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Wisconsin Historical Society Hosts 2017 National History Day In Wisconsin Event at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Eau Claire, WI – The 2017 National History Day in Wisconsin Northwestern Regional contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society will be held on Thursday, March 16, on the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire campus.

National History Day in Wisconsin is an academic enrichment program for students in grades 6-12. In this project-based contest, students are taking their learning beyond the textbook to demonstrate their historical research skills through one of five categories: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance and website. Guided by an annual theme, students are encouraged to choose a topic that matches their personal interests. The 2017 theme is "Taking a Stand in History". Students enter their projects in local level contests, with the top entries advancing to regional, state/affiliate, and national levels.

"The National History Day in Wisconsin regional contests are a great way to showcase talent from area students," said Amanda Kruger, National History Day assistant coordinator. "This program teaches students to think critically as they develop a thesis statement and it helps them develop research and writing skills that can be used in the future."

Each year over 10,000 students around Wisconsin present their ideas to judges and along the way, students compete for honors, awards, and thousands of dollars in scholarships. This year-long academic adventure fosters students' enthusiasm for learning and their love for history.

Judges and volunteers are a key to the success of the National History Day in Wisconsin Program. Each regional site is currently seeking volunteers to help support the event. Volunteering at a National History Day in Wisconsin event is a rewarding experience. Volunteers help students learn history and actively support the competition by serving as judges who give individual feedback about the projects. Volunteer sign-up can be found online at https://goo.gl/DIvFMj .

Winners at the regional level will move on to the state competition which will be taking place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Madison at the UW-Madison campus. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD.

About National History Day in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Historical Society is the state's sponsor institution for National History Day in Wisconsin. The annual, year-long academic enrichment program helps more than 10,000 students in grades six through twelve learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD.

About Wisconsin Historical Society
The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

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