



# GEOGRAPHY EDUCATORS' NETWORK OF INDIANA

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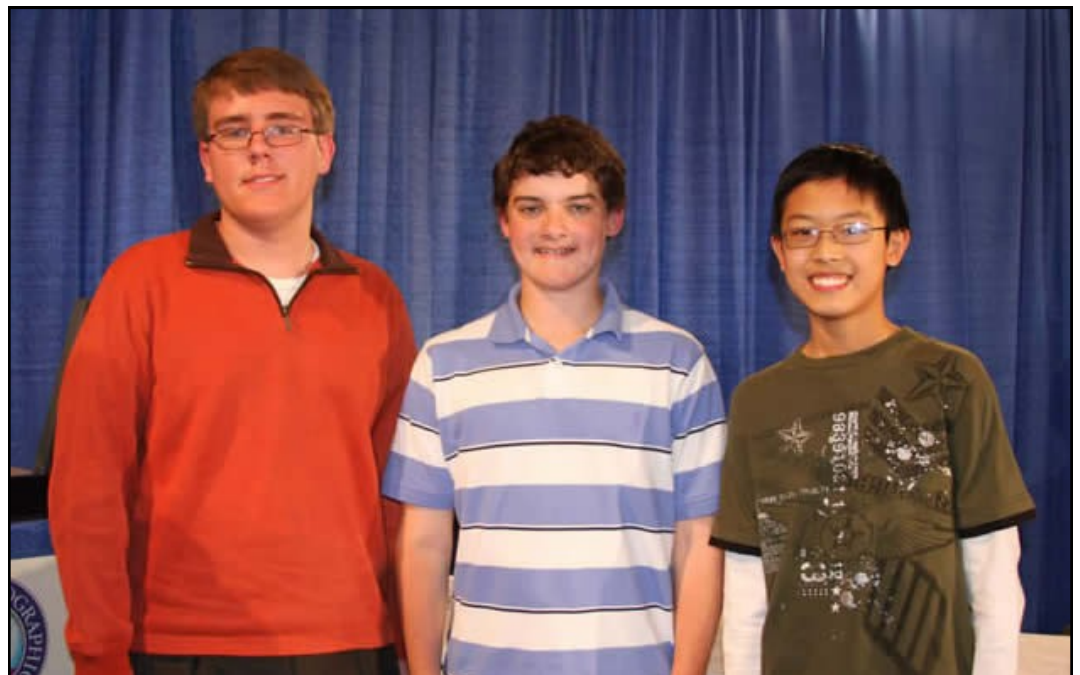
The Giant Traveling Map of the state of Indiana will be unveiled this fall. Through the tremendous efforts of Ken Simmons, a graduate student at IUPUI, the cartography work looks great. After a few final touches, it will be of to the printers! Over the summer, online lesson plans and activities will be completed and a traveling trunk of materials will be assembled to

accompany the map on it's school visits.

Please contact the GENI office for information on borrowing the Giant Map of Indiana. The map is made possible by the generous support from GENI, The Lilly Endowment Inc., and the Indiana Space Consortium. Turn to page 4 for a sneak preview of the map!

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## 2011 Indiana Geographic Bee Top 3



### Special Points of Interest:

- Giant Indiana Floor Map!
- 2011 Bee results
- NEW: GeoLit Connection
- GAW 2011, November 13-19

### 2011 Geographic Bee

*(Left-right) Jordan Rhodes 2nd place, Tristan Kitch 3rd place, Kevin Mi, 1st place*

For complete listing of participants and results, visit [www.iupui.edu/~geni](http://www.iupui.edu/~geni)

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## Calendar of Events

- June, 2011 —**National Geographic's Treasures of the Earth** will open at the Children's Museum. See page 8 for more details.
- **GENI Sustainability Taskforce Web Conference** will begin in **mid-July** (date and time forthcoming)
- August 3-7, 2011—**NCGE Portland, Oregon: Going Green for Geography**
- Aug. 27—**GENI Advance Board Retreat** at Cavanaugh Hall , IUPUI
- Sept. 26-27—**NCSS Great Lakes Regional Conference** in Columbus, Ohio. [Theme to be announced.](#)
- Sept 30-Oct 1— **GeoFest** at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN. Professional development in a beautiful park setting!
- October 15, 2011—Deadline for **Geographic Bee**
- Nov. 13-19, 2011—**Geography Awareness Week**, see page 7 for more details.
- Nov. 16, 2011—National GIS Day—Discovery the World Through GIS [www.gisday.com](http://www.gisday.com) for more info
- November 17-20—**International Festival** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion. For more information go to [www.familyevents.com/events/204](http://www.familyevents.com/events/204)
- Dec. 2-3, 2011 **GENI Strategic Development Board Retreat** Contact the main office if interested in attending at Fort Harrison State Park Inn, Golf Resort, & Conference Center
- Dec. 2-4 **National Council for the Social Studies** national conference in Washington, DC. Theme for this year is *Dimensions of Diversity*. For more info [www.socialstudies.org/conferences](http://www.socialstudies.org/conferences) .

## Resources

- **National Geographic—Treasures of the Earth Opens June 2011 @ The Children's Museum**—Become part of the exploration team in National Geographic Treasures of the Earth! In the new permanent exhibit from The Children's Museum, children and their families will be transported to world-renowned archaeological sites for hands-on adventures. Explore the past by immersing yourself in recreations of the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Seti I, the burial site of China's Terra Cotta Warriors, and the Caribbean shipwreck of the Cara Merchant, commandeered by famous seafarer and convicted pirate Captain Kidd. Piece together clues to human history using the tools of archaeology in the Archaeology
- **GIS Day2011: Materials and activities** The activities are designed to make learning about GIS and geography interesting and fun for students. All of the activities are broken down into categories entitled computer-based, no computer-based, or Internet links; **click on the link for lesson plans...<http://www.gisday.com/support/activities.html>**
- **1863 Civil War Journey: Raid on Indiana at Conner Prairie.** This incredible one-of-a-kind outdoor experience puts you right in the middle of an Indiana brush with the Civil War. <http://www.connerprairie.org/Teachers/Classroom-Resources/History-Articles-for-Students.aspx>
- **Activity Village** offers teachers, parents and children from all over the world over 10,000 pages of free children's activities - simply explore, enjoy, and print! Activity Village offers teachers, parents and children from all over the world over 10,000 pages of free children's activities - simply explore, enjoy, and print! [http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/geography\\_for\\_kids.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/geography_for_kids.htm)



*Kevin Mi and Jimmy McGuire of the Jeopardy! Clue Crew*



The 2011 Indiana Geographic Bee featured 103 contestants from around the state. Here are some statistics from this year's bee...

Gender:

Boys-88; Girls-15

Grade Breakdown:

4th-1; 5th-5; 6th-11; 7th-34; 8th-53

Schools:

Public-58; Private-41; Home-4

Private School Breakdown:

Faith Based Private Schools-35

Catholic-24; Other Christian-5; Lutheran-6

Non-Faith Based Private Schools-6

Kevin Mi, an 8th grader from Creekside Middle School in Carmel was this year's winner and did a fantastic job representing Indiana at the National Geographic Bee in Washington, DC. Kevin made it all the way to the finals nationally (top 10 from the 54 state/territory competitors).

The top ten finishers in Indiana were as follows...

- 1st Place-Kevin Mi, Creekside Middle School, Carmel [8th grade]
- 2nd Place-Jordan Rhodes, Holy Rosary School, Evansville [8th grade]
- 3rd Place-Tristan Kitch, Oak Hill Middle School, Russiaville [8th grade]
- 4th Place-John Havlik, Sycamore School, Indianapolis [8th grade]
- 5th Place-Jacob VanHorn, St. Louis Academy, New Haven [8th grade]
- 6th Place-Caroline Peterson, St. Joseph Co. Home Educators [7th grade]
- 7th Place-Cora Johnson, Western Middle School, Russiaville [8th grade]
- [note, the next 2 students exited in the same round]
- 8th Place-Scott Clark, West Lafayette Jr High, West Lafayette [8th grade]
- 9th Place-Matthew Koester, St. John Lutheran, Indianapolis [7th grade]
- 10th Place-Benjamin Pettus, Terre Haute Home Educators, Terre Haute [8th grade]

The final round was moderated by Jimmy McGuire of the *Jeopardy! Clue Crew*. The *Jeopardy! Clue Crew* globe travels the globe to bring *Jeopardy!* clues to life.

The 2011 National Geographic Bee was sponsored by *Google* and *Plum Creek*. A special thanks to The Lilly Endowment Inc. and GENI for production funding. The final round of the Bee will air on the Indiana PBS. Check your local listings.



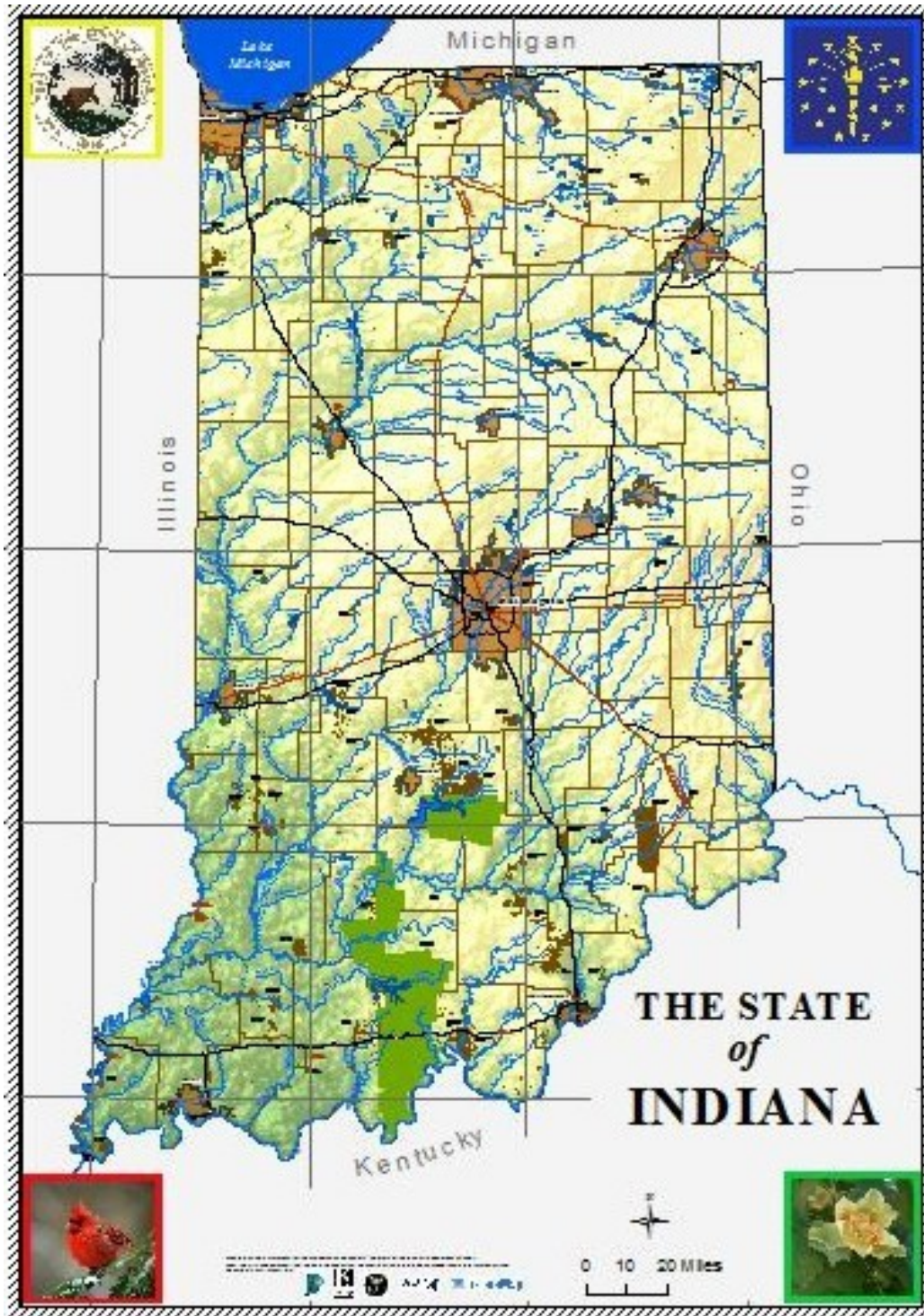
*Final round competition with the top 10*



*Jimmy McGuire entertains audience during technical breaks*



# GIANT TRAVELING MAP OF INDIANA



# Geography Summer Reading Lists

## Primary Grades (K-2)

- \**Subway Ride* by Heather Lynn Miller
- \**Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport* by Marjorie Weiman Sharmat
- \**What Makes Day and Night* by Franklyn M. Branley
- \**The Listening Walk* by Paul Showers
- \**Crawdad Creek* by Scott Russell Sanders
- \**A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History* By Lynn Cherry

## Middle School

- \**Iron Thunder* by Avi
- \**Revolution is Not A Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine
- \**Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
- \**The Big Wave* by Pearl S. Buck
- \**The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick
- \**A Teacher's Funeral* by Richard Peck
- \**Elephant Run* by Roland Smith
- \**The Big Book of Our Planet* by Jean Craighead George and more



## Elementary Grades (3-5)

- \**Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- \**39 Clues Series Books 1-11* by various authors
- \**Alone : The Journey of Boy Sims* by Alan K. Garringer
- \**The Bears of Blue River* by Charles Major
- \**The Shaman's Apprentice: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest* by Lynne Cherry
- \**An Environmental Guide: From A to Z* by Tim Magner

## High School

- \**Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
- \**Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakaur
- \**The Selected Works of T. S. Spivet* by Reif Larson
- \**In Harm's Way* or *Left for Dead* stories of the USS Indianapolis
- \**The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- \**Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- \**Nectar in a Seive* by Kamala Markandaya
- \**Forgotten Fire* by Adam Bagdasarian
- \**The River Why* by David James Duncan
- \**Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey

## *The GeoLit Connection*

*This is an area of the newsletter for bridging the disciplines of geography and language arts. If you would like to share your favorite geography book with others, please follow the outline of this review and send to [geni@iupui.edu](mailto:geni@iupui.edu). This and other book reviews can be found in the resource section of [Geography and History of the World](#) site.*

### **Geography and History of the World**

Book Review by: Melissa Martin

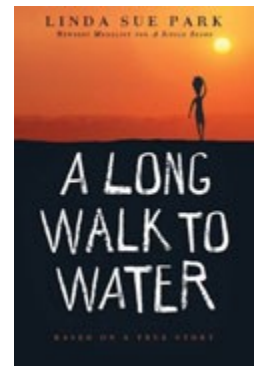
**Title:** [A Long Walk to Water](#)

**Authors:** Linda Sue Park

**Author Information:** Linda Sue Park is an American author of children's books and recipient of the Newberry Medal for her work [A Single Shard](#).

**Publishing Information:** Published by Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin Company, New York, NY. ISBN - 10: 9780547251271

**Theme:** An historical-fiction parallel story based on the events of a boy named Salva and a girl named Nya in the country of Sudan. Life is hard, but in some places, it's a lot harder.



**Number of Pages:** 128 pages

**Target Audience:** Ages 9-12; Upper Elementary and Middle School

**Brief Description:** After 11-year-old Salva's school in Sudan is attacked by brutal rebel soldiers in 1985, he describes several terrifying years on the run in visceral detail: "The rain, the mad current, the bullets, the crocodiles, the welter of arms and legs, the screams, the blood." Finally, he makes it to refugee camps in Ethiopia and then Kenya, where he is one of 3,000 young men chosen to go to America. After he is adopted by a family in Rochester, New York, he is reunited with the Sudanese family that he left behind. There have been several books about the lost boys of Sudan for adults, teens, and even for elementary-school readers. But Newbery Award-winning Park's spare, immediate account, based on a true story, adds a stirring contemporary dimension. In chapters that alternate with Salva's story, Nya, a young Sudanese girl in 2008, talks about daily life, in which she walks eight hours to fetch water for her family. Then, a miracle happens: Salva returns home to help his people and builds a well, making fresh water available for the community and freeing Nya to go to school. The switching viewpoints may initially disorient some, but young readers will be stunned by the triumphant climax of the former refugee who makes a difference with the necessities that we all take for granted. Teachers may want to point out the allusion to Nelson Mandela's *A Long Walk to Freedom* (1995) echoed in this moving book's title. Grades 6-9. --Hazel Rochman

**Major Points:** The book follows a young man's journey as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan and the story of a young girl who must walk eight hours a day to get water for her family.

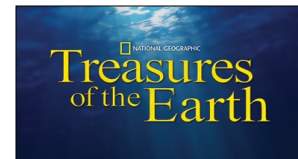
**Your Opinion:** The book is a quick read and very gripping. The book is appropriate for young readers and provides awareness to the conflict in a far away country and the need for clean water, something we take for granted here in the States. The notes at the end of the book are a must to share with the class.

**Ideas for use in the Classroom:** After discussing countries of northern Africa or water issues in the world, have students read the book, then choose from many of the following activities.

Go to [www.iupui.edu/~geni](http://www.iupui.edu/~geni) for many freshwater activities.

- An [interview](#) with Linda Sue Park about her book *A Long to Water*
- [Guide to planning a 3.7 mile Freshwater Walk at your school.](#)
- [Thirst is Relative](#) poster.
- **Bucket Display:** Visual showing the drastic difference in the average American's water use (100 gallons/day) and the average African/Asian family's water use (less than 5 gallons/day).
- Browse the many the [GENI lesson plan archives](#) for an activity just right for your class.

## National Geographic Treasures of the Earth



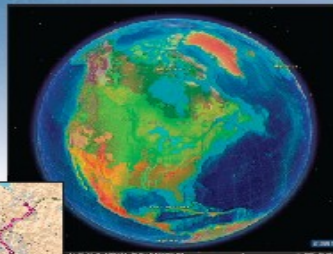
### Opens June 2011

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National Geographic Treasures of the Earth is made possible by partnerships with the National Geographic Society, Dr. Zahi Hawass and Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, China's Shanxii Provincial Institute for Archaeological Research and Xi'an Municipal Museum, and Indiana University Bloomington and its Department of Underwater Science.

# GIS Day™

November 16, 2011



As a GIS user, you have no doubt met people who are unfamiliar with GIS technology. GIS Day™ is an opportunity to share your passion for your work with colleagues and your community—allowing others to see and experience GIS firsthand.

#### About GIS Day

Since 1999, more than 10,000 organizations have participated in GIS Day by hosting events such as open houses, hands-on workshops, community expos, career fairs, schoolwide assemblies, and mapping projects.

GIS Day's success is due to the hard work and dedication of GIS users around the world who see the importance in sharing their GIS knowledge with others.



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*"The city's GIS Day event helped show citizens and employees that GIS is all around you, and it can be as fun and interesting as it is useful!"*

Sylvia Wood  
City of Denton, Texas

#### Why Should I Participate?

- Promote your organization's use of GIS.
- Showcase real-world applications.
- Establish mentor relationships with local youth.
- Introduce GIS to potential clients.
- Point students toward a career in GIS.

#### How Do I Get Started?

Visit the GIS Day Web site to

- Register your event.
- Search for events near you.
- Download free materials.
- Read success stories for inspiration.
- View photos from last year's events.
- Gather ideas for a future event.

[gisday.com](http://gisday.com)

## **2011 Geography Awareness Week**

### **Discovering Geography Through Community Exploration November 13-19**



Watch the GENI website for announcements for fall GAW Teacher Workshops and the 2011 GAW Bookmark Contest for grades K-12!





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# GeoFest

## Spring Mill State Park

### Sept. 30-Oct1, 2011

