

# Most Frequently Asked NHD Registration Questions

## Do all the students in a group have to come to College Park?

Students in all categories MUST attend the competition in order to be judged. *This includes students in the paper and website categories.* If there is a reason why not all members of a project can attend NHD, the project may still be entered. **However, all group members of the project that won at state must pay the NHD registration, and must complete all of the mandatory/ required parts of registration in order for the project to compete.** No Exceptions. Besides, meeting students from all over the country and the Asia-Pacific region is part of the joy of being selected to go! Yes, there's the competition aspect, but it's the experience too.

**NOTE FOR A GROUP PERFORMANCE:** Groups can rewrite the script if a member drops out, but CANNOT add new group members.

## Do students have to be in Maryland for the entire National History Day event?

No, they just have to be here the day they are judged.

- ☑ Preliminary round judging for **juniors** (grades 6-8) will occur on Monday. If the students are doing a performance or documentary, they should be prepared to stay through late Tuesday evening in case they qualify for the final round of competition.
- ☑ Preliminary round judging for **seniors** (grades 9-12) will occur on Tuesday. If the students are doing a performance or documentary, they should be prepared to stay through 1 p.m. Wednesday in case they qualify for the final round of competition.

**Scheduling Conflicts:** If you know that you will not be able to attend National History Day, please contact Lisa at the History Fair office **IMMEDIATELY** so that we can notify the alternate: 312.799.2153 or [historyfair@chicagohistory.org](mailto:historyfair@chicagohistory.org). If you have questions about other types of scheduling conflicts, please contact us as well so that we can advise you in the planning stages.

## When is the latest that students can check-in at the University of Maryland?

The check-in process is available Sunday – Tuesday. Monday morning by 9 a.m. is the latest that juniors can check-in. Tuesday morning by 9 a.m. is the latest that seniors can check-in.

## Can students request judging times?

NHD will try to accommodate students with very special scheduling needs; however, special times cannot be guaranteed. You will receive your judging time at contest check-in. Judging

times are ONLY offered during the regular contest judging (from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. – the last judging slot may be as early as 2 p.m. in some judging categories). No make-ups or special arrangements outside of the normal contest judging times can be accommodated. Special requests are made at the time of registration.

**Can students change the title of their projects?** Yes.

**My student's name is misspelled in the system. Can I change it?** Yes.

**Do students need a chaperone?**

Yes. Whether a student stays in the dorm or off-campus, a parent/guardian or teacher chaperone is required.

**Do students have to stay on campus?** No, they do not.

**Can family members, teachers, or others stay in the dorms?**

Yes, they are welcome in the dorms. They must register through the online system as well.

**Can I request a roommate? Can parents be roommates?**

Yes, to both questions. You may make this request during online registration. **However, to insure that your roommate request is confirmed, you must indicate your roommate preference on the Illinois-NHD Participant SurveyMonkey, due May 24 in addition to the NHD registration.** Mixed gender assignments are allowed only in the case of parents or a parent plus a child; otherwise, room assignments are based on gender. *Teachers and students are not housed together, even if the same gender.* Most dorm rooms are for two people only and exceptions are accommodated rarely. Illinois participants are generally housed together in the dorms, so your room will be near your colleagues and the History Fair staff.

**Can we get the dorm room without the food?** No, it is a package rate only.

**Whom do I talk to about Purchase Orders and Checks?**

Please speak Lisa or Rebecca in the History Fair office if you need a vendor number. Otherwise, speak with with Lorena Torres. Lorena's contact information is 301-314-8570, Lorena@nhd.org