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Geography Education Survey

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education is conducting a research study that includes a survey of K-12 geography educators. The purpose of the study is to assess current conditions in geographic education and future needs of K-12 teachers teaching geography content in Texas schools. As a member of TAGE and the geography education



community in Texas, we ask that you consider completing this survey. Participation is voluntary. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes or less to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Dr. Ron Hagelman (rhagelman@txstate.edu) or Maggie Hutchins (mhutchins@txstate.edu).

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Geography of Africa, April 8

This workshop provides teachers with rich humanities content and appropriate instructional strategies for teaching about Africa. Sessions include an "Introduction to Africa" with Dr. Brian Cooper and "Africa: Challenges, Successes, and Prospects" with Nathaniel Dede-Bamfo. In the afternoon, teachers will engage in a hands-on activity

"Highway Across Africa" with Linda Hammon. For more information, please visit http://geo.txstate.edu/tage and click on <u>Professional Development</u>.

Funded by a Humanities Texas grant.

The workshop is April 8 at Texas State University in San Marcos. Registration fee \$10.



Texas Online Mapping Contest for Grades 4-12

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education is excited to announce a 2017 student mapping contest for Texas students, grades 4-12. The possible topics are wide open, with no special theme, just focused inside the borders of Texas. The content challenges students to create and share maps using Esri's ArcGIS Online to analyze, interpret, and present data via an online presentation, web app, or story map. (Obtaining an ArcGIS Online account is free of charge from Esri for use in K-12 schools in the United States. To request an account, visit http://www.esri.com/connected#school.)

The top five high school and five middle school students/teams will receive a prize of \$100. A national finalist will be chosen by the state from the high school category and the middle school category. Esri will select one national middle school and high school winner to attend Esri's Education GIS Conference in San Diego, CA on July 8-11, 2017. At the conference, national winners will showcase their map in the main Map Gallery!

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

Learn more at http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/ and click Texas GIS Map Content.

Registration Deadline Friday, MARCH 31st CORRECTION

GeoBee 2017

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge

All National Geographic State Bees will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017. Our Texas Bee will be held at the Pat May Center in HEB ISD (1849 Central Drive Bedford, Texas 76022) starting at 9:00. This year 102 students from across the

great state of Texas will be competing to see who will reign as state champion. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this amazing display of geographic knowledge.

The champion from each state will qualify to compete in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 14-17, 2017.

For more details and information the website is: https://sites.google.com/site/texasstatebee/

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