



★ Frequently Asked Questions

I can't come to the NHD-CA Contest. What should I do?

Please inform your teacher or county coordinator, right away, so that the runner-up can advance.

Do all students in a group have to be present at NHD-CA?

No. However, if a group entry advances to the National History Day contest, only the members of the group who have registered and paid for NHD-CA will be able to advance to the National competition. NOTE FOR GROUP PERFORMANCE: groups can rewrite the script, but CANNOT add or replace group members.

Do students have to be at the NHD-CA competition for both days?

No, students just have to be there the day(s) they are judged. Elementary (poster) students only need to attend on Saturday. Note: Poster awards will be presented on Saturday afternoon. Junior & Senior division preliminary judging will take place on Saturday. Senior & Junior Division finals judging will take place on Sunday along with the awards for these divisions. Only Performance finalist need to be present for final interviews.

Do students have to come to Rocklin to be judged? Can NHD-CA do tele-/video conferences or phone interviews?

Students must be present to compete. No tele-/video conferencing or phone interviews will be conducted.

Do teachers have to register for the contest?

Yes. Teachers must register for NHD-CA. **Teachers attending MUST** also inform us that they are going to be present at the competition. Teacher registration is free.

Do parents have to register for the contest if they are not coming?

Yes. A parent or legal guardian must register with every child by entering their information in the "parent/guardian" section within student registration. Parent registration is free.

What if someone else is paying for me?

If your school or another agency (district, county, PTA, etc.) is covering your \$90 registration fee, you will need to enter the name of the agency when prompted. This must be done before the **March 30th** deadline or you/ the agency will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Can a school or other agency use a Credit Card to pay for all of the students they are paying for?

Yes. To do this you need to contact Craig Irish to set up the payment - (916) 228-2660 or cirish@scoe.net

Can students change the title of their project or a misspelled name?

Yes, these items can be changed or corrected by the student at any time. However, we recommend doing this before April 18th so the changes are reflected in printed materials. Send an email to info@nhdca.org. The email must include (student name, school, teacher, old title, & new title)

Can a parent/chaperone check-in for students?

NHD-CA encourages participating students to check-in; however, adults representing students may check-in for their students if necessary. However, teachers may not check-in groups of students.

When can students set up their exhibit or posters?

Friday, May 4th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM or Saturday, May 5th from 7:30 – 8:45 AM. In addition, students in the Senior Division may set up their exhibits on Saturday from 12:30 - 1:30 PM.



When can posters be removed?

Posters may be removed on Saturday from 1:45 - 2:30 PM

When can exhibits be removed?

The contest schedule lists the appropriate times to remove exhibits that are not advancing to a final round of judging. Finalist projects may not be removed until Sunday afternoon. Please adhere to these times.

What is “Public Viewing?”

The NHD-CA Exhibit and Poster Hall is open at designated times for students to share their projects and for contest spectators to enjoy the many amazing projects developed by California students.

What do I do if my exhibit is large and/or heavy?

Adults may help CARRY your project into the display hall and lift it on to the table if necessary. However, students must set up their own exhibit/poster.

Is there a storage room/space for performance props?

Yes, we will designate a room for props to be stored.

Where do I go to get my entry number?

Entry numbers will be listed in the Interview Schedule that will be posted online at <https://www.nhdca.org/statecontest> on April 26th.

Do I turn in a hard copy of my Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography if I have a website entry?

Yes, please bring **three** copies of your Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography for the judges to view. You may also want to bring a hard copy of your entire website to NHD-CA in the event that there is any disruption of Internet access or other technical problems.

What happens if I am a finalist?

If you are a part of a **performance** entry, you must be present during the final round of judging to provide judges with your Process Paper/Annotated Bibliography and to perform your project. There will be no interview during the final round. Your performance will be open to spectators, just as it was during the preliminary judging.

If you have an **exhibit, documentary, poster, website, or historical paper** entry you do **NOT** need to do anything. You will not be present when your project is evaluated during the finals round judging.

Do I need to be at the Awards Ceremony?

No. However, we encourage everyone to attend. If you are declared a California champion you will need to attend an important meeting about the National Contest immediately following the awards ceremony.

How and when do I get my judging sheets?

Judging sheets will be available immediately after the Awards Ceremony has concluded. Any judging sheets not picked up will be e-mailed to students or teachers upon request. If you cannot stay for the awards ceremony, we encourage you to have a teacher or friend pick up your judging sheets for you.