



Sound the Alert: It's DNA Day Eve!

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Here at GenomeWeb we can barely contain ourselves: it's almost DNA Day! In fact, with DNA Day falling on a Saturday this year, several organizations are actually celebrating today.

NHGRI is hosting [an online chatroom today](#), from 8 am to 6 pm Eastern, for anyone who has questions about "basic science, clinical research, genomics careers and the ethical, legal and social implications of genome research," [the institute says](#). NHGRI will also send researchers out to "dozens of high schools throughout the nation during April to give presentations and field questions from students," according to the website.

Brian Mossop blogs at The Decision Tree about [his first memory of DNA and genetics](#), and also notes that the National Society of Genetic Counselors will spend the day "reaching out to students across the country."

The American Society of Human Genetics and the Genetics Society of America teamed up for the [4th Annual DNA Day Essay contest](#), the results of which are to be announced today at noon.

23andMe's [Spittoon blog also chronicles DNA Day events](#), noting the holiday's official pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). "You can compete to win a NHGRI mug in their DNA model photo contest. Pictures can be uploaded through April 24th. You can also send a virtual gene via Facebook (thanks to Genome Alberta) or send a DNA Day e-card," according to the Spittoon.

So deck the halls with double helices, bake a DNA matzah, get out your James Watson bobblehead doll, or whatever you do to celebrate. But be ready, because DNA Day only comes once a year.

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