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# Young Writers Begin Quest To Discover The Legendary Sky

(YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES) Astronomy North today announced that it has officially opened The Legendary Sky Contest, a territorial initiative that promotes literacy and invites Grade 6 students to discover the legendary northern sky above their community.

While the current curriculum in the Northwest Territories introduces the basics of space science at the Grade 6 level, The Legendary Sky Contest will encourage youth to write about the stars, auroras, Sun, Moon and more from a local perspective.

"This contest is an exciting way for students, teachers, parents and communities to learn about the northern sky together," says James Pugsley, president of Astronomy North, adding "It's the perfect way for kids to celebrate the sky during the International Year of Astronomy."



Students can write about legends of the sky, or explain why the northern sky is legendary. There will be prizes for each participating community, and two grand prize winners will be awarded a trip to Montreal to attend Space Camp this summer.

The Legendary Sky Contest was developed by Astronomy North, in conjunction with the Government of the Northwest Territories, DeBeers Canada, First Air and Coast Fraser Tower in Yellowknife.

The International Year of Astronomy is a worldwide celebration of the sky, and Canada is one of over 130 participating countries on a mission to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe by exploring the day and night time sky, and engaging in activities that promote a personal sense of wonder and discovery.

Astronomy North is a territorial astronomy society dedicated to northern sky education and awareness. Through the development and implementation of community projects and outreach activities for youth in 2009, Astronomy North aims to increase participation in astronomy and expanding the knowledge base at a community level.

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