

## 2008 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 the CFMS Program Librarian.

## WHO MAY ENTER

Any Club, Society, or members thereof, with 2008 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter.

**DEADLINE** for entry: April 15, 2008

## CLASSES FOR ENTRIES

Class 1 -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 VHS and DVD VIDEOS or CD-ROM 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) in each Class 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition.

A copy is given to each Regional Program Library, thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country. 2008 Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet.

### **PROGRAM LENGTH**

Adult programs – 30 - 40 minutes is optimum

Juniors - 20 minutes suggested maximum

Suggested maximum slides - 138 (+ 2 Award Slides = 140)

### **REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION**

By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate their entry for the Regional Libraries. Winning slides duplicated by a professional service then returned to producer. Arrangements will be made regarding video / CD-ROM duplicates. Non-winners will be returned after AFMS Convention. 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](mailto:margaret@qtm.net)

## 2008 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: \_\_\_\_\_