

Habitat Hero Contest

CONTEST DETAILS

Who Can Enter?

The Habitat Hero Contest is open to classes in grades three, four, five, and six at public or private schools in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico).

Deadline

All entries must be postmarked by **January 10, 2004.**

Prizes

The judges will select FIVE winning Habitat Plans.

National Geographic will notify prizewinners directly.

Each winning school will receive \$1,000 to build a schoolyard habitat.

A forester from the International Paper Company will visit each school to finalize the habitat design and make a presentation on the importance of protecting habitats.

The students in each winning class will receive a special T-shirt.

Winning schools will begin creating their habitats in April 2004.

Official Rules

By entering the Habitat Hero Contest, participants agree to be bound by the judges' decisions and the official rules, which are posted at nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/contests.

Criteria for Judging

Each class entry will consist of a habitat plan. The plan should include a description of the area where the habitat is to be made, a description of the work to be done and who will do that work, photos of the area, and a drawing that shows what the area will look like after the habitat is finished.

Judges will consider each of the following criteria and give each one the same weight.

- Does this Habitat Plan reflect an **understanding of habitats** and related science topics?
- Is this Habitat Plan **appropriate** to the local ecosystem?
- Can this Habitat Plan actually be **implemented**?
- Does this Habitat Plan show signs of **creativity** and original thinking?
- Does this Habitat Plan contain **accurate** factual information?
- Does this Habitat Plan include **good writing** (in English) in terms of content, organization, and conventions?
- Is the **entry form** that must accompany each entry complete?

Contest Coverage

Selected entries may be published in NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER or on the magazine's website. National Geographic retains the right to edit entries for publication.

By participating, entrants grant National Geographic permission to publish entries without additional compensation.

Winning schools agree to assist, if needed, with National Geographic's coverage of the contest. This may include interviews, photographs, and obtaining permission to use students' names and pictures.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

How to Enter

- Fill out the entry form completely. Please print in black ink. Thanks!
- Assemble your students' Habitat Plan, including description, illustration, and additional materials, as required by the Official Contest Rules.
- Please be sure that the teacher's name and phone number are on each item. Entries without accurate contact information may not be accepted.
- Send the entry form and Habitat Plan (including description and drawing) to the address provided at the bottom of the right column.

Deadline

- **Entries must be postmarked by January 10, 2004.**
- Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.

Teacher Information

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

School Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Agreement

I have read, understood, accepted, and agree to be bound by the Official Contest Rules (see nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/contests).

I agree to abide by decisions of the judges and Sponsor.

I agree that all entries will become the property of the Sponsor and that none will be returned.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address

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