

. BARBARA PETCHENIK INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN MAP DESIGN COMPETITION 2013

1. The detailed Call for the Competition, rules and other materials are accessible in their website (<http://lazarus.elte.hu/ccc/ccc.htm>).

Maps due April 1, 2013.

2. MyCOE (My Community, Our Earth) Global Connections and Exchange Program (<http://www.aag.org/gce>)

The American Association of Geographers is heading up an exciting program (MyCOE Global Connections and Exchange Program) for U.S. teachers/classrooms to connect with teachers and students from other countries.

Participating teachers receive \$300 for their classroom when they:

- * Sign up for 3 hours of international virtual classroom exchange.
- * Guide students to submit a collaborative map project.

MyCOE GCE is connecting high school students in the U.S. with their peers abroad. Through virtual online meetings, high school students throughout the world will develop collaborative, youth-led projects that map sustainable development issues.

Click the [ONLINE MYCOE APPLICATION](https://mycoe.wufoo.com/forms/m7p7a7/?utm_source=Copy+of+AC+BLAST+for+October+18%2C+2012&utm_campaign=AC+BLAST&utm_medium=email)
(https://mycoe.wufoo.com/forms/m7p7a7/?utm_source=Copy+of+AC+BLAST+for+October+18%2C+2012&utm_campaign=AC+BLAST&utm_medium=email) to sign up.

3. GEEO (Global Exploration for Educators Organization) will be leading 27 different travel programs in 2013. <http://www.geeo.org/>

Understanding the world today has never been more important to America's future. For most of us, that understanding begins at an early age, in thousands of classrooms across the United States. Students look to their teachers for knowledge about a world that is not yet part of their own lived experience. By spending time abroad teachers gain fresh perspectives that deeply enrich their students' learning and global awareness.

4. HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SOUGHT BY GOVERNOR FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP® HONORS

Two high school seniors will receive a full scholarship to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The nearly month-long experience includes lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists from across the nation; overnight camping trips into the Monogahela National Forest; and a visit to Washington D.C. The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific

leadership. The NYSC experience is offered at no cost to its participants, so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status.

Application forms are available on the NYSC website at www.nysc.org and must be submitted directly to North Dakota's selection coordinator at the following address. Applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, February 15, 2013. They can be emailed to Glenda.Fauske@ndsu.edu or sent to NYSC C2E2 Application, % Glenda Fauske, North Dakota State University-NDFS, 307 – 1st Street East, Bottineau ND 58318-1100.

4. NCGE NOW ACCEPTING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The K-12 Distinguished Teaching Award is designed to recognize and support excellence in geography teaching among elementary, middle, and high school teachers. NCGE proudly honors teachers who have displayed continued dedication to geographic education.

K-12 Distinguished Teaching Award recipients will receive recognition within the geographic education community and a plaque at the National Conference on Geography Education in Denver, CO in August 2013.

Nominators must be NCGE members, but any K-12 teacher may be nominated for this award. Applications are reviewed by an NCGE task force and evaluated for teaching skills, leadership, professional development accomplishments, involvement in student activities, and development of innovative teaching materials and strategies. See the award flyer and documentation requirements for further details. [Printable/downloadable nomination requirements](#) Submission Deadline: **March 15, 2013**. If you have someone in mind, please contact Marilyn Weiser at 721-6248 or marilyn.weiser@minotstateu.edu

5. The application for the 2013 Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is now available at <http://www.iie.org/esdteacher>. The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide 24 U.S. teachers and administrators with a fully-funded opportunity to travel to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries.

application **deadline is February 6, 2013** and a description of the program is below my signature.

6. 2013 Keep North Dakota Clean Contests

For Grades 1–12 and Special Needs

Keep North Dakota Clean (KNDC) Incorporated is proud to partner with **Newman Outdoor Advertising** on the 45th poster contest for grades 1-8 and special needs. Students create artwork that reflects his or her knowledge about the responsibility we all have to keep our state and water clean, reduce waste, recycle, plant trees, prevent wildfires, create wildlife habitat, and use all our natural resources

wisely. The first place poster in each grade will be turned into a billboard and placed near the winner's hometown!

KNDC and ND Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a statewide digital media contest to promote keeping North Dakota trails clean and green by showcasing the creative talents of students in grades 9-12. This could be an image, video, or audio clip.

All posters and digital artwork are due by **March 15, 2013**. The rules and regulations, along with an entry form, can be downloaded at www.keep-nd-clean.org.

7. Transatlantic Outreach Program: Trip to Germany DUE FEBRUAY 1

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/txl/app/enindex.htm>

All expense-paid trip. Experience is what the Transatlantic Outreach Program is all about. Since 2001, TOP has sought to find the best and most qualified Social Studies educators and give them the opportunity to experience Modern Germany in the most dramatic way possible: *in person*. FULLY FUNDED.

8. PLEASE NOTE: More details to come soon.

Alliance Summer Geography Institute—Grand Forks—June 3-7, 2013

GeoFIT (Forestry Institute for Teachers)—West Central ND—August 5-8, 2013



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