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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is now accepting advance orders for the Earth Science Week 2018 Toolkit. The Toolkit contains educational materials for all ages that correspond to this year's event theme, "Earth as Inspiration."

Materials include the traditional program poster and school-year activity calendar, as well as posters, activities, and other resources from distinguished program partners. This year's Toolkit emphasizes artistic expression as a unique, powerful opportunity for geoscience education and understanding in the 21st century.

Earth Science Week (October 14-20, 2018) is an annual event that has been led by AGI along with its sponsors and the greater geoscience community since 1998. The coming year's theme will emphasize the creativity, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills -- as important to the arts as to the Earth sciences -- that are demanded by education standards as well as the popular STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) movement in education.

Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events across the country to educate the public. Activities allow participants to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the planet.

Earth Science Week is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey; AAPG Foundation; NASA; National Park Service; AmericaView; American Geophysical Union; Geological Society of America; Association of American State Geologists; Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration; Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Archaeological Institute of America; Schlumberger; TGS; Water Footprint Calculator (Grace Communications Foundation); Consumer Energy Education Foundation; Equinor; Keystone Policy Center; TERC; and others.

Copies of the Toolkit are free and available for the cost of shipping and handling (\$8.50 for the first kit, \$2.25 for each additional kit in the United States). The Toolkit will ship starting in August 2018. Click [here](#) to order your kits. For special shipping, bulk orders, and more information about Earth Science Week, visit www.earthsciweek.org or call AGI Publications at (703) 379-2480.

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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