Open-Ended Skills Challenge

The "Future Creatures 2020" challenge is an open-ended skills challenge which does not offer a prize, however entries in this challenge will be displayed in the gallery. Your participation in this Challenge is governed not only by these Challenge Rules BUT ALSO by the GENERAL RULES, which are incorporated herein.

The Challenge

Your challenge is to pick a vertebrate animal living in a tropical rainforest and draw/illustrate/predict how it may look in the future due to long term effects of climate change (think thousands of years ... or more!). Please consider habitat changes due to rising temperatures and rising seas, and animal adaptations needed to survive, such as camouflage, defense, eating food, and/or how it moves. Some possible habitat changes to consider are: Inland rainforests that become savannas (rolling grasslands with scattered trees & shrubs) or inland rainforests that become mixed woodlands (low density forest with shrubs and trees), or coastal rainforests that become marshes/seasonal wetlands or become completely underwater. Your entry should provide at least two illustrations - one of your animal in its present habitat and one as an adapted animal in the predicted future habitat. Also, submit a short essay (max 150 words) to explain your illustrations. You may not choose humans as your animal. Go wild... and good luck!

Who Can Enter

Residents of the United States who are registered students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade attending a public, private, or home school in the United States (including U.S. Territories or Possessions) are eligible to enter (eligible "Participants").
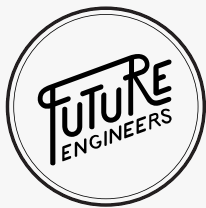
Privacy Rules

Submissions will be reviewed for online privacy and student safety prior to being displayed in the gallery. Entries that moderators find not to be compliant, for example that contain personal information, may be flagged for resubmission or rejected. For example:

- **NO NAMES!** Don't write your full name, or anyone else's full name in your entry. Referencing names of significant figures (eg. a scientist, artist, engineer) is OK if needed to factually explain your entry.

- **NO SCHOOL NAMES!** Don't include your school name or class name in your submission.

- **NO ADDRESSES!** Don't tell us where you live or upload a photo with your address shown.

- **NO PHOTOS WITH FACES!** Don't include the face of yourself or others in your photo.

- **NO LICENSE PLATES!** Don't include a photo with a license plate.

- **NO CONTACT INFO!** Don't include any phone numbers or email addresses.

Submission Criteria

Submissions that violate the rules may be flagged for resubmission or rejected.

- Your Submission Must Include:
  - ILLUSTRATIONS of your CREATURE
    - Up to 6 illustrations (Refer to the Design Guidelines for more detail.)
    - GIF, PNG, JPG/JPEG, BMP, or SVG
    - Max 3 MB each
  - NAME of your CREATURE
    - Max 30 Characters
  - TEXT DESCRIPTION of your CREATURE's adaptations
    - Max 150 Words

- Do not upload content that infringes on the rights of others.
- Your entry must be made by YOU.
- Keep it G-rated! No inappropriate content.
- LIMIT ONE eligible entry per student.

Program Dates

The open submission period closes on June 30th, 2020, 6:00 PM Pacific time.

Judging Criteria

There are no judging criteria for this challenge. This challenge is offered as an open-ended skills challenge that does not offer a prize and does not determine winners.

Winners and Honorees

This challenge does not acknowledge winners or honorees.

Prizes / Approximate Retail Value ("ARV")

This challenge does not offer prizes.

Ownership and Public Licensing

Entries will be displayed in a moderated public gallery. Please refer to the GENERAL RULES and TERMS OF SERVICE for licensing details.

Sponsor and Challenge Parties:

Sponsor: Future Engineers LLC