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THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

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Dear Geography Educator,

Looking to continue your students' passion about geography? Build their critical thinking? Elevate their pride and sense of accomplishment?

Energize Your Students.

The National Geography Challenge is sponsored by the National Council for Geographic Education, a national non-profit educational organization, and administered by CML. Enroll in The National Geography Challenge and discover how such a simple, inexpensive tool can energize your students' interest in geography. For 25 years, students all over the U.S. have enjoyed participating in CML's leagues — each carefully designed by veteran educators to build enthusiasm for learning without the pressure of competition. The National Geography Challenge is one such league offering contests for students in 2nd through 12th grade.

Engage the Most Reluctant. Challenge the Most Achievement-Oriented.

Joining the National Geography Challenge is one of the easiest, most cost-effective ways to motivate and reward your students. Watch your students engage as a "team," prepare for "contests," and reward 10 of your team members with an official certificate and the student of your choice with a prestigious medal of recognition.

Build Future Problem-Solvers.

While some of the National Geography Challenge questions call on a student's factual knowledge in a particular subject, most utilize creative and pertinent skills, such as: visualizing spatial relationships, interpreting data, making estimations, setting priorities, or simply, reasoning logically. This approach to learning builds confidence and the willingness to tackle new problems and become better problem-solvers.

Offerings, Awards and Fees.

There are contests for students in 2nd through 12th grade. A fee of \$70 entitles your school to register *one* team, the fee for each additional team is \$45. Each *team* will receive 11 awards — one medal and 10 certificates. Each additional team that your school registers entitles you to receive one additional set of awards. There are also individual and team awards on the national level.

Visit our Web site at www.cmleague.org to view sample questions. CML also sponsors the Continental Mathematics League, National Social Studies League, National Science League, National Language Arts League and the National Current Events League.

▼ To participate, please complete the application below and return by February 10, 2009. ▼

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Due
February 10, 2009

Receipt of League Questions
by March 13, 2009

League Contest
any day from
April 20 – May 1, 2009

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Fill out and **return by February 10, 2009** to: National Geography Challenge / P.O. Box 2196 / St. James, NY 11780-0605

New applicant Renewal

School _____

Advisor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ C

Email address: _____

ENTRY FEES	One (1) Team \$70
# of Teams	Each Additional Team \$45
_____ Geography Grade 2	_____ Geography Grade 7
_____ Geography Grade 3	_____ Geography Grade 8
_____ Geography Grade 4	_____ Geography Grade 9
_____ Geography Grade 5	_____ Geography Grades 10-12
_____ Geography Grade 6	
Please make checks payable to the National Geography Challenge	
Total Fee \$ _____	

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How It Works:

- ✓ Establish your team. A team can be as little as 10 students or your entire class, the choice is yours. Your team score is the sum of your top 10 student scores.
- ✓ At least a month before your scheduled “contest,” you will receive two copies of top-quality questions in a multiple-choice format. Duplicate additional question packets as needed.
- ✓ On the date you choose, within the designated weeks, you proctor the contest. Students work independently for 25 to 35 minutes — a comfortable one-class time frame.
- ✓ Using the provided answer key, you score the contest and record the top 10 performing students’ names and scores. Place your team score sheet in the envelope provided and addressed to CML Headquarters. Here, your team score is tabulated along with hundreds of other team scores across the country.
- ✓ Shortly, you and your team members will receive an informative report of results, including histograms as well as results by state and within your state, plus results of the top individual performers.
- ✓ Reward 10 of your team members with an official certificate and the student of your choice with a prestigious medal of recognition.
- ✓ National awards will be distributed to duly recognize individual and team achievements.

Learn more at: www.cmleague.org

Team Registration

Each team may be registered in one of nine (9) categories listed on the front of this letter. Each school has complete flexibility in the choice of its two teams. Below are some examples for determining fees and awards. (Other combinations are possible.)

When a School Registers (Examples)	Fee	Awards
One 3rd grade team	\$70	1 medal and 10 certificates
Two 5th grade teams	\$115	2 medals and 20 certificates
One 6th grade team and one 9th grade team	\$115	2 medals and 20 certificates
One 2nd grade team, one 3rd grade team and one 10-12th grade team	\$160	3 medals and 30 certificates

Join Our Passion for Learning

There’s a well-established league for nearly every core discipline. Enroll your team today!

Continental Mathematics League (Fall enrollment)

Grades 2 – 9, Calculus, JAVA

Our founding league, creating a unique opportunity to learn and enjoy mathematics

National Science League (Current enrollment)

Grades 2 – 12

Fueling your students’ curiosity about the sciences

National Current Events League (Fall enrollment)

Grades 4 – 12

Stimulating your students’ engagement in current events

National Geography Challenge (Current enrollment)

Grades 2 – 12

Using the world we live in as a vehicle to satisfy your students’ thirst for knowledge

National Social Studies League (Current enrollment)

Grades 2 – 12

Enhancing social studies programs across the U.S.

National Language Arts League (Current enrollment)

Grades 2 – 12

Expanding your students’ appreciation of language arts

