

UW-Eau Claire: To host Regional National History Day Competition

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The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire will host the Northwestern Wisconsin Regional National History Day Competition on March 11.

The event is an opportunity for middle and high school students to “do history” by researching a topic of interest and then producing historical documentaries, exhibits, dramatic performances, websites or research papers based on the theme “Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.”

The event will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Davies Center. UW-Eau Claire history students, graduate students and community members will be among those judging the entries. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. in Schofield Auditorium.

Organizers expect nearly 200 students in grades 6-12 to participate in the event, along with judges.

The event is the next in a series of competitive National History Day events, which began at the individual school level and includes state and national competitions. Regional winners will compete at the state level, and the winners there advance to the national competition. This is the 20th regional competition to be held at UW-Eau Claire.

The co-coordinators of the regional competition are Janet Seymour, director of outreach, Office of Programs and Outreach, Wisconsin Historical Society, located in the UW-Eau Claire history department, and Dr. John Mann, professor of history. Sponsors include Phi Alpha Theta, the history department, Center for History Teaching and Learning, College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education and Human Sciences.

The Wisconsin History Day event is slated for April 25 in Madison and the national contest is set for June 14-18 at the University of Maryland at College Park.

For more information about the Northwestern Wisconsin Regional National History Day Competition, email Mann at mannjw@uwec.edu.