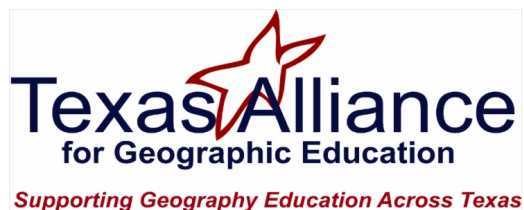


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Check out the newly organized [Economics](#) resources under Resources: Topic.

If you have images of physical features of Texas, please consider sharing (and viewing) the images at <http://arcg.is/2geXUsc>.

Workshops and Events

February 7	Discovering Texas History Conference	Austin / TSHA
February 9	Teaching Geography Concepts	Waco / ESC 12
February 11	Steering Cmte Meeting	San Marcos / Tx State U
February 13	Teaching Geography Concepts	Lubbock / ESC 17
March 31	Geography Bee	Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD

April 8	Geography of Africa	San Marcos / Tx State U
April 29	Spirit of Geography	San Marcos / Tx State U
May 1	Map Competition entries due	

[Summer Workshop Schedule Coming Soon!](#)

Texas-Focus: ArcGIS Online U.S. School Competition 2017

Across the U.S., high school and middle school students are exploring their world and creating interesting map products with ArcGIS Online. Esri now challenges students to create and share maps about something in their home states, working to be among the best in the school, state, and nation.

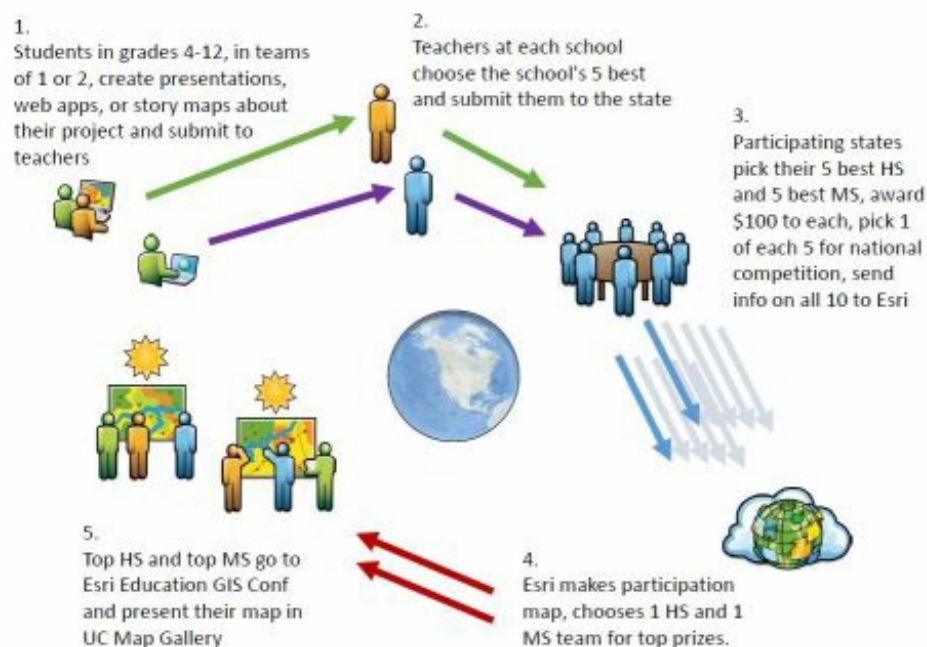
The ArcGIS Online US School Competition 2017 is open to high school (gr.9-12) and middle school (gr.4-8) students in the U.S who can analyze, interpret, and present data via an ArcGIS Online presentation, web app, or story map.

Texas has chosen to keep the possible topics wide open, with no special theme, just focused inside the borders of Texas.

Deadline to submit maps is 6pmCST Monday, May 1st.

[Learn more.](#)

2017 ArcGIS Online Competition for US High Schools and Middle Schools



Engage Students in a Walk Around the World

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Paul Salopek is literally walking around the world, retracing the broad migratory pathways of our ancient human ancestors and slowing down to tell stories of people's lives that might otherwise remain untold. Check out inspiring photos, maps, videos, and exquisite writing at the [dedicated Nat Geo website](#) for Paul's Out of Eden Walk.

[Out of Eden Learn](#), an initiative of [Project Zero](#) at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, also offers curriculum materials. In addition, they have developed a companion online learning community to promote thoughtful cross-cultural exchange, with thousands of school-age students from over 50 countries having taken part so far. Classes are clustered in diverse groups to follow "learning journeys" that invite them to: (1) slow down to observe the world carefully and to listen attentively to others; (2) exchange stories and perspectives with one another; and (3) make connections between their own lives and bigger human stories. Go to their website to register classes of all ages for [Learning Journey 1](#).

In addition, Out of Eden Learn is seeking high school classes to participate in its new [Stories of Human Migration](#) curriculum; [email](#) them if you are interested.

From NGS: Nominate a Deserving Teen for the Nat Geo Teen Service Awards

Recognize a teen in your life who is making a difference in their community or even beyond. Whether it's tutoring kids at a local elementary school or raising awareness about wildlife conservation in Africa, we want to honor the contributions of student changemakers.

Tell us about a student you know - age 13 or older, enrolled in grades 7 through 12, and residing in the United States - who has made an exceptional, positive impact through a service-related pursuit. One deserving teen will win a community service trip with National Geographic Student Expeditions!

The submission deadline for the Nat Geo Teen Service Awards is Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Visit the [site](#) to learn more and nominate a student.

Travel Opportunity for Educators from GEE0

Travel the world affordably, earn professional development credit, and bring global understanding into your classroom!

Founded in 2007, Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEE0) is a non-profit organization that has sent more than 1,600 teachers abroad on adventurous travel programs. With GEE0, educators can earn professional development credits and optional graduate credit while seeing the world. GEE0's trips are 7 to 21 days

in length and are designed and discounted to be interesting and affordable for teachers. In addition to amazing tour leaders, many of the programs are accompanied by university faculty who are experts on the destination. The deposit is \$250 for each program and then the final payment is due 60 days before departure.

Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at www.geeo.org. GEE0 can be reached 7 days a week, toll-free at 1-877-600-0105, 9 AM-9 PM EST.

TEA Update - Proclamation 2018

The Division of Instructional Materials needs assistance from teachers and others across the state interested in reviewing instructional materials that are submitted in response to [Proclamation 2018](#). The State Board of Education (SBOE) issued the proclamation at its November 2016 meeting. *Proclamation 2018* calls for instructional materials covering ethnic studies including, but not limited to, African American studies, Mexican American studies, Asian American studies, and Native American studies to be used in the course Special Topics in Social Studies. The materials are scheduled to be reviewed during the summer of 2017, adopted by the SBOE in November 2017, and available for use beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. Nomination forms for those interested in serving on the state review panels for *Proclamation 2018* are available on the IMD [website](#). Please submit nomination forms to TEA by 5:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, March 31, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact us at (512) 463-9601 or review.adoption@tea.texas.gov.

Save the Date: April 29

Texas State University's Department of Geography will celebrate its 23rd annual [Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration](#) on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Plan to join the Alliance and the Department of Geography to "Celebrate the spirit of geography" and mix, mingle, and network with faculty, staff, and alumni. We will share more in the months to come but save the date today!

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