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# ***Student Cartography Competition***

**Santa Ynez Valley, CA  
Saturday May 3rd, 2009**

The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate *and* graduate - to share and be rewarded for their cartographic work at our annual conference. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to present their work. A panel of cartographers will judge all entries. Students entering maps in the competition must be available to answer judges' questions during the judging period (exact time tba) to be eligible for an award. Winners will be announced, and cash awards will be presented during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

## **Awards**

### **Professional Paper Cartographic Awards**

Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

### **Professional Computer Displayed Cartographic Awards**

Three total awards for undergraduates and graduates (\$125, \$100, and \$75)

## **Map Judging Criteria**

1. **Abstracts:** Succinct map overview clearly stated and available to judges at time of judging.
2. **Cartographic Content and Analysis:** Presenters should be able to explain the cartographic process, analysis and findings.
3. **Design and Presentation:** Maps should be creative, balanced, and informative and should use clear color hierarchies and standard cartographic principles.
4. **Technology and Graphics:** Use of computer imagery, photogrammetry, and modeling are welcome and encouraged.
5. **Presentation:** Maps may be presented in hardcopy format or using a computer display for animated cartography. Presentation judging criteria also includes your ability to answer questions related to your mapping.
6. **Check-in and Judging:** Presenters should check-in Saturday morning between 8:00-8:30 AM at the display area (location TBA in final conference program). At this time, presenters must schedule a 30-minute judging window to ensure that judges and presenters have the opportunity to interact.

## **Entering the Competition**

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org) for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract for your map using the online submission form at [www.calgeog.org](http://www.calgeog.org). **Deadline for submission is:** April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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