

## National Geographic Kids Announces Grand-Prize Winner of International Photography Contest for Kids

Selected from more than 46,000 entries around the world, 11-year-old Dewi Baggerman from the Netherlands was named the grand-prize winner of the [National Geographic International Photography Contest for Kids](#). With her photo of a field of vibrant tulips shot from a unique angle, Dewi has won a five-day, four-night trip to Washington, D.C., and a tour of National Geographic headquarters. This year's winning contest photos were chosen from a dramatically larger pool of entries than in the past. The 46,000+ photo submissions marked a 162 percent increase over last year's program. Open to children ages 6 to 14, the worldwide competition was conducted in partnership with the U.S. edition of National Geographic Kids magazine and nine other local-language editions: Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Netherlands, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Each country held a national contest and, in the final round, sent one photo from each of the four categories to National Geographic headquarters for judging. The judging panel announced that the four category winners in this year's worldwide competition were:

- Maj Kastelic, 13, Slovenia — Amazing Animals (photos of pets, zoo animals or wild animals)
- Dewi Baggerman, 11, Netherlands — Dare to Explore (photos of outdoor scenery)
- Pan Yinzhi, 13, China — Weird But True (photos that capture something odd or funny)
- Sanya Jain, 12, India — Wild Vacation (photos taken during vacation travels)

"The quality and quantity of this year's entries truly blew us away," said Rachel Buchholz, editor-in-chief of National Geographic Kids magazine (U.S.) and contest judge. "We were impressed not only by the beauty and artistic skill that these photos showcased, but also by the creativity and unique perspective that they demonstrated. It's a delight to see how these kids engage with the world around them using photography." In the **U.S. competition**, 12-year-old Kate Anderson from Shelley, Idaho, captured the grand prize, selected from the more-than 3,400 photos submitted nationally. For her unique photo of a chick, titled "Owning the Stage," Kate has won a ten-day [National Geographic Galápagos Family Odyssey](#). The four category winners in the U.S. competition were:

- David Hopkins, 13, Gig Harbor, Washington — Amazing Animals
- Riley Harlan, 12, Fruit Heights, Utah — Dare to Explore
- Kate Anderson, 12, Shelley, Idaho — Weird But True
- Ryan Hughes, 13, Albuquerque, New Mexico — Wild Vacation

Anderson's photo and the U.S. category winners, along with the worldwide grand-prize winner, will be featured in the May 2017 U.S. edition of National Geographic Kids magazine, reaching approximately four million U.S. readers. To view the grand-prize-winning image and other top images from the international contest, visit [natgeokids.com/photo-contest](http://natgeokids.com/photo-contest). National Geographic Kids magazine launched in the United States in 1975 as National Geographic World magazine. There are now 18 local-language editions, including Australia/New Zealand, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa (Afrikaans and English), Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom. National Geographic Kids has a worldwide circulation of approximately 1.4 million. NOTE: Captions, credits and images can be downloaded

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