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AGI Announces Contest Themes for Earth Science Week 2007

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2007 - “The Pulse of Earth Science.”

All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “People Discovering Earth’s Treasures” – this year’s Earth Science Week photography contest. Submissions should depict an aspect of earth science as it appears in your community. Learn to look at your surroundings through a geoscientist’s eyes and photograph what you discover.

Students in grades K – 5 are eligible to enter the visual arts contest, “Changing Earth.” Submissions should illustrate how geologic processes are constantly changing Earth’s landscape. Draw a picture, make a collage, or create another piece of two-dimensional artwork that highlights the continuous change on our planet.

The essay contest “Earth Science in My Community” is open to students in grades 6-9. Entries should be short essays of no more than 300 words explaining a unique geologic aspect of their community, discuss current earth science research in their geographic area, or indicate why it is important to study the geology of your town.

Earth Science week is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geosciences organizations, including the U.S. Geological Survey and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation (AAPGF). To learn more about how to celebrate our understanding of the planet and for more information on these contests please go to <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 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 and interaction with the environment.

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