2009 AFMS PROGRAM COMPETITION

The purpose of this Competition is to Recognize and Reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and to make winning programs available to affiliated Clubs across the country. Slide, video or digital presentations relating to the Earth Sciences are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes or "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" for "commercial" presentations.

* Each program is judged on its own merits.
* Entrants in amateur categories will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score.
* Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available from AFMS Coordinator or your Regional Program Library.

WHO MAY ENTER
Any Club, Society, or members thereof, with 2009 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter. (Does not apply to "Excellence in Education" entries)

DEADLINE for entry: April 15, 2009

CLASSES FOR ENTRIES
Class I -Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.
Class 2 -Field Collecting - showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.
Class 3 -"How To Do It" - techniques/equipment for fossil prep., jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.
Class 4 -"Just for Juniors" - any of the above for youngsters.
"Excellence in Education" entries are judged separately.

JUDGING (Judges look for:)
- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals
- completeness of story
- narration that reads/moves well, one slide/view to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- title, credits and "The End" slides
- phonetic spelling of unfamiliar words in script example: Sault Ste. Marie (SUE saint marie)

For CD or DVD, VHS VIDEOS entries
- submit a copy.
- may be 'live action' or static slides with narration.

For SLIDE PRESENTATIONS
- must be 35mm, in standard mounts.
- must be relatively new originals on Kodak compatible film, otherwise good copies may be impossible.
  - ✔ FOR EXCEPTIONS - contact Coordinator
- must be spotted for projection, preferably with a red dot in lower left corner and coded with entrant's initials.
- must be numbered to match script.
- a script (written narration indicating when each slide is to be projected) preferably typed, ready for duplication. (sample formats available upon request) Script on a "floppy" or CD is very helpful but not required.

AWARDS
A $200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (with 95+ points), $100 if score is 94 - 90 points, (for highest score) in each Class 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition.
A copy of each winning program is given to each Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country. Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at Billings MT, August 1, 2009

PROGRAM LENGTH
Adult programs – 30 - 40 minutes is optimum
Juniors - 20 minutes suggested maximum

REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION
By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate their entry for the Regional Libraries. 35mm slides will be scanned by a professional then returned to producer. Arrangements will be made regarding duplication of video / digital presentations. Non-winners will be returned after judging is complete. AFMS will take reasonable precautions to protect program while it is in our hands.

HOW TO ENTER
Fill out entry form (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to address below.

DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:
AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins,
3017 Niles-Buchanan Rd., Buchanan MI 49107 phone: (269) 695-4313
email: margaret@qtm.net

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2009 PROGRAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I/we submit " _____ "
(title)

in [circle one] Class1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4
OR
"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" (for programs produced "for sale")

Producer(s) _____
(your name/s)

_____
Club

Office _____ Federation _____
[if Club entry]

_____
[street address]

_____
[city] [state] [zip]

Home phone _____ e-mail _____

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No ___ Yes ____ Cost: _____