

Dear Students, Coaches, Parents, and Teams!

Welcome to Nationals! This is the last email from me until after Nationals finishes. Below are some very brief announcements, then the important **where you need to go and when you need to be there** information, followed by a few last reminders.

First, from now on no emails relating to Nationals should be sent to me until next Tuesday! You will get a much quicker response by emailing help@historybowl.com or calling the help desk at **202 509 2620** !

Second, every team competing in the History Bowl needs to fill out a roster form. Please do this online [using the link here](#). We are not handling paper rosters this year. If you have multiple teams, we need a roster filled out for each team. If you are not participating in the History Bowl, don't worry about this at all.

Very important DO NOT FORGET YOUR BUZZERS IF YOU HAD SAID YOU WOULD BRING THEM! Bring them to the Lee room to drop them off when you arrive. If there's no one there at the moment, bring them to the Help Desk on Friday morning.

Next, and this applies to everyone receiving this email! The website to reference to access all room assignments and results as our stats crew updates in real time (or close to it) is www.nhbbstats.com A huge thank you to Stats Director Andrew Feist for constructing these and uploading the draws!

The only events not listed on this website yet are the following:

1. **Sunday's National History Bee** (these will be posted online on Thursday, though you can also check the attached Excel file - note the separate tabs for Varsity and JV). **The Varsity Consolation Bee students should report to Madison, JV Consolation should report to Pentagon.**

2. **Friday's US Geography Olympiad.** Very simple here: Note the following:

Varsity (i.e. born before July 1, 2002)

Last Name begins with A - J: Report to Grand Ballroom A
Last Name begins with K - Q: Report to Grand Ballroom B
Last Name begins with R - JZ Report to Grand Ballroom C

Junior Varsity (i.e. born on or after July 1, 2002)

Last Name begins with A - F: Report to Grand Ballroom H
Last Name begins with G - M: Report to Grand Ballroom J
Last Name begins with N - Z: Report to Grand Ballroom K

3. Friday's Sports and Entertainment Bee

We'll post a full list at the help desk on Friday morning. You can check with us there or email help@historybowl.com if you're unsure you've registered.

Here is now what you need to know regarding where to report and when:

For each event aside from the National History Bowl, there is no formal check in process! Just go to your Round 1 (or Exam for USGO) room by the times below.

A. US History Bee - 8:00am start tomorrow morning (be in your Round 1 rooms by 7:45-7:50!). See the website at www.nhbbstats.com for [Varsity](#) and [Junior Varsity](#) room assignments. If you don't see your name online, please email help@historybowl.com!

B. US Geography Olympiad - 12:40pm start tomorrow afternoon (be in your Exam rooms, which are all sections of the Grand Ballroom by 12:25-12:30!). Again, note the following:

Varsity (i.e. born before July 1, 2002)

Last Name begins with A - J: Report to Grand Ballroom A
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Last Name begins with R - JZ Report to Grand Ballroom C

Junior Varsity (i.e. born on or after July 1, 2002)

Last Name begins with A - F: Report to Grand Ballroom H
Last Name begins with G - M: Report to Grand Ballroom J
Last Name begins with N - Z: Report to Grand Ballroom K

C. International Geography Bee - 5:10pm start tomorrow afternoon (be in your Round 1 rooms by 4:55-5:00!) See the website at www.nhbbstats.com for [Varsity](#) and [Junior Varsity](#) room assignments. If you don't see your name online, please email help@historybowl.com!

D. Opening Ceremonies - 7:20pm tomorrow evening in Arlington Ballroom. Please arrive by 7:10!

E. National Sports and Entertainment History Bee - 8:45pm official start tomorrow evening. Head to your Round 1 room (all of these are in the Grand Ballroom) immediately after the end of the Opening Ceremonies (or at 8:35) The room assignments will be posted at the Help Desk on Friday morning. You can still sign up on Friday too, including for our **Parents and Coaches and Family Division!**

F. Last Chance Exams to qualify for IGB World Championships through Exams - 8:30pm on Friday in Manassas room

At 8:45pm on Friday in the Manassas room (Arlington Tower), anyone who has not yet taken A, B, or C Set exams (for Middle School / Elementary School students, you can also take the D or E set exams), and would like a final chance to qualify for the [2018 International Geography Bee World Championships](#) in Berlin on July 11-17 can do so. The cost is \$10 per exam, and they will be graded on the spot as soon as students finish. A score of 75 or higher is needed to qualify. This is irrelevant for students in the concurrent IGB playoffs, as by definition, all of those students will have qualified (you qualify by either scoring 75 or higher on an exam, or by finishing in the top 50% at IGB Nationals - either in the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school year). No advance registration is needed, just go there with \$10 per exam version you wish to try. You can try whatever versions you haven't done yet (though the D and E Exams are only open to students in 8th grade and younger - those are quite a bit easier than the A, B, and C Exams).

G. Play In Game for National History Bee - 10:45pm at the Help Desk on Friday evening.

H . National History Bowl - The following **12 JV teams** will be playing off site at the Middle East Institute and need to meet in **their assigned locations at the hotel at 7:20-7:30am. Do not go to the MEI directly!** Look for Arthur Ramsay and Raynell Cooper, your site captains!

Meet in Grand Ballroom Salon C
Mezzanine Level (near top of escalator)

Archimedean B (FL)

Bethel (CT)

Keith Country Day (IL)

St. Albans (DC)

Thomas Jefferson B (VA)

Wilde Lake (MD)

**Meet in the Jefferson Room,
Ground Floor**

Doral Academy (FL)

Nichols B (NY)

Team Low Mountains B (NJ)

Tenaflly A (NJ)

The Wheatley School (NY)

Thomas Jefferson A (VA)

All other teams will be playing at the hotel in the morning with a start time of 8:45am and should meet at their homeroom 15 minutes prior to that (the homerooms are noted online at www.nhbbstats.com and in the attached files - careful, Varsity and JV are separate files!)

EXCEPT FOR THE TEAMS GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE, ALL TEAMS SHOULD BE IN OR NEAR YOUR HOMEROOM BY 8:30!

For the Bowl, only, though, you MUST sign in at the help desk between 2pm and 11pm on Friday, or between 7 and 8:00am on Saturday if you aren't arriving before then.

I. National History Bee / Consolation Bee - 8:05 am start time on Sunday (be in or outside rooms by 7:55!)

From tomorrow morning (not tonight) you can also find your rooms posted next to the Help Desk at the top of the Escalator in the central part of the lobby. **Whenever you are confused about anything or if you don't see your name in the draw for an event, and you think it should be there, you can:**

- A) Come in person to the help desk**
- B) Email help@historybowl.com**
- C) Call the Nationals Help Hotline at [202 509 2620](tel:2025092620)**

And a few other announcements too:

1. Small School, Homeschool, Solo, Middle School

If you think you are one of these and are not listed as such here: <http://www.historybowl.com/nationals/nationals-teams/> please email help@historybowl.com to let us know. Please review our Small School Policy on the [main Nationals page](#) to see if your school qualifies.

2. Press Release

Reattached here if you want it.

3. NHBB TV

Those who signed up for interviews will be contacted shortly. You might also see our correspondent Raynell Cooper in action covering the tournament. Here's our [youtube channel](#) where the videos will be posted.

4. Twitter

Follow us on Twitter at [@NatlHistoryBow](#) ! And like us on [Facebook](#) for further updates!

5. WiFi

There is free wifi at the Crystal Gateway Marriott this year in the lobby. It's free in the gamerooms at the hotel, and if you want it in your room, it's free if you sign up for Marriott Rewards (which you can do at the front desk for free).

6. Snapchat / Facebook

We have a Snapchat account, so follow us when you get to the hotel! Our snapchat filter will work 5-10 Friday and Saturday. Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#) too!

That's all! Good luck, safe travels, and have a great time!

Best,
David Madden