



Keweenaw



Copper Country Smackdown 2017

The Smackdown offers Copper Country high school students the chance to test their knowledge of all things history—including geography and geology—related to Keweenaw, Baraga, Ontonagon, and Houghton counties. Its format is similar to a spelling bee: teams of four players are asked short-answer questions about local history topics, which increase in difficulty as the rounds go higher. The contest features a double-elimination format—two wrong answers are out of play—but they are given the chance to pass on one question.

All high-school age contestants are welcome to form their own teams at school or independent of school sponsorship; church groups, scouting groups or other youth groups are also welcome to participate. The registration deadline is Thursday April 6, 2017, so now is the time to assemble a team!

Preparation can be formal or informal, but those that take time to study the sources may proceed farther in the competition. Questions are drawn from a variety of references, from books to websites, all listed on the Smackdown webpage below. However, those who simply want to be a part of a fun night of local history are still encouraged to participate.

The event will take place at the historic Calumet Theatre, located at 340 Sixth Street in Calumet, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017. For more information and to register teams contact Ellen Schrader at (906) 483-3012 or ellen_schrader@nps.gov. Registration information and other details about the event will also be available soon at www.nps.gov/kewe under Special Events.

To learn more, contact Keweenaw National Historical Park at (906) 337-3168 or check the web at www.nps.gov/kewe.

Above: 2016 Smackdown competition at the Calumet Theater.

Calumet Visitor Center

Address:
98 5th Street
Calumet, MI 49913

Winter Hours:
Friday and Saturday
10am-3pm

Phone:
(906) 483-3176

Free admission to three floors of museum exhibits.

Use links below to find us at:
www.nps.gov/kewe



Register for Copper TRACES!



The time to register for the fourth grade Copper TRACES field day is finally here! Registration will be open March 15 to April 5, 2017 for this fun, free, educational field day.

Keep an eye out for an email with registration materials and a teacher information packet. This packet will include detailed instructions on how to register for the event, information on each activity station available for your class, a guide for chaperones, menu for the provided lunch, and even a sample permission slip.

The dates available to attend the Copper TRACES field day are May 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2017. Keweenaw National Historical Park will make every effort to accommodate school schedules and educator station preference. We are attempting to reach 800 fourth graders in the Upper Peninsula with our Copper TRACES

program, and appreciate your understanding as we do our best to make this event accessible to as many area students as possible.

To those educators who made the effort to attend with their fourth graders last year- thank you! To those educators who are new to the program- welcome! We hope to see all of you in May!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Keweenaw National Historical Park.

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Free Ranger Program for 4th Graders

Keweenaw National Historical Park has visited over 530 students in 16 Upper Michigan schools since December 2016! We would like to thank teachers and educators who have opened up their classrooms and made this possible.

If you are a fourth grade teacher in Baraga, Gogebic, Iron, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette county this free ranger program is open to you and your students. Typically, the ranger program lasts 40 to 45 minutes and accommodates class sizes of 30 or less. However, the Every Kid in a Park ranger program is adaptable to any class size, and can be shortened or lengthened to fit the available time.

The ranger program introduces students to the National Park Service, public lands, and the Every Kid in a Park Pass- all while fulfilling Michigan education standards.

What is the Every Kid in a Park Pass?

The Every Kid in a Park Pass is only available to students in the fourth grade and valid from the date issued until August 31, 2017. This pass will grant fourth graders and anyone who is in the visiting vehicle with them free admission to any of the United States' federal public lands. This includes all of our nation's 417 National Park Service sites! The Every Kid in a Park Pass allows students entry an unlimited number of times to any of federally owned public land.

How can my students get the pass?

If you do not want your class to be introduced to the Every Kid in a Park program by a National Park Service Ranger, students may also obtain the pass by visiting www.everykidinapark.gov.

Will this pass work for State Parks?

No. The Every Kid in a Park Pass will only grant your students free admission to federally owned public lands. Contact specific sites if you have questions regarding the pass and their site.

Where can I learn more?

Visit www.everykidinapark.gov and www.nationalparks.org/our-work/campaigns-initiatives/every-kid-park to learn more about the Every Kid in a Park Initiative.



To schedule a ranger visit for your class please contact Park Ranger, Emma Woodruff at emma_woodruff@nps.gov or (906) 483-3042. Please coordinate with all fourth grade teachers at the school and schedule all ranger visits for the same day. We would love to hear from you!

Storytime and Activity Room at the Calumet Visitor Center



Are you looking for something to do on Saturday? Come to the Calumet Visitor Center for Story Hour!

Join park rangers, volunteers, and community members as they read aloud children's stories from 1:00-2:00pm every Saturday this winter. Adults can explore the 2 floors of free exhibits throughout the building or enjoy hot tea or coffee on the third floor while the children are at Story Hour. Some Saturdays will also include a follow-up activity that relates to the book read that week. Featured stories are for children of all ages and interests. So far, we have read stories about bats, typewriter wielding farm animals, and even adventurous crayons who are tired of their travels! Every week we will embark on a new adventure, so stop by to learn and have fun with a National Park Service Ranger.

In addition to Story Hour, children and adults alike are welcome to play and learn with the many activities we have on the third floor of the Calumet Visitor Center! You can recreate historic buildings in Calumet with our extensive LEGO collection, practice creating and playing with origami games and animals, color pictures of local pollinators like bees and butterflies, and even sit on our colorful mats and enjoy the many blocks and toddler appropriate toys we have available for visitors to the park.

Story Hour is free and open to everyone. We hope to see you and your friends there!