



Kentucky Geographic Alliance

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Geography Awareness Week

Geography Awareness Week is November 14th-18th. Geography Awareness Week was created by National Geographic to excite and educate people about geography. On the third week of November communities, educators and students will come together to celebrate the importance of geography. Ways this is celebrated is games, lesson plans, challenges in the classrooms and meeting with policy makers. For more resources on how to celebrate check out the resources below.

<https://nationaltoday.com/geography-awareness-week/>

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/celebrate-geography-awareness-week>

ArcGIS Bundle Opportunity

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 ArcGIS school bundle presented by ESRI:

Schools Mapping Software Bundle

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

AGO Competition

The ArcGIS Online (AGO) Competition for Middle and High School students is a few months away! Kentucky is participating in this national competition, and you 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). More information is coming out soon for the 2023 competition but keep checking our website for updates.

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

<https://www.kgalliance.org/2023-arcgis-online-competition.html>

<https://agoschoolcomp-education.hub.arcgis.com/?rsource=https%3A%2F%2Fesriurl.com%2Fagoschoolcomp>

Thanksgiving Turkey Maps

A fun engaging way to map the U.S. using Fall themes. Is to have your students map their own Turkey maps. Have your students think about their favorite aspects of Thanksgiving, is it family, food or maybe sports? Now have them think about

where these things are located or come from. Maybe their grandparents are from Florida, favorite mashed potatoes are from Idaho and favorite football team is from Missouri. Get students thinking about where these things are located and have them use the map below to draw where these things are.

<https://www.50states.com/maps/usamap.htm>

GIS Day



GIS Day is an international event to bring educators, students and communities together to celebrate GIS technology. This year GIS day is on November 16th. Ralph Nader inspired GIS Day as a day for geography awareness,

with the first GIS day being held on November 19, 1999, during Geography Awareness Week. Check out the resources below to plan your own GIS celebration.

<https://gisgeography.com/gis-day/>

<https://www.gisday.com/en-us/overview>

<https://www.gisday.com/en-us/resources>

Please forward this 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.