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Earth Science Week 2013 Contests Announced

Alexandria, VA – In celebration of Earth Science Week 2013, the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests honoring this year's theme "Mapping Our World." This year's competitions will feature a photography contest, a visual arts contest, and an essay contest.

Students, geologists, and the general public are invited to participate in this year's photography contest, "Mapping My Community." Entries must be composed of original, unpublished material, and show how maps are used in your community.

This year's visual arts contest, "Making Maps Through the Ages" is open to students in grades K-5. Imagine that you are a map maker, either now or in the past. Use artwork to show yourself as an Earth scientist making a map. How would you make a map? What tools would you use?

Finally, students in grades 6 through 9 may participate in the essay contest. This year's essays must address the idea of "How Geoscientists Use Maps."

Submissions will be judged by a panel of geoscientists on creativity, relevance, and incorporation of the topic at hand. Selected winners will be awarded for their submissions.

For details, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/index.html>.

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Earth Science Week is an annual event led by AGI along with its sponsors and the greater geoscience community. Earth Science Week is supported by the U.S. Geological Survey; the AAPG Foundation; NASA; the National Park Service; Esri; the American Geophysical Union; the Geological Society of America; the Association of American State Geologists; National Geographic Education; the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration; and others.

To learn more about Earth Science Week please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/index.html>.