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North Carolina History Bowl Regional Competition

NEW BERN, NC ---- The NC History Bowl will once again bring middle school students from eastern NC to Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens in New Bern, NC to compete in the elimination-style trivia tournament. The students are prepared to answer questions, which all pertain to North Carolina's history.

The following schools from eastern NC are participating in this year's Regional History Bowl:

Bethel School
Smyrna Elementary School
Grover C. Fields Middle School
H.J. MacDonald Middle School
Arapahoe Charter School
Atlantic Elementary School
Harkers Island Elementary

The Regional History Bowl, which takes place in the visitor center auditorium at Tryon Palace on Friday, February 8th, begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The winning class will advance to the State History Bowl Championship in Raleigh in May. The public is invited to attend this free event that is fun and educational for everyone.

The N.C. History Bowl is sponsored by N.C. Historic Sites and the N.C. Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. North Carolina Historic Sites is a division of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit www.ncculture.com. For more information on the N. C. History Bowl, please contact N. C. History Bowl coordinator, Andrew Duppstadt at 252-526-9600. #####

If you would like more information about this and other activities at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, please telephone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or go to <http://www.tryonpalace.org>

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Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Tryon Palace, the John Wright Stanly House, the Robert Hay House and the New Bern Academy Museum. The visitor center and the first floor of Tryon Palace are accessible to visitors with disabilities. For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone 800-767-1560 or 252-514-4900 or check the web site: <http://www.tryonpalace.org/>