



Teachers and Students,

The Houston Geological Society announces:
[2010 Art , Essay, and Photography Contest](#)

In celebration of National Earth Science Week
October 9-16, 2010

And the national theme: “Exploring Energy”

**Teachers-
Send us an email.
We will send you an
AGI Teacher toolkit!**

Art contest:

Grades K-5

Subject: “Energy on Earth”

Visually explore where energy comes from and how it is used.

Essay Contest:

Grades 6-9

Subject: “How Energy Powers the Planet”

Discuss the types of energy resources, where they come from, how they are used, and ways we can be better stewards of our energy resources.

Photography Contest:

All Ages

Subject: “We Depend on Energy”

What image best captures how energy is used in our community?

A printable version of this announcement can be found under the Science Education/ Earth Science Week tab at www.hgs.org

Curriculum resources for teachers and students can be found at www.earthsciweek.org

PLEASE NOTE: We are following the contest themes of the American Geological Institute, however, this is a local contest following the instructions outlined in this announcement.

POSTMARK DEADLINE- Thursday , September 30, 2010

Submission rules and instructions on the next page

Plaques and gift certificates will be awarded for first, second, and third place entries in each category.

Winners will be recognized on stage at the Family Energy Festival on October 9, 2010 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Details about the festival can be found at www.hgs.org

HGS-Earth Science Week

Art, Essay, and Photography Contest- Submission Rules

A valid submission will contain the following information:

1. Artwork, Essay, or Photograph.
 - Each must be original, authentic, unpublished, the sole property and work of the entrant.
 - Each entry must conform to age group and dimensions as specified below.
2. Contact information and description as outlined below.

First and last name

School and Teacher (if applicable)

School Address with zip code (or personal address if not submitting through a school)

Teacher Phone number

Teacher E-mail address

For Art and Photography entries: supply a one- to two-sentence description explaining your entry.

3. A completed **and signed** entry form. Print out the entry form and submit it with your entry.

Entries cannot be accepted without a signed entry form (supplied).

***For photography entries: If a person under 18 appears in the photograph, the parental consent line on the entry form must be signed by the child's parent or guardian.**

Format Rules:

***Art Entry: Grades K-5 only**

Artwork dimensions: 2 dimensional (flat) project no larger than 8 ½ inches x 14 inches.

***Essay entry: Grades 6-9 only**

Essay length: Typed essay of no more than 300 words.

***Photography Entry: All ages**

Photograph no larger than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.

DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked by September 30, 2010.

•Winners will be notified via teacher or personal email address and/ or phone number.

•Please include a brief memo listing school and teacher contact information. Please specify whether you would like entries to be returned to you at the completion of the contest.

Mail entries to:

Houston Geological Society

c/o Earth Science Week Committee

14811 St. Marys Lane

Suite 250

Houston, TX 77079

Direct questions to Jennifer Burton at jlbgeo@comcast.net

Awards/ Recognition:

First, second, and third place winners and their teachers will be invited to an award presentation at the Houston Museum of Natural Science on October 9, 2010 during the Family Energy Festival.

Winning entries will be displayed at the museum on October 9th.

Winners will receive plaques and gift certificates plus recognition on both the HGS website and the museum's Energy Conservation Club website. The 1st place art entry will be featured on the new ECC banner.

Official Entry Form

Earth Science Week Art Contest

Name

Age

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature below affirms review and agreement with all contest rules.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Email Address

Daytime Phone #

Eligibility: Art contest is open to elementary school aged children in grades K-5.

Deadline: Postmarked by September 30, 2010. Late entries will not be considered.

Recognition: There will be one first, second, and third place winner. Winners will be notified via email to their teacher. The 1st place art entry will be featured on the museum's new Energy Conservation Club banner.

Judging: Work will be judged by a panel of scientists on content, presentation, originality, creativity, and relevance to the topic "Energy on Earth"

Other Rules: Submission of an entry constitutes consent to the use of the entrant's name and/ or photograph, including posting on the HGS website and Bulletin without compensation. Work must be original and unpublished and the sole property of the entrant. Entries will be returned upon request within one week of the end of the contest.

Official Entry Form

Earth Science Week Essay Contest

Name

Age

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature below affirms review and agreement with all contest rules.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Email Address

Daytime Phone #

Eligibility: Essay contest is open to middle school aged children in grades 6-9.

Deadline: Postmarked by September 30, 2010. Late entries will not be considered.

Recognition: There will be one first, second, and third place winner. Winners will be notified via email to their teacher.

Judging: Work will be judged by a panel of scientists on content, presentation, originality, creativity, and relevance to the topic "How Energy Powers the Planet"

Other Rules: Submission of an entry constitutes consent to the use of the entrant's name and/ or photograph, including posting on the HGS website and Bulletin without compensation. Work must be original and unpublished and the sole property of the entrant. Entries will be returned upon request within one week of the end of the contest.

Official Entry Form

Earth Science Week Photography Contest

Name

Age

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature below affirms review and agreement with all contest rules.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Email Address

Daytime Phone #

Eligibility: Art contest is open to participants of all ages.

Deadline: Postmarked by September 30, 2010. Late entries will not be considered.

Recognition: There will be one first, second, and third place winner. Winners will be notified via email to their teacher.

Judging: Work will be judged by a panel of scientists on content, presentation, originality, creativity, and relevance to the topic "We Depend on Energy"

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