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Earth Science Week 2009 "Understanding Climate" Contest Themes Announced

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2009, "Understanding Climate," October 11-17.

All U.S. residents are encouraged to enter "How Climate Shapes my World" – this year's Earth Science Week photography contest. Entrants should use their cameras to capture an image that best represents the climate in their local environs.

Students in grades K-5 are eligible to enter the visual arts contest, "The Climate Where I live." Submissions should illustrate not only what the climate is like today in your town, but what it was like 100,000 years ago.

The essay contest "Climate Connections," is open to students in grades 6-9. Submissions should focus on how climate interacts with all of the earth systems in their community and how those earth systems in turn influence climate.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from a number of other geoscience organizations, including the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, National Park Service, and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

To learn more about Earth Science Week and these contests please go to http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 45 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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