



The City Thinks 2010 Student Video Contest



The Final Frontier: Space, Science and Technology

What is the future of space exploration?

Mars Scientist Dr. Steven Squyres said that the Mars Rover project is a “journey into the unknown, something entirely new”. Scientific discoveries require imagination and factual knowledge, and are influenced by your life experiences, art, literature and research. Investigate current and future plans for space exploration, and use your imagination and knowledge to develop a presentation on what should be our next “entirely new journey into the unknown”.

In developing your video presentation in response to this question, research past, current and future space exploration plans and decide what your recommendation would be for mankind’s next venture in space. Please include:

- Specific support for your idea; why do you think this will work? Cite the research you’ve done.
- Why have you chosen this particular idea as the best focus for our space exploration efforts?
- How can we prepare current and future scientists to tackle this challenge?

Tell the city what you think, and win a PeoplesBank Scholarship to U.S. Space and Rocket Center Space Camp!

If you are a student enrolled in grades 6-12, create a video presentation to share your ideas and win a PeoplesBank Scholarship to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL!

Contest Guidelines:

1. There will be 3 grade categories for this contest: 6th-8th, 9th/10th, and 11th/12th.
2. In preparation for your project, you can investigate the various links and articles on the Public Forum’s website, as well as do your own research. Entries must be accompanied by a bibliography of sources used.
3. Video presentations should be 1-2 minutes long, and will be judged on content/knowledge of topic, organization, originality of idea, clarity of speech. Speeches longer than 2 minutes will be disqualified.
4. Video presentations must be in digital format, recorded on a DVD. They can be taped using your own equipment, at your school if possible, or at the Springfield Central Library on Sept. 25th.
5. Videos must be received by 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 30th, 2010. They must be submitted with bibliographies of research resources and the complete, signed application form. Materials can be submitted in person at any PeoplesBank office (see www.bankatpeoples.com), at the Springfield Central Library, 220 State St., or mailed to the Springfield Public Forum, P.O. Box 5374, Springfield, MA 01101.
6. Winners will be notified by Friday, October 15th. The six winners will receive a PeoplesBank Scholarship to Space Camp (www.spacecamp.com for information about the programs available).

For complete contest details, rules and application, visit:
www.springfieldpublicforum.org/citythinks2010 or
www.bankatpeoples.com/spacecamp

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