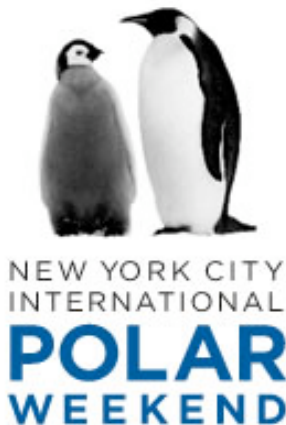


"Climate Change – Why the Poles Matter!"



February 7-8, 2009

International Polar Weekend Student Poster Contest at the American Museum of Natural History

Who may enter: Any student grades K-12 – see judging areas below.

Process for entry: There is no limit on the quantity of posters that may be submitted from each school. Students are welcome to work individually, in pairs or small groups. Classes may work together and submit one poster as a class. Entries will be considered for display at AMNH as part of the International Polar Weekend.

Prizes: Prizes given to three winners per age division (see below). Winners will be contacted & prizes awarded during International Polar Weekend events, February 7-8.

Deadline for submission to Museum: January 30, 2009

Specifications: Posters should be on size 12"x 18" quality tag board, poster board or other heavy material suitable for display on an easel. Special consideration given to use of recycled and/or biodegradable materials.

Color & Media: Any choice of color and media are permitted. Poster designs must NOT use any copyrighted characters, photographs or illustrations as part of the design.

Design: Posters must be the original work (idea, design and execution) of the student entering the contest and MUST illustrate the contest theme of:
"CLIMATE CHANGE – WHY THE POLES MATTER. "

Judging: Posters submitted for final judging will be reviewed by the NYC International Polar Weekend Coordinating team. Voting will be based on creative representation of the theme.

Divisions: Prizes will be awarded to 3 winners in each of the following grade divisions:

K-3rd grade, 4th- 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, 9th-12th grade

Entries: Please submit completed posters to:

Natalie Tschechaniuk
Education Department
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West and 79th St.
New York, NY 10024
(t) 212.769.5315

Entries must be received no later than January 30, 2009.

About International Polar Weekend
Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8, 2009
www.amnh.org/polar

This family-style event is a New York celebration of highlights from the International Polar Year (IPY), the largest collaborative science program the world has seen in 50 years. The IPY focused heavily on developing an understanding of our changing world, with the poles being key to studying climate change.

The Museum hosts the third International Polar Weekend with events celebrating the International Polar Year. The weekend will include events and activities for all ages including performances, short lectures, film clips with commentary, and an interactive Polar Fair, with scientists, explorers, artists, and performers from Greenland, Norway and Canada, as well as the United States.

Attach the Certification/Entry Form (below) securely to the back upper right-hand corner of each poster submitted. All entries become the property of the American Museum of Natural History and may not be returned.

New York City International Polar Weekend Poster Contest Certification/Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING BLANK.
ATTACH COMPLETED FORM TO BACK OF CONTEST ENTRY.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ County: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Teacher Email: _____

Artwork is certified as original:


Teacher's Signature: _____

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