

History Camp Colorado in Denver on November 12, 2016

WHAT: History Camp, which was started in Boston in 2014, comes west with History Camp Colorado. History Camp is the unconference for adults on all things history. It is run by volunteers, anyone can attend, though they must register first, and anyone can speak, assuming that there's a time slot available. History Camp democratizes the discussion of history and brings people together from all walks of life.

WHERE: Tivoli Student Union on Auraria Campus in downtown Denver

WHEN: 9am - 5pm on November 12, 2016

STORY ANGLES

- Local history: See several sessions below.
- History and history education: The only event that brings together people from such widely varied backgrounds around the topic of history. (Some stats and quotes: HistoryCamp.org/about.)
- Innovation: Borrowing and adapting an idea from the world of tech (barcamps, including BarCamp Boston) and applying it to a topic that is often thought of as stuffy, traditional, and old.
- Education: While some have felt that STEM has marginalized the teaching of history in schools, here is a group of people coming together to support the study of history in creative ways.
- Special topics: See the session list below.

VIDEO APPEAL: Some may attend in their reenactor dress, which will make for even better video.

SESSIONS:

List of sessions as of September 23. Note that there will be three or four sessions running concurrently.

- **Surviving the Titanic - Margaret "Molly" Brown**
- **The Lonely Hearts Club: Correspondence Ads during the Civil War & the process of research**
- **The Editor is Mostly Right: Tips on Writing and Publishing History**
- **The Minting of a Commemorative Coin - A Long Journey**
- **Would the Real Molly Brown Please Stand Up**
- **Joe the Plumber: The Story of Microhistory**
- **Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary**
- **The Politics of Coinage: Messages on Early Modern Coins**
- **Colorado's Favorite Ghost Towns**
- **Strong Sisters: Elected Women in Colorado**
- **Change and Transition: The Evolution of the Denver Fire Department over 150 Years**
- **Carriers of News and Knowledge: Post Office Records**
- **Titanic, the Colorado Connection**

- **Discovering the Connections Between the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Corps of Discovery and the War of 1812**
- **Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Chest**
- **Our National Pastime in the Centennial State**
- **Medal of Honor: General Walker's Disappearance of January 5, 1943**
- **Royal Genealogy and Territory of an Ancient Mixtec Kingdom in Oaxaca, Mexico**
- **Denver's Brick Sewers**
- **Anti-German Sentiment in the Centennial State During WWI**
- **Using Emigrant Guides for Research**
- **Englewood Colorado's Amazing History**
- **Denver's Amusement Parks: A Story of Fun**
- **Everyday Stuff - Extraordinary People: Resources at the Denver Public Library**
- **Cassells Among the Pines: A Once Renowned but Now Forgotten Grand Resort in the Colorado Rockies**
- **Last Stop 'Til Denver - Four Mile House and the City That Grew Up With It**

WHAT IS HISTORY CAMP?

Despite "camp" in the name, it is for adults and follows the "barcamp" or "unconference" model widely used in tech.

History Camp is the only event of its kind that brings together people from a wide variety of backgrounds to discuss history. Unlike academic conferences, there is no one screening topics and no organization you have to belong to. Anyone can attend, provided there is room, and anyone can present, provided there is a time slot. In short, History Camp democratizes the discussion of history.

It's run by volunteers to break even.

Who attends: Attendance may range from 75 to 150 or more, and includes curators, volunteer docents, executive directors, Park Rangers, independent researchers, reenactors, students and teachers, professors and grad students, authors, retirees, and other history lovers who come together to discuss history-related topics and ways to get more people involved with history. Some people have come from hundreds of miles away to attend.

Background and history: The first History Camp was held in Cambridge in 2014. Based on the very positive reaction, History Camp Boston was held the following year in Boston and History Camp Iowa in Des Moines. Cities are added as volunteers come forward to organize a History Camp in their city, state, or region.

In 2016: History Camp Boston (3/26 – [view photos and more](#)), [History Camp Pioneer Valley](#) (7/30), [History Camp Iowa](#) (11/5 in Des Moines), and [History Camp Colorado](#) (11/12 in Denver).

Announced so far for 2017: History Camp Boston (3/18). Other cities are under discussion.

MORE BACKGROUND

Demographics and quotes (top) and press coverage (bottom) of this page: HistoryCamp.org/about.

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