

## North Olympic History Center



*We connect the future, through the present, with the past*

### **2019 Hands on History Contest – Information Sheet**

*Connecting Clallam County's citizens with their rich heritage.*

Our past affects our present and future. Though we feel the influence, we often don't see the connections. The Hands on History Contest sponsored by the North Olympic History Center (NOHC) encourages students in grades 6-12 to dig into an aspect of our local history and share it with the citizens of Clallam County.

#### **The contest requires entrants (individuals/teams) to:**

- Use the resources of the NOHC Research Library
- Produce a 1,500 to 2,500-word research paper with annotated bibliography
- Create a tri-fold presentation board for public presentation
- Share what they have learned at a public presentation
- Individual or Group Entries
- IF working in a team -- 2-5 students – ALL students in the group entry must be involved in the research and interpretation of the group's topic, production of the presentation board. Once a group project enters a competition, additional students may not be added or replaced

#### **Timeline:**

- Oct. 19, 2018 -- Entry forms must be received by 3:30 PM
- Oct. 27 or Nov. 1, 2018 -- **Mandatory Orientation** to HoH project and NOHC Research Library procedures
  - Entrants may begin their research after this orientation
- Feb. 2, 2019 -- Half-day Workshop covering
  - how to organize/write a research paper
  - how to cite sources correctly in text and in the annotated bibliography
  - how to use free online citation utilities
  - how to prepare a presentation board
- March 21 -- Research paper and annotated bibliography due by 11:59:59 PM
- March 22 -- Judges Orientation -- paper judging begins
- April 7 – HoH Public Presentation -- complete project (paper and boards) at the NOHC History Tales event. Expect the public to ask questions and to talk with all the contestants.

#### **Essential Understandings:**

- Deadlines and mandatory sessions are non-negotiable and must be met.
- Entrants must do their own writing and production of the paper, the annotated bibliography and presentation board. Family members are encouraged to be a part of the process, but the entrants must do the work.
- Plagiarism automatically disqualifies any part of the project.
- The resources of the NOHC must be used but other resources may be added to the NOHC foundation.

#### **Incentives to Participate:**

- Students direct their own learning
- Scholarships are available
- Students become the experts; families and community members become the students
- Students practice presentation skills
- National History Projects may be used IF they meet the HoH Contest requirements

#### **General Notes:**

- Two divisions exist-- Junior for students in grades 6-8, and Senior for students in grades 9-12
- Submission of an entry form guarantees automatic updates and on-call help.