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Geologi short film

COMPETITION 2007

Geoscience Australia and the National Geographic Channel invite Australian secondary school students to participate in a short film competition with an “Earth Science” theme.

The Earth Science theme or message should be conveyed through a documentary style film. Exciting and diverse use of visuals and sound is encouraged. The film may use, but is not limited to, live action/interviews/graphics/animation/clay modelling.

POSSIBLE THEMES

- Earth Science in our lives
- Energy from the earth
- Minerals and the earth's composition
- Natural hazards (eg tsunami, landslides, earthquakes)
- Marine geoscience
- Local geoscience
- People in geoscience
- Another theme of your own choice

Students may also choose to incorporate themes from international earth science celebrations: 2007 International Polar Year (www.ipy.org) and International Year of Planet Earth (www.esfs.org/downloads.htm).

Films should be suitable for children, parents and teachers to view.

This competition is open to all Australian secondary school students. There are two categories: Year 7–10 (three minute film) and Year 11/12 (five minute film).

Registration is required by Tuesday 31 July 2007.
Competition entries must be received by Friday 31 August 2007.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Content

- Significant earth science content
- A clear theme or message in the film
- Accurate earth science information included

Presentation

- Originality, creativity and innovation
- Technical competence and production quality

Entries will be judged by representatives from

- Geoscience Australia
- National Geographic Channel

Finalists and winners will be notified by Friday 21 September. An awards/screening event is planned at Geoscience Australia, in Canberra, on Friday 12 October 2007.

PRIZES

Geoscience Australia Hamper

- GPS, 1:100m map of Australia, mineral specimens, books, DVD's, maps

National Geographic Channel

- DVD's, books, show casing of winning film on National Geographic Channel website with winners profile

* If a school entry wins, the prize goes to the school.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Return the attached entry form or download an entry form from Geoscience Australia (www.ga.gov.au) or the National Geographic Channel (www.nationalgeographic.com.au) websites. If you are unable to access the form please call 02 6249 9859.
2. Ensure that you have read and followed the competition terms and guidelines.
3. Registration closes on Tuesday 31 July 2007. Please contact us by phone (02 6249 9859) or email (fiona.wright@ga.gov.au) to register your interest in the competition.
4. Fill out the Entry Form and sign the Declaration.
5. Securely attach the entry form to your film entry. The entry form may be used for individual, group or school entries. NOTE: group/school entries should use their teacher and/or school as the contact.
6. Please remember to keep a copy of your work. Do NOT send the master copy.

7. Send your entry to:

Geologi Short Film Competition
Geoscience Australia
GPO Box 378
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia

You may hand deliver your entry to Geoscience Australia, Cnr Jerrabomberra Avenue and Hindmarsh Drive, Symonston, Canberra ACT.

8. Entries must be received by Friday 31 August 2007.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Each entry must be on a separate disc with an attached entry form.
- Entries without a fully completed entry form will not be eligible for judging.
- Entries must acknowledge all music and images in the film credits or will not be eligible for judging.
- Films that use unsuitable language, behaviour, activity or violence will not be eligible for judging.
- Geoscience Australia will take care, but will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any entry.
- Entries received after the deadline date of Friday 31 August will NOT be accepted for judging.
- Submitted films will be NOT be returned unless specifically requested (stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed).

ENQUIRIES

For further information about the competition please contact Fiona Wright from Geoscience Australia on 02 6249 9859 or by email (fiona.wright@ga.gov.au).

FILMING TIPS AND GUIDELINES

Vision

- Use a tripod wherever possible, to reduce camera shake and improve the quality of your footage.

Sound

- Try to eliminate unwanted background noise and extraneous voices that do not form part of your film.
- If possible use a directional microphone instead of an omnidirectional microphone for sound. It will drastically reduce background noise.

ID board/title frames

All entries must include a black ID BOARD with the film title, school/entrant name, and the words “Geologi Film Competition”.

- The board will be used to identify your work during the judging process.
- A blank or countdown sequence to the start of your film should be 10 seconds in length.

Entry submission

- Entries must be submitted on a DVD.
- The same school can enter more than once but there must be only one entry per DVD.
- Clearly label the outside cover and the DVD with film title, school name and contact person.
- Your entry should be up to three minutes in duration for Year 7–10 and up to five minutes in duration for Years 11 and 12.

Acknowledgements and credits

- Credit frames at the end must identify full film crew and their roles, hardware and software used and acknowledgements.
- Production group must be acknowledged or if a whole class is involved the class name is sufficient.
- Provide name of supervising teacher if applicable.
- All “original” music used in your film must be acknowledged in the credits including artist and composer. Royalty free music must also be acknowledged in the credits.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Use of images and sound/music

- Entries should be suitable for public viewing. Material which has been created by other people, such as photography, stills, footage or music must have the appropriate copyright free status or permission from the source of the material must be obtained.
- All non-original images, footage and music must be acknowledged in the film credits.
- If your film includes recognisable images/footage of individuals, then permission must be obtained from each individual.
- Permission must be obtained from the parent/guardian of individuals recognised in the film if they are under 18 years of age.
- All music used in your entry must be original or royalty free. Artists of royalty free music must also be acknowledged in your closing credits. One suggested royalty free music website is Shockwave-Sound.Com (www.shockwave-sound.com).
- For more information on copyright issues please visit the Australian Copyright Council website for a range of information sheets which address specific areas of copyright, including Music: use in student films and home videos (www.copyright.org.au/).



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THE *Geologi short film* COMPETITION 2007 ENTRY FORM

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Attach this entry form to your DVD, one entry form per DVD.
- Label your DVD and cover with (1) individual/Group/School name (2) Teacher name and (3) "Geologi Short Film Festival 2007".
- KEEP YOUR MASTER COPY – please do not send.
- Please read the Terms and Conditions of the competition.

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS

Entry category (please tick)

☐ Individual entry ☐ Group Entry ☐ School Entry

☐ Year 7 to 10: film/documentary style up to three minutes in length

☐ Years 11 and 12: film/documentary up to five minutes in length.

Entrant's name(s) and school year:

Address:

Telephone contacts:

Also complete the following if the entry is sent by a school

School name and address:.....

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School telephone:

School teacher's name:

School teacher's signature:

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Film title:.....

Running time or duration: minutes/seconds (excluding the ID board and credits)

DECLARATION OF ENTRANT

I, as, (Producer/Director) of the production..... (title),
am authorised to submit this entry for inclusion in the Geologi Short film competition 2007.
I have authority to convey that all copyright releases and clearances necessary for exhibition
of the work are secured. I agree that exhibition of this work will not violate or infringe upon
the rights of any person, firm or corporation. I have read and complied with the terms and
conditions of entry, filming tips and guidelines and give permission for Geoscience Australia,
National Geographic Channel and the Canberra Film Festival to transfer sections from the
above titled production for use as required in relation to screening and promotional purposes.
I also confirm that the above title is an original production completed during 2007.

Signature(s):.....

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Print name(s):.....

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Date:

If you have used music or images in your film please indicate that:

- Non-original music has been copyright cleared:

Original music title:

Composer:.....

Performing artists:.....

- All music has been acknowledged in film credits. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If more than one original piece of music is used attach an extra page with the additional
information.