

*22<sup>nd</sup> Annual*  
***Geography Awareness Week***  
***Poster Contest***

**Europe Beyond Borders: Exploring the  
Physical and Cultural Landscape**



**November 15-21, 2009**

*Presented by the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education*

# The Texas Alliance for Geographic Education

*proudly presents*

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Geography Awareness Week Poster Contest

**November 15-21, 2009** has been designated as *National Geography Awareness Week*. Geography Awareness Week highlights the National Geographic Society's annual *Geography Action!* conservation and awareness program, a public outreach program designed to educate and excite people about our natural, cultural, and historic treasures. Each year, the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education hosts a poster contest based on the *Geography Action!* program. This year's poster contest theme is:

### Europe Beyond Borders: Exploring the Physical and Cultural Landscape

The theme allows students to show their creativity while learning about the cultural and physical aspects of Europe. It also gives students an opportunity to describe Europe from their own point of view.

#### **RULES:**

1. For questions, contact the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education at 512.245.3827 or **TexasAlliancePosterContest@gmail.com**.
2. To be eligible for the poster contest, a registration form (attached) must be submitted by each participating K-12 campus by **October 21, 2009**, to the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education at Texas State University-San Marcos via phone (512.245.3827), fax (512.245.1653), or e-mail (**TexasAlliancePosterContest@gmail.com**). (*Note: This is **one** registration form per campus, **not** for each category nor for each teacher.*)
3. Posters must be **NO LARGER THAN 22" x 28"**. Posters can be constructed on any type of material the student chooses (poster board, foam board, wood, cardboard, etc...) as long as it is not larger than 22"x28" and can be delivered to the Texas Alliance's office. 3D posters are also acceptable.
4. Entries should be mailed flat. **DO NOT SEND POSTERS ROLLED IN A MAILING TUBE.**
5. 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 encouraged, especially for images taken from copyrighted sources.
6. Judging at the state level will be based on geographic content and artistic quality. Posters must also be age appropriate. Posters do not have to include both the physical and cultural landscape of Europe, but must illustrate some level of geographic content. Students should not feel like they have to include all aspects of the geography of Europe to have an acceptable poster. Encourage students to be as creative as possible!
7. **The following heading MUST be included somewhere on the front of the poster:**

**Europe Beyond Borders: Exploring the Physical and Cultural Landscape  
November 15-21, 2009**

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

8. The following information **must** be typed or printed on the **back** of the poster (You may cut this template out and paste it on the back of the poster):

Student's First Name:	Student's Last Name:
Student's Grade Level:	School Name:
Teacher's Name:	Principal's Name:
Teacher's E-mail:	Principal's E-mail:

**9. Judging of posters at the school level:**

Each school has the responsibility of choosing **one** winner **per category, per school**. 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**. Please do **not** enter as a family if your child attends public or private school.

Campus Contest Coordinators may establish their own criteria to select these winners. Keep in mind the requirements and criteria used by the judges in the state-wide competition (below), and set campus judging criteria accordingly. Every year a few posters are disqualified before judging begins because they failed to meet a requirement. Follow the rules carefully!

There will be **FOUR** categories of poster entrants, according to the following grade levels:

**K-2                      3-5                      6-8                      9-12**

10. Each campus should send their winning poster in each applicable category to arrive at the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education's headquarters **no later than 8:00 a.m.** on Friday, **November 6, 2009**, at the address below:

2009 Texas Alliance Statewide Poster Contest  
 Texas Alliance for Geographic Education  
 Texas State University-San Marcos  
 601 University Drive  
 San Marcos, TX 78666

11. The campus winners will be judged against other campus winners from across the state.

The Texas Alliance will announce statewide winners immediately following the judging. A ceremony will be held in Austin at the Capitol Building for the state-wide winners where they will be presented with an award and prizes. The award ceremony is tentatively scheduled for **November 18, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**

12. **POSTERS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. We receive hundreds of posters, and we do not have the staff to handle returning them.**

**PRIZES:**

A master copy of the *Certificate of Participation* will be e-mailed to participating schools. It may be duplicated for presentation to all students entering the school contest.

Prizes for school competitions are the responsibility of individual schools.

*State Finalist* certificates will be available for each student that had a poster sent to the Texas Alliance for the state-wide judging. Certificates will be e-mailed to the student's teacher.

Prizes for the winners of the state-wide competition in each category are provided by the Texas Alliance for Geographic Education. Prizes are awarded to the 1st-4th Place Winners in each grade division. Prizes are also given to the winning teachers. A complete list of prizes is not available because we depend on donations for the majority of them.

**CAMPUS REGISTRATION FORM**  
(This form is due by Wednesday October 21, 2009)

*Please type or print*

Campus Name	Campus Phone
District Name	Campus Fax
Campus Contest Coordinator	E-mail Address
Campus Address	Campus Principal
City	Number of Teachers Participating
Zip Code	Approx. Total No. of Students Participating in the Campus

**Return to:**

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