We would like to invite you to participate in our 2020 National Environmental Competition. Students from all over Kenya are eligible to enter and participate. The competition will run from January 2020 to March 2020. You can submit your entry in any of the following three categories: Artwork, Essay Writing and Photography.

**CATEGORY 1: ARTWORK**

Interpret the Theme “Healthy Planet, Healthy Biodiversity, Healthy People” in form of art.

This is open to the following categories: Kindergarten/Nursery, Lower Primary, Upper Primary, High School and Tertiary Institutions. Any art media such as collage, pencil work, crayons, water or oil paintings and paper-mache can be used.

**CATEGORY 1A: GROUP ARTWORK**

This category is ONLY open to kindergartens/ Nursery school and Lower primary levels. Groups should consist of a minimum of 3 students and should not exceed 5 students.

**CATEGORY 1B: INDIVIDUAL ARTWORK**

This category is ONLY open to students in Primary (GRADE 1 - 8), High School and Tertiary institutions. Submit artworks of sizes A3 mounted on flat medium.

**CATEGORY 2A: UPPER PRIMARY ESSAYS (GRADE 5 - 8) (300 - 400 WORDS)**

1. Define the term environment and then discuss the benefits of a healthy environment while giving local relevant examples where possible.
2. Discuss the impacts of human activities on the environment and what you can do as a student to address them.
3. Discuss what you understand by ‘A healthy environment’.

**CATEGORY 2B: HIGH SCHOOL ESSAYS (500 - 600 WORDS)**

1. Discuss what you understand by the phrase: “Healthy Planet, Healthy Biodiversity, Healthy People”.
2. Integrated approach in forest management is seen as a successful way of forest conservation. Discuss this statement giving relevant local examples.
3. Non-biodegradable waste material are rampant in Kenyan water ecosystems. Citing local examples where possible, discuss the problems associated with this challenge and how relevant stakeholders can work together to address it for sustainability.

**CATEGORY 3: DIGITAL NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

This is open to tertiary level students only. All entries MUST be submitted electronically on an online storage (e.g. google drive or drop box etc) and link sent to competitions@giraffecentre.org.

Images of pets, domestic animals or captive animals photographed in animal orphanages and commercial game farms are NOT allowed.

Photos that have won other contests or have been published in magazines, newspapers and online publications are not eligible.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person’s rights including but not limited to copyright are not eligible.

Submit a maximum of 3 entries. Photos must be submitted in JPEG format.

**PRIZES TO BE WON!**

1. The best boy and girl will be crowned “Master Environment 2020” and “Miss Environment 2020” respectively.
2. Individual trophies will be given to top three winners for each category.
3. A one – week fully sponsored camping safari to Kenya’s wonderful National Parks and Game Reserves will be won by the top two students and 2 regional representatives in Upper Primary and High School.
4. A weekend getaway – a 3 day sponsored safari to one of the Kenyan conservation area will be won by the top 25 students in tertiary category.
5. Certificates and Consolation Prizes like Gift Vouchers, T-Shirts, bags, books, pens, diaries etc. will be awarded to the top 100 runners up from all over the country.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. All entries must be submitted by March 31st, 2020.
2. All tertiary level entries must be typed in Times New Roman, Font size 12, spacing 1.5 and submitted in PDF Format and sent to email: competitions@giraffecentre.org.
3. All entries must be submitted via email to competitions@giraffecentre.org.
4. The Prize Giving Day will be held during the first week of June 2020.
5. The judge’s decision is final and no appeals will be entertained.
6. Any prize offered cannot be substituted for cash and must be collected by July 30th, 2020.

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