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Darwin Day Essay Contest

Deadline
January 27, 2008

Prizes:

Winners will be chosen in each of the three grade levels below.

Each winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate, a choice of Darwin

Day T-shirts, and a book. Winners will be notified prior to and announced at the Darwin Day keynote lecture on Tuesday Feb 12 at 7pm. Winning essays will be posted on the TN Darwin Day website.

Rules:

Please provide a brief statement to identify what grade you are in, your school affiliation, and the name and contact information of a teacher who can verify this information.

Middle school

Essay must be 300-400 words in length, and typed (12pt font) or handwritten. It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that handwritten responses are legible.

High school / Undergraduate

Essay must be 500-600 words in length, and typed using 12pt font.

All essays must be received by January 27, 2008. Essays may be sent via email to darwindayessay@gmail.com or can be sent as a hard copy to the following address:

Darwin Day Essay Contest c/o Amy Turmelle
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
569 Dabney Hall; 1416 Circle Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37996-1610

Essay Topic: Middle School

What is evolution, and why is it important in our lives?

Essay Topic: High school/Undergraduate

What is science, and what criteria should be used to decide what is taught in science classrooms?
Discuss recent court cases on science standards in public schools.

Judging:

All essays will be independently judged by two faculty members (shielded from identities of authors) in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

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