

National Association of Geoscience Teachers



Student Poster Competition Guidelines and Judging Criteria

Spring 2012 Field Conference, Hosted by El Camino College

The National Association of Geoscience Teachers invites students to present an academic poster at the spring conference at the Desert Studies Center in Zzyzx, California, hosted by El Camino College on March 2 – 4, 2012. This conference will provide a professional and supportive environment for students to display and discuss their research. A panel of earth scientists will judge all poster entries. Students must be present during the judging period in order to be considered for an award. Awards and monetary prizes will be conferred on Sunday morning.

National Association of Geoscience Teachers Student Poster Awards

The three top ranked posters will be awarded a certificate and prize with monetary value.

Guidelines

Posters should be pre-mounted on standard-size poster board or foam backing. Easels or mounting materials for display will be provided at the conference. Presenters should set up their posters in the display area by 9:00 AM Saturday morning. The posters will be displayed until 9:00 AM Sunday morning. Judging will be conducted during the social on Saturday evening, during which, the student presenters will need to be present. Winners will be announced on Sunday morning.

Judging Criteria

- 1) **Abstract:** A succinct project overview outlining the research purpose and methodology should be displayed on the poster.
- 2) **Geoscience Analysis:** Poster content should include, in logical sequence, an abstract, introduction, statement of purpose, results, conclusions, and works cited sections.
- 3) **Graphics:** Use of photographs, maps, diagrams, charts, and tables is encouraged.
- 4) **Design and Presentation:** Professional and creative design should balance text and graphics. The information should be aesthetically presented with a clear visual hierarchy.

Register

- 1) To enter the poster competition, students must first register for the spring conference. See the Far Western Section of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers website for details at <http://nagt-fws.org/>.
- 2) Submit a title and abstract for the poster by e-mail to jgard@elcamino.edu by January 6, 2012.

For more information, contact student poster coordinator Julienne Gard at jgard@elcamino.edu.