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AGI Announces Contests for Earth Science Week 2008

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2008 – “No Child Left Inside”, October 12-18.

All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter “Earth Science Beyond your Front Door” the 2008 photography contest. This contest asks people to explore the geologic world through the camera.

Students grades K-5 who enter the Visual Arts Contest “Studying our Earth” should show themselves as an earth scientist actively studying our planet, through drawing or painting.

The Essay Contest, open to students in grades 6-9, is themed “Earth Connections.” Entrants are asked to discuss the interconnected geologic processes that take place in their community and how those processes in turn affect them.

All entries must be either postmarked or received digitally by 5:00 pm EDT on October 17, 2008. Everyone is encouraged to spend Earth Science Week experiencing earth science in its natural setting and developing entries based on what has been learned during the week.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geoscience organizations including the U.S. Geological Survey and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation. To learn more about these contests, including further information on deadlines and qualifications, please visit <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, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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