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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Recognizing the need to provide educational activities that young people and others can pursue at home during this challenging time, American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is opening submissions for its Earth Science Week contests earlier than usual this year.

AGI is sponsoring four contests honoring this year's theme, "Earth Materials in Our Lives," for this year's Earth Science Week (October 11-17, 2020). 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 show viewers their perspective on "Earth Materials Around the World."
- The photo contest, also open to all ages, asks participants to shine a spotlight on "Earth Materials in My Community."
- Open to students in grades K-5, the visual arts contest encourages children to depict "Earth Materials and Me."
- Finally, students in grades 6-9 are eligible to enter the essay contest, "How We Process Earth Materials."

For all contests, entries may be submitted any time from now to the Friday of Earth Science Week, October 16, 2020. 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 an AGI publication.

To learn more about these contests, including how to enter, visit Earth Science Week Contests online (<https://www.earthsciweek.org/contests>).

Reaching more than 50 million people annually, Earth Science Week is led by AGI 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 Earth Science Week online.

### About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of more than 50 scientific and professional associations that represents over a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides geoscientists with access to scholarly information, 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 health of 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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