



Kentucky Geographic Alliance

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This month's newsletter:

- **GIS Educator Training: The Geographer's Guide - stipend \$\$**
- **ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle and High Schools - prize \$\$**
- **ArcGIS Bundle - free**

GIS Educator Training: Geographer's Guide February 2022

The KGA will be hosting Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training for interested Kentucky educators in February. The training will provide teachers with the tools necessary to understand storymaps and for participation in the AGO Competition. The training series will include 3 webinars on Tuesdays in February and 3 online modules. Educators can earn 6 professional development hours and a certificate by participating in the project. The first 10 educators to sign up and complete the training will earn a \$100 stipend in the form of a Visa gift card.

Feb 1		Ongoing Registration
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Feb 1		Preliminary items provided
Feb 8	3:30pm CST	Webinar - Creating Storymaps
Feb 15	3:30pm CST	Webinar - Types of Maps and Scale
Feb 22	3:30pm CST	Webinar - Symbology and Metadata
Mar 8	3:30pm CST	Completion of 3 GIS online modules
Mar 15		Certificate and professional development hours awarded
Apr 15	3:30pm CST	Submit evidence of storymap development with students
Apr 29		Awarding of \$100 stipend (Visa card) to 10 Kentucky educators who complete the GIS training and develop storymaps with students

Interested Kentucky educators should send an email to kga@wku.edu from your school email. Include the following in the email: 1. Name; 2. School name, town, and phone number; 3. Grade teaching at present; 4. Subjects taught at present; and 5. Two to three sentence statement of why you are interested and how you could use GIS and storymaps in your classroom.

ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle and High Schools

Spring 2022 - Opportunity for Teachers & Students In Kentucky

The ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle and High Schools (AGO Competition) begins in February 2022! Kentucky is participating in this national competition, and your students can enter. The AGO Competition is sponsored by ESRI, an international supplier of geographic information system software, web GIS and geodatabase management application. The GOAL of this competition is for students to conduct and share projects about something in their home state (Kentucky). Ten entries will each win a \$100 prize. Five middle school entries and five high school entries will be awarded a prize. School applications will be available on the KGA website in late January.

Here is a link to the KGA website that includes more info about the ArcGIS competition, important dates, and how to get started:

<https://www.kgalliance.org/2021-arcgis-online-competition-for-us-hsms-students.html>

ArcGIS Bundle

Bring Geographic Information Systems to your classroom by getting the ***FREE*** ArcGIS bundle! This includes a free license for ArcGIS software for public, private, and home schools. This is a special opportunity for you to teach your kids about the unexplored STEM industry that they most likely did not know about before.

Below is a link to the free ArcGIS school bundle presented by ESRI:

Schools Mapping Software Bundle

<https://www.esri.com/en-us/industries/education/schools/schools-mapping-software-bundle>

*This is the first step to participation in the AGO Competition and the GIS Educator Training.

Please forward the newsletter to any Kentucky educator you think would be interested in
the KGA's free geography resources.

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The KGA uses third party websites and does not provide the content for all resources in the newsletter.

We send you the resources to make you aware of various opportunities
that you might find useful in teaching geography.