

The 5th Annual Geography Awareness Photo Contest



Overall Winner '06

As part of the Annual Geography Awareness Week, the Department of Geography in collaboration with Geography Student Association conducts its annual Photo Contest. Its goals are to raise awareness of geography in the CSULB community, promote appreciation of the visual approach to landscape understanding and just to have fun.

DEADLINE: Monday, November 5th, 2007

Submit to: c/o Jim Woods (LA4-106), Department of Geography, CSULB, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840

Rules Participation is open to all. Prizes will be given to winners of each category and best overall image.

Any image may be submitted unless it was entered in our previous contests. Each contestant can submit up to a total of four different photos; they could be all for one category. A single image or its close versions may not be entered in more than one category. Each contestant must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered.

Images will be judged on their appeal to voters which is usually based on composition, technique, content and originality. The number of winners per category will be determined by the quantity and quality of the images in each category. A public exhibit of submitted images will be held during Geography Awareness Week. Best images could be held on display in the department and on the web-site.

Categories Physical Landscape: The emphasis is on the land, sea, and air

Flora and Fauna: Focus on plants and/or animals

Urban Landscape: Life in the city (does include historic ruins)

Rural Landscape: Life on the farm (but not restricted to farm life only)

People/Culture: Examples of people and culture are more important than the setting.

Department related activities excluded (not that we are not people or cultured!)

Geography in Action: What geographers do (department-related activities go here)

Asia: This is a floating category addressing this year's theme of the Geography Awareness Week

We will vote also for **The Best Image** across all categories.

Procedures

Submissions: 1. PRINTS: An unmatted and unframed 8 x 10 or 8 X 12 print(s) of your photo(s), with just title, location, and year written on the back (no identity info here). Larger images (up to 11X14) are allowed too.

B&W and color are equally acceptable. Negatives, slides and digital files are not acceptable. Digital photos are okay if submitted as regular printouts on special photo paper. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.

2. Enclose on a SEPARATE SHEET the following: a. your name; b. category (from the list above); c. the title of your photo, d. the location where the photo was taken, e. year, f. the equipment used to take the image and g. one or two sentences explaining the geographical significance of your photo.

3. If you wish to have your image(s) returned via mail, enclose an appropriate SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.

The photos will be on display during Geography Awareness Week. Winners will be announced at the close of the week. Only images that are not winners in their categories will be returned. Do not submit unique print outs -- the Department of Geography is not responsible for possible damages to or losses of images while they are displayed.

The winning image(s) become the property of the department (the photographer, however, retains the rights to the image). The department reserves the right to reproduce, publicly exhibit and/or publish the image in its publications in conjunction with the contest, without payment to the photographer. All model releases are the responsibility of the photographer. Entry to the contest constitutes agreement.



Questions?

Email: geographystudentassociation@yahoo.com or dsidorov@csulb.edu. Rules/winners: <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/geography/photocontest/>