



# Spigot Science for Kids and Classrooms



## Spigot Science Video Contest

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### Spigot Science Video Contest Q & A

#### **What is the Spigot Science Video Contest?**

Spigot Science publications feature important concepts in science and show how they are applied in our lives. The video contest is an opportunity for students to create an original video that answers an important question about science.

#### **Who can enter the contest?**

Students in grades five through eight may enter the contest. We would prefer that the videos be approved by schools prior to being put online. However, we will accept individual student submissions. In this case, school information should still be filled in so we can notify the school of the winner. In the case of homeschooling, just put the home information where it says school. A team of students may enter, but there will only be one prize for the group.

#### **How do we start?**

We would like you to start with a science question such as: Why is the sky blue? or How do fish breathe? or What is gravity?

Please choose a question you are curious about. Try to ask your question about one of the topics in Spigot Science publications. These are listed on the Spigot Science website. Use the video to answer the question through pictures, words, voice, and/or sound.

It is a good idea to plan the video before you shoot it. You might want to use a storyboard to sketch out the scenes or make a list of the scenes you want to shoot. Here is a [planning site](#) including a storyboard template that might give you some ideas. The more forethought you give the video, the better it will be.

#### **How long should the video be?**

Your video can be as short as you would like, but it should be **no longer than three minutes**.

### What legal stuff do we need to think about?

If your work is original, that is, you didn't copy anything from anyone else, then there is nothing to worry about. Since the winning videos will be published, you need to avoid using words, pictures, songs, video clips or anything that is copyrighted.

### When does the contest begin and end?

The contest begins February 1, 2012 and ends on April 30, 2012 at 11:59 pm. All entries submitted after the deadline will not be reviewed or judged.

### How do we send the video?

You can post your video on YouTube.com, SchoolTube.com, or another freely accessible site, and then email us the address. If you have trouble doing this or your school won't let you, then you can mail the video on a CD in a format supported by YouTube to: Spigot Science Video Contest, PO Box 103, Blawenburg, NJ 08504. We will need the following information in the email or mail:

The title and URL (address on YouTube, SchoolTube, or other freely accessible site)

Your full name, address, and email address.

Name of your teacher, grade level, school, and school address

School email address of your teacher

A signed copy of the Student Assurance Form

A signed copy of the Teacher/Parent Assurance Form

A signed copy of the Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Send all of the information above to: [info@spigotsciencemag.com](mailto:info@spigotsciencemag.com). Put Video Contest in the subject line of the email or mail it to Spigot Science Video Contest, PO Box 103, Blawenburg, NJ 08504.

### What are the prizes?

**Top prize:** Canon HD Digital Video Camera from Adorama



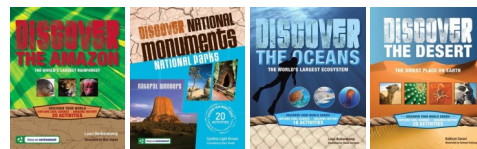
**Second place:** Set of four books from Nomad Press

Discover the Amazon

Discover the National Parks

Discover the Oceans

Discover the Deserts



**Third place:** a \$50 gift card

All prize winners will also receive a Premium subscription to Spigot Science for one year.

The videos of the prize winners and up to 10 runners up will appear on the Spigot Science Media Channel on YouTube. Winners will also receive national publicity through the Spigot Science mailings.

### What else do I need to know?

- As you make the video, remember that you are trying to teach others about science. It can be funny or serious, but the judges will be looking for how the video answers the question you chose.
- Keep your video focused on a few key points. Don't try to say everything about the topic in one short video.
- It is ok to have coaching from an adult like a teacher or parent, but we would like students to do all the work. We want videos that are planned, shot, and edited by students.
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We wish you a successful video production and look forward to seeing your final product.

## Spigot Science Video Contest Permission Forms

### Student Assurance Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (print name) solemnly swear that I have done the work of producing this video, \_\_\_\_\_ (title of the video). I further swear that the video does not contain material that is copyrighted by another person.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature Date

If the video is produced by a team, all should print and sign their names.

### Parent/Guardian Permission Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (print name) give my permission for my child's video \_\_\_\_\_ (name of video and child) to be submitted to the Spigot Science Video Contest. If this video should win, I give permission for the video to be published on the Spigot Science Media Channel on YouTube.com. I understand that Spigot Science/ Daval Publications LLC will have the right to use this video in any of its publications, but that the ownership of the video remains with its author(s).

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Print Parent or Guardian Name

### Teacher Assurance Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (print name) give my assurance that this video \_\_\_\_\_ (name of video) by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) was produced by the student. I further assure that for each person in the video there is a signed release form in the school that allows these individuals pictures to be taken and published. (Note: It is not necessary to send the forms.)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature Date