NOVEMBER 16-22, 2014

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

Geography of Food

*If you are what you eat, then where are you?*

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education will lead the 2014 Texas GeoWeek celebration with the annual poster contest and GIS Day celebrations. This year’s GeoWeek theme explores how we are connected through food. Each piece of food we eat is the sum of many resources: labor, land, water, sunlight, and transport. It connects us to places and people both near and far. Even our food waste finds its way back into the food web that supports us. This year, we explore the geography of food and how what we eat connects us to many different places and people.

TAGE challenges you to ask questions and answer by *doing geography*. Document an exploration of your foodshed, asking and answering the question, “If I am what I eat, then where am I?” How does what you eat connects you to different places and people? Where does your food come from? What do you eat that other people don’t? Why do you eat your food in the way you do? Map your explorations and personal adventures in various food webs and traditions that extend across your neighborhood, city, state, country, and beyond.

**Important Dates**

- October 27, Monday: Deadline for registration and Posters due at TAGE
- November 4, Tuesday: State-level Poster Judging
- November 5, Wednesday: Winners are notified
- November 16-22: Geography Awareness Week
- November 17, Monday: Capitol Ceremony
- November 19, Wednesday, GIS Day

For more information visit [www.geo.txstate.edu/tage](http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage)
RULES and INSTRUCTIONS:
1. To be eligible for the poster contest, each K-12 campus must submit a registration form by **October 27**. Registration is on-line at [http://www.geo.txstate.edu/age/](http://www.geo.txstate.edu/age/) and click the GeoWeek button or Events dropdown menu. *(Note: This is one registration form per campus, not for each category nor for each teacher.)*

2. Colored pens, pencils, crayons, paints, or a combination thereof, may be used. Collages and computer-assisted designs are acceptable, but must reflect an original design/concept of the student. **Photo credits are required**, especially for images taken from copyrighted sources, and works cited must be included for your sources. All sources must be cited.

3. **NEW!!! In an effort to be more eco- and user-friendly, poster contest submissions must be made on letter sized manila folders.** Illustrations will be on the inside of the folder with the category (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) on the tab; submission forms (see #5) on the front of the folder; and citations on the back cover. A sample is posted on our website.

4. The following heading MUST be included on the inside of the folder:

   **Geography of Food**
   **Geography Awareness Week**
   **November 16-22, 2014**

   The spelling and date must be correct on the inside of the poster to be eligible for the contest.

5. **Poster submission form:** The following information **must** be printed on the **front cover of the folder.** *(You may cut out this template and paste it on the folder.)*:

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6. **Judging of posters at the school level:**
   Each school has the responsibility of choosing one winner **per category, per school**. Students from public or private schools can participate if their schools have registered for the poster contest. Home-schooled students are eligible to participate in the contest. In this case, each family or home-school group would be considered a “school,” and each family or home-school group has the **responsibility of choosing one winner per category.**
Campus Contest Coordinators may establish their own criteria to select campus level winners. The statewide judges will consider the inclusion of theme development, geographic concepts, graphics, age appropriate grammar/spelling/citations, and overall visual appearance.

Every year a few posters are disqualified before judging begins because they failed to meet a requirement, so follow the rules carefully!

There are **FOUR** categories of poster entrants, according to the following grade levels.

Note the category on the folder tab

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7. Each campus sends their winning poster in each applicable category to arrive at the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education’s headquarters **no later than Monday, October 28, 2013**, at the address below:

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2014 Texas Alliance Statewide Poster Contest
Texas Alliance for Geographic Education
Texas State University
601 University Drive, ELA
San Marcos, TX 78666
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**Late posters are disqualified, no exceptions.** It is the responsibility of the Campus Contest Coordinator to ensure that posters arrive in time for judging. Please do not ask for extensions.

8. Entries should be mailed flat.

9. The campus winners are judged with the appropriate grade category against other campus winners from across the state.

The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education will announce statewide winners on November 5. An awards ceremony will be held in Austin at the Capitol Building in honor of the state-wide winners along with their families, teachers, and school administrators. The awards ceremony is scheduled for **November 17, 2014**.

10. **All posters submitted to the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education become the property of the organization and will not be returned.**

**PRIZES:**

Prizes for school competitions are the responsibility of individual schools. Certificates of Participation are available to participating schools. It may be duplicated for presentation to all students participating in the school contest.

State Finalist certificates are available for each student when a poster is submitted to TAGE in the state-wide judging. Participation and Finalist certificates are available on-line after registration.

Statewide winners are awarded prizes from TAGE and poster contest sponsors. Prizes are awarded to the 1st-3rd place winners in each category.
Have you?

- Registered on-line, http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/ by October 27
- Followed the new formatting rules outlined in #3
- Included required text outlined in #4 and #5
- Mailed poster, due to TAGE no later than Monday, October 27
- Follow us on Facebook, Blog, and our newsletter for ideas and updates

For further information contact TAGE at 512.245.3827 or tagemetexas@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at http://www.geo.txstate.edu/tage/ and navigate to the GeoWeek button.