

### Middle School Art Competition

1. Artwork will respond to the theme *Mining in Space*.
2. Artwork may be 2D, 3D, or you may draw a comic strip/graphic stories with a maximum length of 8 pages.
3. In an Artist's Statement, provide information about the size, media, inspiration, and any other relevant information regarding your artwork and the competition theme.
4. Artwork will be judged equally on the following four criteria:
  - a. Aesthetics (25 points): Shapes, colors, textures, flow, proportions, composition, etc.
  - b. Inherent meaning (25 points): What is the story or statement?
  - c. Creativity (25 points): Is the artwork creative and original?
  - d. Fulfilled intent (25 points): Does it meet the objective to express something about: "Mining in Space"?
  - e. BONUS (5 points): Scientific Principles: Does the artwork exhibit realistic scenarios, with no obvious breaking of scientific principles or the laws of physics? (Example: Humans in space with no helmets or spacesuit/ body protection, objects on large planets that are unaffected by gravity and float in mid-air, etc.)

### Winner Selection Process

1. One Finalist will be chosen from each category. Each finalist will receive a poster of the team and rover.
2. Each winning work of art will travel with the team for display at the Team Booth during the week of the competition.

### Submission Guidelines

1. Artwork will be submitted electronically, via high-quality, centered, in-focus digital photos.
  - a. Artwork will be sent to [outreach.blasterbotica@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.blasterbotica@gmail.com) in .jpg, .gif, or .png format.
  - b. For 3D artwork, 3 digital photo submissions are allowed, preferably of different views.
  - c. For comic strips or graphic stories, scans and/or photos of the work are allowed in one of the listed formats.
2. The Entry Form will be filled out and submitted with the artwork.
3. Names WILL NOT be included on any page of the essay, only on the Entry Form.
4. Competition runs from January 1, 2014 until March 15, 2014. Submissions must be received by March 15, 2014 to be considered.
5. Contact Blasterbotica's Outreach Coordinator, Joanne Haas, at [outreach.blasterbotica@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.blasterbotica@gmail.com) with any questions.