

Geography Club



# A.M.S. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography Club



The AMS **Geography club goal** is to help students develop an appreciation for and deeper understanding of World Cultures and Geography, and to expand their world-view.

**We will** have guest speakers, prepare for and participate in state and regional competitions (National Geographic's GeoBee and Georgia's Stock Market Game), sponsor at least 1 daytime field trip (likely 2), and hopefully participate in a multi-cultural event within our community.

**Sign up for Geography Club's Remind text messages!** All you need to do is send a text message to phone # 81010. The code to put in the message is: @geoc18. When the message comes back asking for your name, please put in the student's first and last name so that we can adequately verify who is getting messages. (For parents- "John Smith's Mom" or "Jane Doe's Dad" would help us connect the parent to the student in our records.) \*\*\*All Geography Club notifications will be sent via this Remind messaging system, so it is very important that all members are connected.

**Dues:** \$35 that can be paid online through RevTrak, or to your SS teacher. Dues include a shirt to wear on field trips and in photos. (\*We are ordering new shirts! So, members can submit their own shirt artwork suggestions by email to a club sponsor... The winner will receive a prize!)

**We meet approximately one or more times each month.** Some of these meetings will be afterschool for practice and participation in regional and state competitions; while other meetings will be for club information and activities (usually held one Tuesday morning a month at 7:45). Regular meetings will be announced on the AMS announcements and also through Remind text messages.

**Attendance is important!** In order to go on the field trips: students must not have missed more than 3 morning meetings prior to the trip; must have paid their trip fees and club dues (including owning a t-shirt); and have a positive behavior record with teachers and administrators.

**Parents Needed!** Some of the activities we will be doing (including fundraising) will need parent support and donated time. If you are interested in being one of our club parent volunteers, please email one of the sponsoring teachers directly and let us know your desire to assist as a parent volunteer.

## About the Competitions...

The National Geographic Bee is an annual geography contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The bee, held every year since 1989, is open to students in the fourth through eighth grades in participating schools from the United States. Students practice with their teachers learning about world geography. The school winner will receive a medal. Then students compete online in an assessment with other students around the state. State winners compete nation-wide in a televised program.

Stock Market Game is the SIFMA Foundation's acclaimed program. It is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students grades 4-12 in the world of economics, investing and personal finance, and prepares them for financially independent futures. Students will compete online for 10 weeks buying, selling, and trading stocks based on the current USA stock market.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the teachers below directly:**

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