



## National History Day 2001 - Electronic Journals -

June 9-14, 2001

History Day is an exciting co-curricular program that encourages young people in grades 6 through 12 to explore a historical subject related to an annual theme. The 2001 National History Day theme is "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." Students make history come alive with imaginative exhibits, original performances, media documentaries and papers. This year, more than 30,000 Minnesota students participated in the program. Fifty-one of those students are representing Minnesota at the National History Day competition. Learn more about the program and the trip to the University of Maryland at College Park by reading the electronic journals of several History Day correspondents.

Katie Langenfeld and Megan Campbell

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Katie (left) and Megan (right) are seventh grade students from Chisago Lakes Middle School. Their History Day entry, "Rachel Carson: An Environmental Pioneer," is a junior division group media project. Pictured here relieving stress by strangling Mr. Gillach's American Eagle, Katie and Megan put finishing touches on their documentary and sport appropriate garb for their upcoming trip to our nation's capital. Check up on Katie and Megan's National History Day adventures by reading their [electronic journal](#).

Jonah Miller and Alex Smith



Jonah (left) and Alex (right) are seventh grade students from Capitol Hill Magnet School. Their History Day project, "Beautiful Crimes - American Hip Hop Graffiti: Art at the Edge," is a junior group exhibit. In addition to presenting at National History Day, these two History Day correspondents will provide expert feedback on any Washington, D.C., area graffiti they stumble across. Keep tabs on Jonah and Alex by reading their [electronic journal](#).

### Ann Jurewicz and Kate Bispala



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Ann (left) and Kate (right) are History Day teachers from St. Louis Park High School. In addition to cheering on St Louis Park students Sara Wiekert and Bree Meyer in the senior group exhibit category, Ann and Kate will give us the scoop on National History Day from a teacher's perspective. Read about the National History Day adventures of these self-proclaimed "Wonder Twins" in their [electronic journal](#). As a limited-time bonus for all on-line readers, Ann and Kate have provided up-close pictures of their Minnesota History Day Rings (from which they derive their Wonder-Twin powers) within the pages of their journal.

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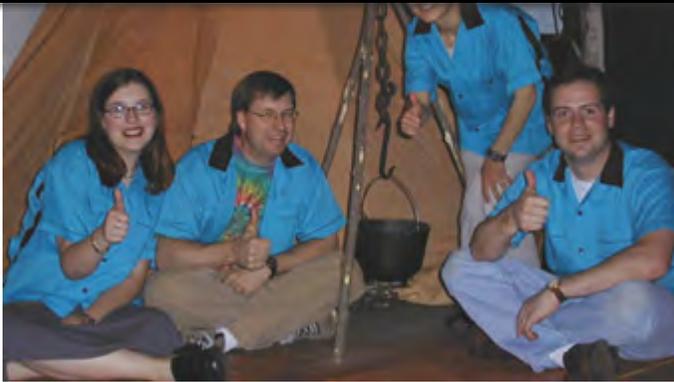
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### The Minnesota History Day Staff



Once again this year Minnesota's History Day staff have pulled out all the stops in the button trading arena. Although many in National History Day circles believed last year's infamous "floss buttons" could not be topped, Mr History and his dedicated staff have once again shocked the History Day world. Read about Minnesota's next-generation "dog-tag" buttons, the staff perspective on entertaining, encouraging and advising the 51 Minnesota scholars, what it means to "take the high road," and other previously unexplained National History Day phenomena in the [staff journal](#).



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## Katie Langenfeld and Megan Campbell's National History Day Journal

### June 9-14, 2001



Katie (left) and Megan (right)

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Sunday, June 9

Hello from Baltimore, Md. The morning started off with a bang. Katie woke up at 5:30 a.m., and Megan stumbled out of her room at 6 a.m. We both left for the airport around 6:30 a.m. It was easy to spot our "herd" because of the gray t-shirts. Neither of our families had time to eat in the morning, so once we were checked in, we all headed for the food court. The airplane ride was a little turbulent, but it had a smooth landing.

Once our luggage was herded in, we were loaded onto a bus and went touring. Some of the places we stopped were the Union building and FDR Memorial. We viewed the White House from outside. After stopping for lunch we headed to the University of Maryland dorms. Then we prepared our room and now it looks very nice and clean. The room is 17 1/2 feet wide and 25 long using Megan's feet. It is 15 feet wide and 22 feet long using Katie's feet. We were a little short on meter sticks. Can you tell? We do have a view! Of the parking lot. Time to go to bed, because it isn't a good thing for us to get in trouble the first night. We voted.

PS: Hi, Mrs. Shoenech and Mr. Gillach!

Meg and Katie

Sunday, June 10

with a tonk for breakfast. Signed in our project and boarded the Metro Transit. Our families went to Arlington National Cemetery where we saw the changing of the guards and a dedication. It was an awe-inspiring place. Mostly everyone was silent and respectful. After our trip we headed back to our dorm on the Metro Transit. It was time for dinner. The food was regular cafeteria food, not good or bad.

After supper we went to a meeting where a Hawaiian speaker and several other people talked to our large History Day group. As usual, Megan dozed off right away. She has been doing this all the time. Button trading is like the black market here. Everyone wants all of the states' buttons, but it is hard to get all of them. After all, there are forty seven states here. We are getting nice tans because of complete sunshine days. It is really beautiful out here. Everyone is really nice and the kids are fun to talk to. Lots of accents! Tonight we had some excitement. Our last meeting at 10 p.m. Katie and I had just walked out when we heard some commotion. We realized that from the fifth floor were some water balloons — they almost got caught. If they would have, home they go. Well, the time is ticking, tomorrow is competition @ 11:40 a.m.

Gotta fly!

Meg and Katie

Monday, June 11

Hello once again from the fourth floor. Today was a long day. We had judging at 11:40 a.m. Not bad, but the room was crowded. Everyone was proud of our project, and we received lots of "Good job, girls!" Today it was a nice hot day with a perfect breeze. Katie's family went to Arlington. Her aunt and mom didn't go yesterday, so we went today. The hike up to the Arlington house was tremendous -- lots and lots of steps. We were all tired afterward from our long hike. Meg's family journeyed and visited the Wall, Vietnam and Korean memorial, and the Lincoln Monument. They were also tired from a long hike. We all met up at McDonald's for supper (without even trying). On our way from the building we were very lucky to find our names posted as second round national finalists! Go Minnesota!! For Juniors three Minnesota groups or individuals made it to the second round. Seniors are up against the judges tomorrow.

Tonight there was a dance or a.k.a. the "jumping up & down thing," which was a lot of fun. Megan stayed at the dorm and slept. Well that's all for now.

Sincerely,  
Meg & Katie

June 12, 2001

Hello from the heat of Maryland. Wow! The time has flown and the temp has flown as well. It had been 90-98 degrees here everyday since the day we arrived. We have learned so much about diversity including tomato,

memorial and also attempted to visit the Holocaust Museum. She said that there were so many names that one could not read them all at once. She also said it was so sad because the engravings went on and on.

Megan's family rode the subway all the way to the nation's zoo. My family threatens me to lock me in with the monkeys. I just nodded no. Hah, hah. We had enough energy to see the Pandas. Got some great pictures. We are hoping to go to the Railroad Museum. Tomorrow also is the award ceremony. Tomorrow is the room decoration contest. Up north here we come! I really felt like a dumb tourist when in front of everyone we were trying to discover what a "double minnie" meant at our meeting. I think it was for the director to tell us when I yell at the top of my lungs "I get it, a double Minnesota!" Everyone stared at me in silence and then burst into laughter. Katie and I could not stop laughing. It was fun! Gotta get some sleep, early morning.

Love always,  
Meg and Katie

Hi, Mr. & Mrs. G and the new baby! J, hey, Noren's and Mr. Shoeneck.



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important source was. It went pretty well.

Then we got on the subway and took graffiti pictures on the red line. There is a lot of really good graffiti in Washington. Then we went to Dupont Circle, and walked all the way to the Vietnam War Memorial, which was sad.

After that we took the Metro back to our dorms. Three Minnesota projects went on, but a few did not, and that was disappointing. There was a dance, but we only looked at it, it looked pretty bogus. Then we went on Stealth Nerf Gun Attack Missions on other unsuspecting History Dayites. Well, now we are all done with the History Day part of the trip — now we can enjoy it.

Sincerely,  
Alex and Jonah

P.S. It's hot and humid, very much so.

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Another exciting Day in D.C.

Today we took the train into D.C. and taking Graffiti pictures all the way. We also learned for a tag along the red line that "Cool" Disco Dan, our hero and D.C. graffiti legend may be dead. Although, a tag along the subway line is not the most reliable source of information. When we got into D.C. we met with Congresswoman Betty McCollum from Minnesota. Then we went to the Metro station (Archives/Navy memorial) where my skateboard lies on the tracks after landing there from a bad move when playing too close to the tracks. (You can go there and see it, it's gonna be there for a while; they only go down there like every five years.)

Then we took the U street, in the Shaw neighborhood, which we walked up and down, until retiring to the Metro and taking it to Alexandria, Va., where we ate dinner on the Potomac with Alex's grandparents. That concluded the events of the 100-degree, humid day in our nation's capital.

Sincerely,  
Alex & Jonah

R.I.P Disco Dan.

Wednesday, June 13, 2001

Today was the last real day we got to spend in D.C. In the morning, we slept late and then swam at the UMD pool. The water was cool and refreshing because today the temp was in the 90s. After that, we went into Washington. First we went to get lunch at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum cafeteria. It was pretty good food. After that we went to the Hirschorn Gallery. They have lots of neat modern art there, and some of it almost looks like graffiti. Then we met Jonah's mom at the reflecting pool,

Thanks Ann, as we were waiting for our lunch, we decided to call our fellow teachers in St. Louis Park and rub it in that they are waiting for the rain and grading finals and we are sitting at a sidewalk café in the sun! We all left Georgetown with a little something for ourselves, and then attempted to find Georgetown University. Who knew it was going to be so hard? We ended up finding the Washington National Cathedral way North of the actual campus. I think by the end of the week, I will have the city of Washington down and be able to find everything, but by then I will be on the plane to Minneapolis. We saw a few of the buildings of the campus and then contended with Washington traffic. The afternoon was reserved for a nap by all, and then we went on to the teachers reception for a little bonding with teachers from other states. We also had an opportunity to bond with the Minnesota History Day staff at an off-campus meeting. Fun was had by all, and Tuesday will be reserved for a little resting and pampering.

Until next time.

Wonder Twin Powers Deactivate!

June 13, 2001

Wednesday! It is almost over.

The wonder twins awoke early to travel with our students into D.C. to see the Washington National Gallery. This was our last day for the opportunity to be the traditional tourist. The girls were very excited to see so many Impressionists' works. It was also nice to spend most of the day in an air conditioned building.

Wonder twin Ann was very excited to have the opportunity to take the recorded tour around with her and learn even more than she already knew about amazing art and its history. The girls and I preferred to walk and gaze at the beautiful paintings. A few of the highlights of our tour were, of course, the works of Monet and Renoir as well as one of 13 DaVinci portraits that he painted and the only one in the United States.



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men rooms for visual appeal and, even, staff participation. Tim and Daryl serenaded Tara with inflatable guitars; the Anthony triplets explored the many aspects of bubbles; Docent Fox shared her Dadaist creations with us; and we attended a dance lesson led by Hanna Hoogland herself (Nina won the dance contest, hands down). And many, many bribes were proffered, most of a sugary or salty nature. Mollie had to go brush her teeth halfway through.

So, for the second time today, staff hits the hay - with tummy aches but happy thoughts.



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