

Nunavut Heritage Fairs

Students are encouraged to complete their projects in any of Nunavut's four official languages- Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, French or English.

The Pan-Territorial Show-case will be held in Yellowknife Feb. 24-27, 2011

What are Heritage Fair Projects?

Heritage Fairs present opportunities for students to create projects about persons, places, events and traditions of Nunavut and/or Canadian History, culture and heritage.

Heritage Fairs in Nunavut are coordinated by the Department of Education and a team of representatives from participating schools. Nunavut schools have participated in the Heritage Fairs program (formerly Historical Fairs) for many years and they have traditionally had strong support in Kugluktuk, Arviat, Repulse Bay, Iqaluit and Pangnirtung.

Heritage Fair Projects encourage students to develop good research skills using a variety of sources. Projects are intended to encourage students to pursue topics that have a meaningful connection to their lives.

Research that goes beyond the use of books and the Internet is encouraged, and this kind of research may involve other skills such as interviewing, collecting artifacts, photography, etc.

What can a Heritage Fair Project look like?

All student projects should have a display board component that are approximately 80 cm (d) x 150 cm (w) x 100 cm (h). Projects should be able to be modified for travel purposes.

This visual display can be enhanced in a variety of ways, including:
audio/visual components costumes
performance pieces models/artifacts
computer presentations books/journals.

Examples of projects can be found at <http://www.nunavuthistorica.com/>

How can students and teachers participate?

There are 3 different „levels of fairs that students may be able to participate in:

1) class/school/local 2) territorial (virtual) 3) Pan-territorial Show Case

At the class/school/local level: Students K - 9 can create projects as individuals, partners or class groups. Each participating school may submit up to two projects from grades 5- 9 for the Territorial Virtual Fair.

At the Territorial level: The virtual fair will be held from January 17th-21. Projects are up-loaded to the web site for anyone to see and also viewed by several judges from around the territory. Ten students will be selected to bring their projects to the Pan-Territorial Show Case

The Pan-Territorial Show-Case will take place in Yellowknife Feb.24-27 and will also include participants from NWT and the Yukon. Approximately 50 projects will be presented at this showcase. In most cases class, group and partner projects are presented by 1 (one) project representative at this event.

What are the judging criteria?

Judges base their evaluations on the following criteria:

Personal connection to the project topic: “What personal significance does this project have for me?”

This personal connection is enhanced through also exploring “How does this project connect to larger parts of northern and Canadian history?”

- local/Northern Focus uniqueness/presentation of topic
- creative use of chosen medium quality/ depth of research
- level of commitment and time given variety of sources
- ability to elaborate and speak knowledgeably
- information must be historically correct

A judging rubric for project/fair is available at <http://www.nunavuthistorica.com/>

Important dates

1) September 2010 - Teachers/Administrators make contact (see below) to indicate interest and receive Nunavut Heritage Fair information and connect via conference call.

2) October-December 2010 - Students select topic and begin projects in order to meet deadlines for school & community fairs. (dates set at the school/ community level)

3) January 2011 – Virtual territorial Heritage Fair

4) February 1st 2011 –Travel arrangements made for teachers & students going to Yellowknife

5) Feb. 24-27 - Pan Territorial Showcase in Yellowknife.

Questions?

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For additional Information on projects visit:

<http://www.nunavuthistorica.com/> or
http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/teach/heritage_fairs_guide/index.asp