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8:30–10:00 a.m.
Club Check-in
8:30–10:00 a.m.
Exhibit/Art Contest Drop-off
10:00–10:10 a.m.
Opening Remarks, T-Shirt Contest, State Song, and Roll Call of Clubs
10:15–10:50 a.m.
Workshop I
11:00–11:35 a.m.
Workshop II/Lunch A
11:45 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
Workshop III/Lunch B
12:30–1:05 p.m.
Workshop IV
1:15–1:50 p.m.
Workshop V
2:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony

Each club will be assigned to four workshops, as well as to a lunch session. Please plan to follow your club’s written schedule and to move quickly between each session.

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Annual Contest Entries: Friday, March 4
All forms and projects must be postmarked or faxed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4.

Art/exhibit projects should be delivered to the museum by 10:00 a.m. on Annual Convention day, but the contest entry form and the background paper for each project must be submitted in advance, postmarked or faxed by March 4. If these materials have not been submitted by March 4, the project will not be judged.

History in Action: Friday, April 8
Entries for the History in Action Award (including contest entry form, research report, and project report) must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8. This is the only contest with a later deadline.

Convention Registration and Lunch Payments: Friday, April 8
Please complete the enclosed Annual Convention registration form and mail/fax it to the museum by Friday, April 8. (Mailed forms must be postmarked by April 8; faxes must be sent by 5:00 p.m. that day.) Advisers are also required to complete the Photography Release Form on the back of the registration form.

Lunch, catered by Gardner’s Barbecue of Rocky Mount, includes a barbecue sandwich with or without slaw, a bag of chips, cookies, and a canned soft drink or bottled water. Indicate how many lunches you are paying for on your registration form, and send payment ($5 per lunch) by April 8 as well. No refunds or changes after that deadline.

Using History to Make a Difference!

There is still time to be a part of the History in Action Award program. This is the only contest with a later deadline.

To enter, a club must complete a one- to two-page historical report (with annotated bibliography) on any aspect of North Carolina history related to its area. Possibilities are endless.

The next step is for the club to get out in the community and make a difference with a service day or hands-on project related to its research topic. This activity could include a cleanup day at a historic battlefield or cemetery; working with a local preservation group on a building restoration effort; helping at a special event for a historic site; designing a community scavenger hunt, walking tour, or geocaching program; or completing an oral history project with citizens of your community. Be creative! Take some pictures, or a short video clip, and compile a one-page report of your service project.

Send all of your club’s documentation with the Contest Entry Form to THJHA by Friday, April 8. Not only will your club join others across the state in making a difference in the community, but (as long as the club meets all contest requirements) you will also be recognized at the Annual Convention, in publicity, and in the THJHA gallery at the museum for a year. One lucky participating club will receive a $100 cash prize, as part of a random drawing held at the Annual Convention! Check the contest packet for additional details.

Check Those Entries

Please remember to check contest entries for rules compliance before signing the contest entry form and sending the project to Raleigh. It is best to have students turn their work in to you at least a week before the deadline. That way you will have time to review the projects, and students will be able to add any missing components. The most common problems that we catch are bibliographies that are not annotated and projects that don’t use at least one primary and two secondary sources where required.
**Convention Parking**

The map below is also available at: [www.doa.nc.gov/parking/documents/VisitorParking.pdf](http://www.doa.nc.gov/parking/documents/VisitorParking.pdf)

**School and Activity Buses**

Buses may unload and pick up on Jones Street, between the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and the North Carolina Museum of History, across the street from the Legislative Building. School buses and activity buses may park in the lot on the corner of Blount and Jones Streets (enter on Jones). Buses also may park in the bus lane on the right side of Wilmington Street, in the block between Edenton and Jones Streets. Parking is limited in these two areas. If all of the spaces are full, school and activity buses should park in the tour and activity bus area that is described below.

**Chartered Buses**

Chartered buses may park in the lot on the corner of Blount and Jones Streets. Cost there is $2 per hour, with a per-day maximum of $16. Parking in the bus lane on the right side of Wilmington Street, in the block between Edenton and Jones Streets is limited in these two areas. If all of the spaces are full, crews with hired drivers should park at the North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road (approximately five miles from the downtown area). It is recommended that group leaders have telephone contact with their bus drivers to coordinate pickup.

**Cars**

Four public parking decks are located within two blocks of the Capitol. A small surface lot is available behind the Museum of History; entrances are on Jones and Edenton Streets. Cost there is $2 per hour, with a per-day maximum of $16.

**Driving Directions**

Directions to the Museum of History can be found on the website at ncmuseumofhistory.org. If you are using an Internet map service or a GPS, enter the street address of the museum: 5 East Edenton Street in Raleigh, 27601.

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**Get Ready for the Annual Convention!**

The 2016 Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Annual Convention will be held Friday, April 29, at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. Festivities include the club T-shirt contest, hands-on workshops, prize drawings, and the Awards Ceremony. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the North Carolina Museum of History. Workshops will focus on North Carolina Agriculture: Then and Now and Say What? How Our Words Define Us (Tar Heel Junior Historian magazine themes for fall 2015 and spring 2016, respectively). Get ready for exciting sessions! Space is limited to 400 students, plus 200 adult advisers and chaperones. Please be sure to register your club early. Workshop schedules will be based on club members’ grade levels. One adult chaperone per every 10 students will be allowed into a workshop; please allow junior historians to sit at the front. It is wonderful to see so many adults and younger siblings involved with THJHA clubs, but keep in mind that workshops are designed for fourth- through 12th-grade club members.

If your club would like more free time to explore the museum’s exhibits, you can request a free period as one of your four workshop sessions; a limited number of these slots will be offered. Clubs are also encouraged to visit the museum’s galleries before the 10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks and after the Awards Ceremony. The museum’s hours on the day of the convention are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A little something for the advisers this year: we’ll have a workshop session just for you! This session will give you an opportunity to meet with the editor and the designer of THJH magazine. Share your thoughts on recent issues and discuss possible future magazine features.

Clubs may bring their own lunches or pay ahead for a catered barbecue lunch ($5 per person).

The Awards Ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the lobby. (There will be no chairs; seating is on the floor.) Attendance is open to all. If members of your club plan to attend only the ceremony, send in a registration form. The ceremony also will stream live from the museum’s website; the link will be available at ncmuseumofhistory.org on the day of the convention and on YouTube after the ceremony.