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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A new webcast from the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) outlines four contests that are being conducted as part of Earth Science Week, the annual worldwide celebration of the geosciences.

This free webcast focuses on Earth Science Week 2017 (October 8-14), which celebrates the theme "Earth and Human Activity." It also provides an overview of the related photography, visual arts, essay, and video contests. The webcast includes an interactive feature allowing the viewer to click on the presentation to view more detailed guidelines. The roughly five-minute tutorial also includes information on the contest guidelines, requirements, and prizes.

Contests range from the traditional Earth Science Week visual arts contest, open to students in grades K-5, to the essay contest, which is open to those in grades 6-9. Further, opportunities open to all ages include the video contest as well as our photography contest. New to Earth Science Week's photography contest is the "Earth and Human Activity Here" photo map, which serves to explore the many ways that humans connect with Earth systems. Watch the "[Contests of Earth Science Week 2017](#)" webcast online now to learn how you can take part.

Additional webcasts describing how to get involved in Earth Science Week 2017, the Earth Science Week Focus Days, and AGI's geoscience teacher award applications are available at www.earthsciweek.org/webcasts.

Reaching over 50 million people annually, AGI leads Earth Science Week in cooperation with the geoscience community as a service to the public. Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers the public opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. To learn more, please visit www.earthsciweek.org.

To order your Toolkits, please visit www.earthsciweek.org/materials. You may also call AGI Publications to place your order at 703-379-2480.

About the American Geosciences Institute

The American Geosciences Institute is a nonprofit federation of geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. 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.

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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