2021 U.S. Children's Map Competition

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Children’s Map Competitions

Every two years, six finalists from each International Cartographic Association (ICA) member country’s children’s map competitions are chosen for the international Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition which is hosted during the biennial International Cartographic Conference (ICC). The next ICC is being held in Florence, Italy (hybrid format) in Dec. 2021.

The U.S. Children’s Map Competition is judged by members of the U.S. National Committee (USNC) for the ICA prior to the ICC. Six finalists are chosen from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category and sent to the ICC to be entered in the international Petchenik competition.
Barbara Bartz Petchenik believed in the power of maps to communicate a “larger, meaningful, reality.”

The aims of contest named in her honor are to promote children’s creative representation of the world, to enhance their cartographic awareness and to make them more conscious of their environment.
The Children’s Map Competition is a rare opportunity for kids to tell their story about the world through maps, with meaning.

Students are encouraged to develop a theme and focus their observations on “content and ideas.”

IMAGES FROM 2019

Theme: We Love Maps
THIS YEAR’S THEME:
“A Map of My Future World”

Anne Berg (Age 15). If We Don’t Change. Finalist from United States, 2019.
Age Categories

- Under 6 Years Old
- 6–8 Years Old
- 9–12 Years Old
- 13 through 15 Years Old

Children can work in a team with up to three others in the same age category to produce a single entry.
Illustrate the theme “A Map of My Future World” using pictures, drawings, words, objects, or other graphical elements.

Include a map of all or large portion of the world with recognizable continents, age-appropriate features, and/or representations.

Submit original hard copy map—no digital files will be accepted.

Scan or photograph the finished illustration.

Submitted entries will not be returned.

Maximum size is 11 x 17 inches.

Please use a tracking number for entries!
Judging

• Portray a recognizable message
• Display cartographic content (symbols, colors, names, etc.)*
• Strive for overall quality (balance, harmony, use of color, legibility)
• Use a “system of projections” to depict coastlines, land masses, or boundaries
• Enter an original work
• Use traditional methods (i.e., color pencils, crayons, watercolor, 3D objects) or a computer program
• Use nonperishable and unbreakable materials (no glass, leaves of plants, etc.)

* Note: Cartographic accuracy is not a primary concern, though the illustration should be recognizable as a map in combination with the artist’s unique interpretation of the theme or story
U.S. Awards

Judges from the USNC will select the winners in each age group.

Honorable mentions will also be selected.

All participants will receive a certificate of acknowledgement, and all winners will receive a prize (book, map, etc.)
**U.S. Awards**

An International Jury will select the winners in each age group.

A Public Award will be given based on the votes of visitors to the exhibition.

The ICA Commission on Art and Cartography will present a Creativity Award.
Promote The Competition

[Link: https://cartogis.org/awards/children/rules/]

Do You Like To Make Maps?

Kids like you around the country are drawing, painting, and constructing maps for a chance to win AWARDS and represent the UNITED STATES in the 2021 Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition! The theme this year is “A map of my future world.”

You and your friends could win awards! And your map could be selected as one of six national winners that will represent the USA in an international map competition in Florence, Italy, in 2021.

National finalists will be displayed with other maps from around the world. Work with your teachers to create your school’s map entries to the U.S. Children’s Map Competition by April 15, 2021.

Talk to your teacher for details!

Find out more online at https://cartogis.org/awards/children/
ENTRY FORM
International Cartographic Association
Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2021

TITLE (English or French):

NAME: 

AGE: 

EMAIL ADDRESS: 

SCHOOL OR PERSONAL ADDRESS*: 

* If the entry is individual (not sent by a school) the author’s legal representatives (e.g. parents) will decide to make or not public their personal address. If the representatives do not agree to make it public, the official address of the ICA National Commission will be used for future contacts.

Link from https://cartogis.org/awards/children/rules/
Permission Slip

International Cartographic Association
Commission on Cartography and Children
Barbara Petchenik Map Competition 2021
Official permission form

Child's family and first name:

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(Father's / Mother's / Legal representative's)* family and first name:

* Please, underline the appropriate option.

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I / We* agree that my child's drawing may be used, copied, reproduced, modified, reprinted, and publicly performed and displayed, in hard copy or digital formats, by the International Cartographic Association (ICA) or other international organizations/publishers for publication on behalf of the ICA without consultation or copyright/royalty fees.

Date: ................................................................................................

Signature:

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Deadline: Send Entries So They Arrive By April 15
More Information

• U.S. Children’s Map Competition
  • CaGIS: https://cartogis.org/awards/children/
  • NCGE: https://ncge.org/programs/childrens-map-competition/

• Petchenik Children’s Map Competition
  • https://icaci.org/petchenik/

• Petchenik Children’s Map Competition Archives
  • ICA: https://icaci.org/petchenik
  • Carlton University Library:
    https://childrensmaps.library.Carleton.ca
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