

Greetings from the S'COOL Team! Welcome to Issue #60 of the S'COOL E-note.

S'COOL@100,000 Events

Since 1997 the CERES S'COOL Project has called on YOU, students and citizen scientists, to make and report ground-truth observations of clouds to assist in the validation of NASA's CERES satellite instruments. And YOU have done a great job!

Now help us celebrate our 100,000th cloud observation! We expect to reach that milestone early this fall. Watch the observation counter on the main S'COOL page as we approach that number. The school that submits the 100,000th observation will receive a package of NASA materials.

Involve a Local Celebrity

If you would like to involve a local celebrity - your local weather forecaster, school board member, or other prominent citizen - invite them to make and report a cloud observation through the [S'COOL Rover website](#). Perhaps your students can train them or assist with the observation.

For Rover reports from local celebrities, we request that you use a nickname such as "mytown_celebrity" so that we can collect and highlight these various reports. You can identify the celebrity in the comments field.

S'COOL@100,000 Banner Contest

Use your creativity and knowledge of clouds to create a new S'COOL banner, and submit your design for judging. Then keep an eye on the S'COOL website where we will feature the winning banner designs over the next school year.



Create your own S'COOL banner celebrating the 100,000th observation! Use your imagination to feature the word S'COOL and 100,000. See below for full contest rules.

Contest dates: Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30, submitted on the required entry form. Submissions must be mailed to: S'COOL@100,000 Banner Contest

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Starting the day after the 100,000th cloud observation is received the S'COOL website will feature a winning banner selected by the S'COOL team and a local group of judges. Additional winning entries will be chosen by Nov. 1st and will be featured on the S'COOL website every few weeks through the next school year.

One winning banner selected by the judges will be adapted to become the new S'COOL sticker! These stickers are provided to all new registrants, every 6 months to current participants, and featured at outreach events. A class set will be rewarded to the winning designer/designers.

Thank you for participation! If you have any questions please contact scool@lists.nasa.gov. Good luck!

Eligibility: Any past or current S'COOL and/or ROVER observers are eligible to participate in the S'COOL@100,000 Banner Contest. If you are not an observer please consider becoming a S'COOL participant. To register, visit the [S'COOL website](#) and click on "FIND OUT MORE" and then "How to Participate".

Entry Categories: One winner will be selected from entries in the following categories.

1. Early entry winner selected from entries received by the 100,000 milestone
2. Ages 6-8
3. Ages 9-11
4. Ages 12-14
5. Ages 15-17
6. Ages 18-22
7. Ages 23+
8. Best written description of design.
9. Overall winner - to be adapted for a S'COOL sticker.

Official Rules:

- Submissions must be mailed on the official [entry form](#).
- Limit one entry per person
- Cannot include images/pictures of people, including any images/pictures of children.
- Must be an original work of the Applicant.
- Submission from an individual student requires parent signature.
- Submission from a class requires teacher signature.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- In the event there are not enough entries in a category, winners may not be chosen.

Judging: Judges will include the [S'COOL Team](#) and additional NASA Langley experts in graphic design, communication, and CERES science. Judges will use the following criteria:

1. Creativity
2. Artistic merit
3. Communication of the S'COOL concept
4. Communication of the contest theme (S'COOL@100,000)
5. Written paragraph describing design

6. Compliance with the rules for submissions

As always, keep looking at the sky!

The S'COOL Team

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