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Save Our Seas Foundation - D'Arros Experience 2021

“Save YOUR Seas” Competition

Who are we?

Since 2003, the Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) has been dedicated to protecting life in our oceans. The Foundation has a strong connection with the Seychelles, having sponsored research and conservation projects here since 2005 and education programmes since 2009. The Foundation also manages the SOSF D'Arros Research Centre (SOSF-DRC) on the island of D'Arros in the Amirantes since 2012.

What is the D'Arros Experience?

The SOSF Island School seeks to promote understanding and respect for the marine environment in Seychelles through children's education. By combining a team of enthusiastic educators and scientists together with a range of in-water field experiences, the program offers a unique and hands on learning experience that aims to help encourage the sense of ocean ownership in young Seychellois.

Two consecutive one-week D'Arros Experience camps will take place during school holidays and up to eight spaces may be awarded per camp. In line with Covid-19 protocols no events can take place without the permission from the Ministry of Health. We will be working closely with the ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to understand what dates will be most appropriate to run the camps. A minimum of three weeks' notice will be given to selected students prior to the camps taking place to allow for ample preparation time.

The competition for these spaces is open to all Seychellois secondary school students aged 11 to 14. Successful applicants should be:

- enthusiastic about the marine environment;
- motivated, creative and critical thinkers;
- able to work well with others;
- Swimming and/or snorkelling experience is preferable but not compulsory.

The competition

Students should pick one of the following marine conservation issues in Seychelles and create a SUPERHERO to tackle the issue:

- **marine pollution**

OR

- **climate change**

OR

- **overfishing**

OR

- **coastal development**

Students should either 1) design a poster with a drawing or 2) write a story that introduces their superhero, the hero's superpowers and how they can use these powers to solve the marine conservation issue they have selected.

Posters/stories should be in English, French or Creole and at minimum include:

- An introduction to the superhero (it can be a human, animal, robot, or blob of jelly, anything you want)

- A short summary of the marine conservation issue that the student has selected and why it is a problem in Seychelles

- What superpowers their superhero has

- A brief summary of how the superhero will use these superpowers to solve the marine conservation issue

Posters and stories should be submitted to **competition@saveourseas.com** along with the filled-out **application form** by 23:59 GMT+4h on Sunday October 3rd, 2021.

Judging will be based on the students' demonstrated **understanding of the marine issue** they have selected, the **originality** of their ideas in solving the issue and on their **inclusion of the above criteria**. Submissions will not be judged on grammar but have to be clear in meaning. Incomplete submission (e.g. lacking an application form, not having followed instructions) will not be considered.

Winners will be informed **before the end of October 2021** after which they may be asked to attend a preparation weekend on Mahé (depending on the Covid-19 situation).

Competition Rules and Regulations

1. The program, camp and competition are funded and supported by the Save Our Seas Foundation.
2. The competition is open to students of the specified age group registered in all public and private schools in Seychelles.
3. Applicants must have Seychellois residency and live in Seychelles at the time of application.
4. Applicants who have visited or will visit Aldabra as part of the Eco-School and Seychelles Island Foundation (SIF) programme or any other outer island programme will not be excluded from the competition. However, where candidates are tied this may be a selection criterion considered by the judging panel to help maximise the opportunities available to students.
5. Applicants must be of the appropriate age at the submission deadline date.
6. Submissions have to include a completed application form, a completed declaration form, and a poster or story.
7. All posters and stories must be in English, French or Creole.
8. Submissions must be written in complete sentences and organised into paragraphs or sections.
9. All posters must be original and entirely the student's own work unless other works are being quoted or referenced. The student must submit a declaration form.
10. All quotes and references must be cited. All images must be properly referenced and cannot infringe on any copyrights.
11. Only one application will be accepted per applicant.
12. All applications and submission must be submitted by email: competition@saveourseas.com with the subject line "SOSF D'Arros Experience Competition 2021 FirstName_LastName"
13. The Jury's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.
14. Up to 16 winners will be given certificates of participation by the Save Our Seas Foundation, signifying that they won the competition arranged in cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Seychelles.
15. All general enquiries regarding the competition should be addressed to: competition@saveourseas.com
16. All entries are submitted on the understanding that, if chosen as one of the winners, the competition organisers have the right to use the documents submitted in non-commercial SOSF publications and on the SOSF website and associated social networks.
17. In order for a finalist to receive the award, their correct contact information, including full name, name of parents, parents phone number, address and e-mail address, is required. A submission with incorrect or incomplete contact information may be disqualified.
18. By participating in the contest, applicants and winners grant the Save Our Seas Foundation, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Energy a worldwide, exclusive, royalty-free and irrevocable licence to use the content of the posters, videos and essays in whole or in part. In addition, the winners grant the Save Our Seas Foundation permission to photograph, record and film all activities associated with the competition and the camp on Mahé and D'Arros island. These recordings and photographs will become the property of the Save Our Seas Foundation for didactic and non-commercial use at its discretion, in all media and in perpetuity, to promote marine education and conservation initiatives. The Save Our Seas Foundation further grants permission to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment to use these photographs and videos on their respective communication channels, including the Eco-School website, and in their press releases.
19. Applicants must have the consent of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) before applying.
20. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will have to sign liability waiver documents on behalf of the winning student.
21. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) might have to other documents on behalf of the winning student.
22. Medical certificates may be required.
23. Pending circumstances relating to Covid 19 at the time, experiences may be delayed. This will be based on the advice provided by the Ministry of Health, at the time.
24. A Covid 19 standard operating procedure will be in place for D'Arros island, therefore a quarantine period may be required of candidates, prior to travel. Covid testing at multiple stages may also be necessary.