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GEOPARKS AND YOU

Living in or connected to a UNESCO Global Geopark?

Join one of our 3 contests and share your unique bond with your territory!

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All the files must be submitted by 11:59 pm GMT on December, 31st 2024.



The **Earth Visual Odyssey** photo contest, organized by the Global Geopark Network (GGN), is a tribute to the profound bond between humans and Earth's geological wonders. It's not just about the landscapes, rocks, fossils, and minerals that grace the 213 UNESCO Geoparks, but about the human stories they tell. This contest invites you to capture the intimate dance between people and geology. It's about the silent whispers of the rocks, the tales fossils tell, and the memories etched in the landscapes. It's about how these elements shape our lives, our cultures, and our identities.

Your photograph is a chapter in Earth's grand narrative, a testament to our shared journey with nature. It's a celebration of our collective curiosity, our thirst for understanding, and our commitment to preserving our precious home. So, let's honor these geological marvels and our shared heritage. Every snapshot tells a story, every perspective adds depth, and together, we can inspire change.

This contest is not just a journey through space, but a journey of the heart, a celebration of our shared bonds with Earth's silent narrators of the heart, a celebration of our shared bonds with Earth's silent narrators.

The contest is open to all photographers worldwide, regardless of age,



The **Stone's Stories** contest is a tribute to our bond with Earth's silent storytellers - the stones, minerals, fossils, and landscapes. Each element and landscape encapsulates eons of history, holding the secrets of our planet's evolution.

This platform invites you to share your personal narratives, capturing your unique connection with these natural wonders. It's about the emotion, the memories, and the sense of wonder they spark.

Your story, whether it's about a pebble, a fossil, a mineral, or a landscape, adds to Earth's collective saga. It's a testament to our enduring kinship with nature and our commitment to understanding and safeguarding our cherished abode.

So, let's celebrate these wonders and cherish our bonds with nature. Every tale is significant, every voice resonates, and together, we can effect change. This contest is not a journey through time, but a journey of the heart, a celebration of our shared bonds with Earth's silent narrators.

The contest is open to all residents of a UNESCO Geopark, regardless of age!

THE 5 SENSES OF YOUR GEOPARK



Inviting all young individuals aged 12-18 to participate in **The 5 Senses of Your Geopark'** contest.

This is an opportunity to express your sensory experiences unique to your Geopark. Listen to the sounds that define your mornings, unique to your territory. Inhale the smells that transport you to a different place when you close your eyes. Capture the sights that bring a smile to your face. Relish the local tastes that make you salivate, be it dishes, plants, or drinks. Feel the textures that are so familiar, they instantly tell you where you are.

This contest is not about winning, but about cherishing your relationship with your Geopark. We invite you to express this bond through your writing. Let your words narrate your sensory journey through the Geopark.

Are you ready to embark on this sensory exploration? Let's appreciate the beauty of our Geoparks together. This is your platform to share your unique perspective with the world. Immerse yourself, let your senses lead the way, and let your words weave your narrative.

The contest is open to all young people aged 12-18 years residing within a UNESCO Geopark. Applications can be individual or the result of joint work by a class or youth club. The class or club can only submit one application, the person submitting the application must be the educational leader of this collective work.

Taste

Discover the unique flavors of your Geopark. Is it the tangy burst of wild berries, the soothing sip of spring water, or the comforting warmth of a local dish? Capture the essence of your Geopark through taste and share your delicious discoveries with the world. Let your taste buds guide you on this flavorful journey. The 'Taste' of your Geopark awaits you!



Smell

Close your eyes and breathe in the unique scent of our Geopark. The sweet fragrance of blooming flowers, the fresh aroma of rain-kissed grass, the tantalizing whiff of local dishes. Each smell paints a vivid picture of our rich heritage. What's the smell that defines our Geopark for you? Share the scent that transports you to our beautiful landscapes and makes our Geopark truly home.



Sight

Open your eyes to the beauty of our Geopark. The breathtaking landscapes, the charm of old buildings, the delicate flowers, the magical rainbows. Each sight brings a smile to your face. What's the view that makes our Geopark special for you? Share the vision that fills your heart with joy and makes our Geopark a place of wonder and delight.



Hearing

Listen to the symphony of your Geopark. The patter of rain, the morning song of a bird, the roar of a waterfall, the nocturnal whispers of wildlife. Each sound is a morning alarm in our land. What's the sound that wakes you up in our Geopark? Share the auditory experience that resonates with our vibrant landscapes and makes your Geopark an acoustic paradise.



Touch

Experience our Geopark through touch. The feel of a plant leaf, the roughness of a unique rock, the weave of local textiles. Each texture is a signature of our land. What's the touch that whispers 'you're in our Geopark'? Share the tactile experience that roots you in our diverse landscapes and makes our Geopark a sensory journey.



Contest rules

1. Eligibility

Earth Visual Odyssey

The contest is open to all photographers worldwide, regardless of age,

Stone's stories

The contest is open to all residents of a UNESCO Geopark worldwide, regardless of age,

The 5 senses of your Geopark

The contest is open to all young people aged 12-18 years residing within a UNESCO Geopark. Each participant is allowed to submit a maximum of one entry.

Important: Applications can be individual or the result of joint work by a class or youth club.

The class or club can only submit one application, the person submitting the application must be the educational leader of this collective work.

For the 3 contest, employees of a UNESCO Global Geopark, their immediate family members, and anyone involved in the organization or judging of the contest can't participate.

2. Submission Guidelines

Earth Visual Odyssey

All photos must have been taken within an UNESCO Global Geopark and should be the original work of the entrants.

No third party may own or control any materials the photo contains.

The photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.

Images should be submitted in PDF, PNG or JPEG format at high-resolution.

No RAW images or TIFF images will be accepted.

File size should not exceed 5 megapixels.

The photo must be at least 1,600 pixels wide (if a horizontal image) or tall (if a vertical image).

Images should also be identified and dated with the name of the place and the name of the UNESCO Geopark.

Stone's stories

All stories and photos must be the original work of the entrants. No third party may own or control any materials the story or photo contains. The story and photo must not infringe upon the trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or rights of privacy of any entity or person.

Stories should be submitted in text format with a size minimum:300 words and maximum 450 words.

Related photos should be submitted in PDF, PNG or JPEG format at high-resolution. File size should not exceed 5-megapixels.

Stories and photos should also be identified and dated with the name of the place and the name of the UNESCO Geopark.

Important: the photo is just an illustration of the text. The selection will be done prioritarily on the text quality .

The 5 senses of your Geopark

All entries must be the original work of the entrants. The entry should be submitted as a Word document divided into 5 parts (touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste). In each part, a text between 200 and 400 words should be included, explaining which characteristic of their territory the entrant can relate to each of these 5 senses. (For example: for smell, a special smell of wet grass after the rain. For touch, a particular local fabric, a special leaf of a plant, a particular rock, etc).

In addition to the text, though not mandatory, entrants can send one photo to illustrate the Geopark's characteristic related to the senses.

For sound (hearing), entrants can send a short sound recording made by a smartphone (mp3).

3. Language

All application should be written in local or National language.

4. Photo Alteration

The photo must be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame. Exceptions include standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.). Violators will be removed from the contest, stripped of any prize(s), and banned from entering future GGN contests.

5. Submission Channel and process

Entries will not be accepted unless submitted via the official contest channel. Entries not submitted through the proper channel will be deleted.

Process: The candidatures are done by fulfilling the registration page and will be directly sent to the UGGp with which you are associated. Following the schedule from GGN, each UGGp will select 3 local UGGp winners. If this Geopark is the only one in a country, it will directly send the 3 winner candidatures to GGN with the accompanying text translated into English. If there are several Geoparks in a country, all the local Geoparks will send the candidature of their 3 winners to the National Geopark Organization. Among the 3 winners of each local UGGp, the National Geopark Organization will select 3 winners at a national level and will send their candidature to GGN with the accompanying text translated into English. Among all

3 National winners, GGN will select 3 international GGN Winners who will receive a GGN award.

6. Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of experts appointed by the Global Geopark Network. All decisions are final.

7. Disqualification

The Global Geopark Network reserves the right to disqualify any entry that is deemed inappropriate or does not conform to stated contest rules.

8. Prizes

The prizes will be announced at a later date. All prizes are non-transferable and there are no cash alternatives.

9. Usage of Stories and Photos

By entering the contest, entrants agree that stories and photos submitted can be used by the Global Geopark Network for advertising purposes, be integrated in GGN database, and be used for promotional purposes in any media without additional compensation. GGN could re-use images and texts accompanied images /pictures as above for limited and reasonable uses as long as the use does not interfere with owner rights or impede his right to do with the work as he wishes, Under the above mentioned condition ,re-use of images and texts accompanied images /pictures as above ,for educational , promotional /advertising of the GGN purposes, news reporting ,teaching ,or research , and for the benefit of the public is not an infringement of copyright and is allowed by the owner. The same applies to social media

10. Contest Duration

The contest will begin on 1st April 2024 and all entries must be received by 31st December 2024. The winners will be announced in March 2025.

11. Legal Compliance

All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. Contest void where prohibited. By entering the contest, participants agree to comply with these rules and the decisions of the judges and the Global Geopark Network, which are binding and final on matters relating to this contest.

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