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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – For this year's Earth Science Week (October 14-20, 2018), the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is sponsoring four contests honoring this year's theme, "Earth as Inspiration." This year's competitions will feature the traditional video, photography, visual arts, and essay contests:

- Teams and individuals of any age are invited to submit brief videos that tell viewers about artistic expression that stems from the natural world for the video contest, "Earth Expressions."
- The photography contest, also open to all ages, explores how people are "Inspired by Earth."
- Open to students in grades K-5, the visual arts contest is titled "Earth and Art."
- Finally, students in grades 6-9 are eligible to enter the essay contest, "Finding 'Art' in Earth."

For all contests, entries may be submitted any time up to the Friday of Earth Science Week, October 19, 2018. These contests allow both students and the general public to participate in the celebration, learn about Earth science, and compete for prizes. The first-place prize for each contest is \$300 and a copy of AGI's Geoscience Handbook.

To learn more about these contests, including how to enter, visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests>.

Reaching over 50 million people annually, AGI leads Earth Science Week in cooperation with its sponsors and the geoscience community as a service to the public. Each October, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Learn more at <http://www.earthsciweek.org>.

### About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than 260,000 geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

*The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.*

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