

“World Geography – Are You Smarter Than a Seventh Grader?”

The Educational Show of the Azalea International Folk Fair.



Location: James H. Rainwater Conference Center, Valdosta, Georgia

Time & Date: approx. 1-2 pm on Saturday, March 6, 2010

Contestants: Seventh Graders from regional schools / regional VIPs

Host: Dr. Michael G. Noll, Associate Professor of Geography, VSU

Format of the World Geography Show

The contest was inspired by the popular TV show “Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader”, but differs in many aspects:

All geography ambassadors and the VIPs will be introduced at the beginning of the show and before they take a seat on the stage. For the event, two VIP teams will be formed, representing a cross-section of community leaders from the Valdosta-Lowndes County-South GA region. These two VIP teams will play against each other as they try to find correct answers to a variety of US and world geography questions. The VIP team with the largest number of correct answers at the end of the show will win the contest.

During the contest, both VIP teams can ask the [geography ambassadors](#) from the regional schools for help, but each VIP team has only three opportunities to do so, and in the following fashion: a) VIP teams have one chance to “copy” an answer from the students, if they feel that their own answer may not be correct; b) VIP teams also have one chance to “peek” at the answers of the students, to better evaluate if their answer may be correct; and c) VIP teams can use a “save” coming from the students, if it turns out that one of their answers was incorrect.

Questions for the event will be aligned with Georgia Performance Standards and the CRCT for social studies. They will cover a variety of trivia regarding US and World geography: land forms & water bodies; countries, states, capitals (incl. flags & symbols); popular sports; world religious & cultural traditions; famous people, inventions, & their birth places; etc.

Note: sample questions will be shared with your teachers and students at a later time