas, including one in Pennsylvania that has many items you never knew existed and provides for some

laughs at about 3:00am. Try regional snacks, e.g. Utz potato chips and (for the bravest) scrapple (this is a good time to use Wikipedia).

STAYING IN THE RESIDENCE HALL

Maryland is hot in the summer. Hot and humid. Thankfully, there is air conditioning in the dorms, but pack wisely to keep your cool. Bring a desktop-size fan (battery or corded), refillable water bottle, hat, sunscreen, and loose clothes made from lightweight fabric; even a small packable umbrella. Keep cool, Wisconsinites!

There is a bathroom in each wing of every floor. Every bathroom has 4 showers, 4 bathroom stalls, and 6-8 sinks. The bathrooms are cleaned daily, but we still recommend that you bring flip-flops for the showers.

Your dorm room will include sheets, a lightweight blanket, towels and a small pillow.

If you wish to do laundry, bring quarters and detergent (no liquids).

Bus riders may want to bring cards and small games for the bus ride and the Team Wisconsin Lounge.

The University of Maryland has a swimming pool available for about \$7/day.

If you want to have internet in the dorms or on-campus, then you will need to ***pay for an internet login when you register online for the National Contest.*** That login will work all week long, throughout the National Contest. Our coach bus will also have wireless internet access, but it's slow if everyone's online at the same time.

In case of a non-medical emergency on campus, you can call the Stamp Student Union at (301) 314-3375 or the 24-Hour Residence Hall Desk at (301) 314-5275. NHD in Wisconsin staff will provide our cell numbers to all riders, parents, and chaperones.

WISCONSIN SWAG

The culture of the National Contest is rooted in state pride. Team Hawaii will be festooned with floral leis. Team Minnesota will have a grown man in a moose costume. ***We'll bring inflatable cows and cowbells for the glory of Team Wisconsin. The rest is on you.*** If you have any cheeseheads in your closet, for example, or cow-print pants, or Badger bling, those things should absolutely come with you.

NHD BUTTONS

Every team brings its own signature buttons to the National Contest. Students trade them all week long and try to build a full set, with one button from each of the participating teams. When you board the bus, we will give you the 50 buttons that are part of the Team Wisconsin Travel Package!

GOT MORE QUESTIONS?

Write to us at historyday@wisconsinhistory.org

2018 NATIONAL CONTEST – SCHEDULE

Friday, June 8, 2018

6:00pm	<p>Bus pick up – Madison, WI</p> <p>Parking is free at our safe loading area. We'll provide the address via email. Eat dinner before hopping on the bus. Along the way we'll make a few stops at safe, clean travel plazas.</p>
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Saturday, June 9, 2018

Good Morning Pennsylvania!	<p>Breakfast on the road.</p> <p>We'll hand out cash to each rider (Moooooo-lah!).</p> <p>We will also stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, PA</p>
1:45pm	<p>Bus arrives at the University of Maryland</p> <p>We'll have lunch in College Park and get checked into the dorm. (We give you cash for lunch (Moooooo-lah!)).</p>
4:30pm	<p>Bus departs for Washington, D.C.</p> <p>We'll have dinner downtown (we'll give you a voucher for the food court (Just like Moooooo-lah!)) and then take a nighttime tour of the monuments on the National Mall. We'll do a moderate amount of walking.</p>
10:00pm	<p>Bus departs for the University of Maryland</p>

Sunday, June 10, 2018

9:00am – 8:00pm	<p>Student Registration (all categories, all divisions) Students riding the Team Wisconsin bus: NHD in WI staff will check-in for you.</p> <p>Exhibit Room is open for set-up and public viewing.</p>	Stamp Student Union
9:30am	<p>Bus departs for Washington, D.C.</p> <p>We'll visit three museums in the Smithsonian complex (to be finalized, but could include American History, Natural History, and Air & Space) and have lunch (we give you cash (Moooooo-lah!)) in a museum café.</p>	
2:00pm	<p>Bus departs for the University of Maryland</p> <p>We'll be back in time for the late afternoon and evening activities</p>	
6:30pm	<p>Welcome Ceremony (all states)</p> <p>Wear the designated red Wisconsin team t-shirt. (Not the green shirt). We'll all try to sit together so look for our banner!</p>	McKeldin Mall
8:00pm	<p>Dress Rehearsals: Junior Division</p> <p>Junior Performance and Documentary students can show their projects. All are welcome! If you're not staying in the dorms, call us!</p>	Team Wisconsin Lounge (Dorm)

Monday, June 11, 2018

All day	Competition and free time – no bus trips scheduled Monday is the day of competition for the Junior Division. When not competing, you may leave campus <i>with your chaperone</i> . Many groups travel into D.C. on the Metro (bring cash or credit card, plus a photo ID and emergency contact info). Dress for comfort, sun, and heat. Box lunches can be pre-ordered through the dining service. Don't forget your sunscreen!	
8:00am – 9:30am	Exhibit Room is open for set-up and public viewing.	Stamp Student Union
8:00am – 3:00pm	Student Registration (Late Junior Division Registration ends at 9:30am.)	Stamp Student Union
10:00am – 4:00pm	Judging: Junior Division Everyone is welcome to view projects. Only Papers and Exhibits are closed to the public.	Various Locations
5:30pm – 9:00pm	Exhibit Room is open for set-up and public viewing.	Stamp Student Union
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Student Dance Informal attire. Parents and teachers often gather outside or nearby.	Reckford Armory
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Teachers' Social	Adele's Restaurant
8:00pm	Dress Rehearsals: Senior Division Senior Performance and Documentary students can present their projects. All are welcome! If you're not staying in the dorms, call us!	Team Wisconsin Lounge (Dorm)

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

All day	Competition and free time – no bus trips scheduled Tuesday is the day of competition for the Senior Division. When not competing, you may leave campus <i>with your chaperone</i> . Many groups travel into D.C. on the Metro (bring cash or credit card, plus a photo ID and emergency contact info). Dress for comfort, sun, and heat. Box lunches can be pre-ordered through the dining service. Don't forget your sunscreen!	
8:00am – 9:30pm	Late Student Registration Exhibit Room is open for set-up and public viewing.	Stamp Student Union
10:00am – 4:00pm	Judging: Senior Division Everyone is welcome to view projects. Only Papers and Exhibits are closed to the public.	Various Locations
5:00pm – 10:00pm	Final Rounds for Junior Performances + Documentaries	Stamp Student Union

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Exhibit Room is open for public viewing.	Stamp Student Union
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Wednesday, June 13, 2018

8:30am – 12:30pm	Final Rounds for Senior Performances + Documentaries	Stamp Student Union
9:00am – 9:00pm	Exhibit Room is open for public viewing.	Stamp Student Union
11:30am-12:00pm	Bus departs campus for Washington DC After quickly eating lunch on-campus (get in-line early for the 11:30am lunch), we'll run over to catch the bus that leaves at high noon. We will visit the Newseum and then walk to the National Archives. Be prepared for heat (see above)!	
3:45-5:45 pm	Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum Explore the award winning and powerful museum.	
5:45 pm	Bus departs for Medieval Times to enjoy dinner and jousting.	
9:30 pm	Bus departs for the University of Maryland We'll stop at the Stamp Student Union to disassemble and load-up the bus riders' Exhibits. Amazingly, the tear-down always goes faster than the set-up ... especially when you have 30 of your closest new bus friends to assist. Then, we go back to the dorm for an always-fun final night in the Team Wisconsin Lounge. Pack up your stuff (other than that Red Team Wisconsin T-shirt), because there won't be much time on Thursday.	

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7:00am – 8:30am	Exhibit Room will allow students to take down their projects.	Stamp Student Union
8:30am – 12:00pm	Awards Ceremony All of Team Wisconsin will gather for a picture at 8:00am at the entrance to our residence hall. We'll walk to the ceremony as a group. Wear the green shirt!!	Dorm first, then Xfinity Center