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New prize for the winner of the 2007 Polar Contests!

Unfortunately, due to the postponement of the International Youth Conference on the Poles to 2009, we have had to rethink our prize for the Polar Contests this year. The young polar researchers on the youth steering committee have been working hard to find the ultimate prize, and we think we've found it! **The overall winner of the Polar Contest will now have a chance to experience Antarctica first-hand!** We have arranged for the winner to take part in the Students on Ice IPY expedition from South America to Antarctica (December 2007), where he or she will be joining other like-minded secondary school students from around the world on their adventure – no doubt making life-long friends!

So if you ever needed a reason to get involved in the International Polar Year, this has to be it!

Who are Students on Ice?

Students on Ice is an award-winning organisation who offer unique learning expeditions to the Antarctic and Arctic. Established by a former school teacher, this organisation's mandate is to provide students from around the world with inspiring educational opportunities at the ends of our earth, and in doing so, help them foster a new understanding and respect for our planet.

Students on Ice are holding a place for the winner of the Polar Contest on their IPY Antarctic Expedition: 26th December 2007 – 8th January 2008. Participants on this voyage will follow the paths of Sir Ernest Shackleton, Admiral Byrd and Roald Amundsen, on a journey from the tip of South America to the heart of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Extended Deadline for Registration

Due to the changes to the Polar Contests, the registration period and hand-in dates for the competition have been moved back. **Registration will be open until 31st May, so sign up now!** We are seeking a maximum of 100 participating students on a first-come first-served basis. Also, the new date for project submission has been set to 1st September, with judging to be held later that month. So, by the start of October, you should know whether or not you'll be off to the Antarctic on the Students on Ice cruise!



Calendar of Events

Registration extended to:	31st May
Entries to be submitted by:	1st Sept
Students on Ice IPY Antarctic Expedition:	26th Dec - 8th Jan

Related Websites:

www.ipyyouthnz.org

www.frozenfive.org

www.ipy.org

www.studentsonice.com



New Polar Contests Structure

As well as the change in prize, the structure of the Polar Contest has also evolved. The new Polar Contests format invites students to submit projects that will form online educational resources, which will become available to future secondary school students all around the world. Contest entrants are invited to submit entries which give information covering one of three topic areas:

- The Polar Regions: discovery and exploration
- Climate change and the poles
- Polar policy and solutions to polar issues

The developed project should consist of the following two components:

1. Background information on the chosen topic from at least two different disciplines (for example, how do geologists and politicians contribute to our understanding of Climate Change?). The format can vary from fact sheets, to images, artworks, graphs of data, video clips – any format that conveys the information in an inspiring way.
2. An activity that other students could do to learn about the chosen topic. This could be a role play scenario, a card game, a planned camping trip, an outline for an art project, or any other activity that would be appropriate to teach your age group about your topic.

Our network of young polar researchers will remain available as mentors during the contests. A complete set of guidelines for participation in the Polar Contests will be available online (www.ipyyouthnz.org) by 31st May.



NZ YSC members in the field: Kim Senger and the Frozen Five live out the adventure of a lifetime in Svalbaard

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Updates from the Frozen Five

The Frozen Five Svalbard Scientific Skiing Expedition is now well under way. Kim Senger from Otago and his fellow four have set more than 500 km behind them, encountered some polar wildlife, including polar bears, and are thoroughly enjoying the expedition! Their day-to-day progress can be followed on the F5 website (www.frozenfive.org), via the 'Online Route' and 'Daily Progress' links, and for more information browse the blogs. To summarize their achievements to date:

They reached the Polish Research Station in Hornsund on April 9th and enjoyed 2 nights in the company of the station's staff.

After an attempt to cross the fjord from a bay east of Hornsund they took a detour around the fjord because of the lack of sound ice and reached the Sorkapp on April 22.

Heading North they stopped to celebrate Ulli's birthday - see the blog post entitled 'The birthday mission'. The party was joined by a few friends from Longyearbyen who found their location thanks to the tracer.



The beginning of May saw them joining the crew on the French Polar Yacht Vagabond - the only inhabited location on the wild east coast and the location of another F5 food depot.

Now they are heading North towards the new adventures!

Frozen Five: Sunny camping in Oscar II Land! Follow their adventures on www.frozenfive.org