

# OCEAN EXPLORATION TRUST

## 2017 NAUTILUS EXPEDITION PATCH DESIGN CONTEST OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

There is NO PURCHASE NECESSARY to participate in the 2017 Nautilus Expedition Patch Design Contest.

### SPONSOR

Ocean Exploration Trust PO Box 42 Old Lyme, CT 06371

### TERM

The 2017 Nautilus Expedition Patch Design Contest begins September 1, 2016 and ends January 31, 2017. Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2017. Entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned or acknowledged unless selected as the winning entry. The Contest consists of the phases set forth below, as described fully in these Official Rules.

PHASE	STARTS	ENDS
Submission	September 1, 2016	January 31, 2017
Judging	February 1, 2017	February 28, 2017

### WHO MAY ENTER

The Contest is open to individuals who are six to fourteen (6-14) years of age as of 9/1/2016. Employees of Sponsor and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same households of such individuals, whether or not related, are not eligible to enter. Entrants MUST HAVE A PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION TO ENTER. Contest is void where prohibited.

### HOW TO ENTER

To enter go to [www.oceanexplorationtrust.org](http://www.oceanexplorationtrust.org) (select "Opportunities" and "Patch Contest") to download the entry form. Complete the form with your name, address, telephone number, email address, age, and parent's or legal guardian's signature. By their signature, parents/legal guardians consent to their child's participation and agree to these Official Rules. Mail your completed entry form, Nautilus Expedition Patch Design, and Patch Paragraph to:

Nautilus Expedition Patch Design Contest  
Ocean Exploration Trust  
PO Box 42  
Old Lyme, CT 06371

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry form must be complete for entry to be valid. Entry must comply with the following requirements:

1. Create a design for a 7-inch diameter circular patch on plain paper (your "Patch Design"). The outside edge of the patch must include the 2017 E/V *Nautilus* locations of exploration: "Eastern Pacific Ocean" — for an example, please see previous patch designs on our website ([www.oceanexplorationtrust.org](http://www.oceanexplorationtrust.org)). The Patch Design must also include the words "EV Nautilus" and "2017" and represent ocean exploration under one of our two themes:
  - a. Science — geology, marine biology, or archaeology

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- b. Technology — the ship, our ROVs, or our multibeam mapping sonar
  - c. Exploration — 90% of the ocean remains unexplored. Nautilus will study the E. Pacific Ocean along N. America (Mexico, Canada, & the United States)
2. Write a paragraph, not exceeding 300 words in length, describing where you would want to explore and why. The Patch Paragraph may be typed or handwritten. For younger entrants, a parent/guardian may transcribe their responses.
3. The Patch Design and Paragraph must each be a single work of original material created by the contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted Patch Design and paragraph are original works created solely by the entrant and that no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the Patch Design or the Paragraph Essay.

Modifying, enhancing, or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as entrant's original creation. Obscene, provocative, or otherwise objectionable content will not be considered, and such determination is solely at the discretion of the Sponsor. The entries will be judged in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below.

Limit ONE entry per person.

## CONTEST PRIZE

The potential winner (and parent or legal guardian.) is required to execute the following: 1) an affidavit of eligibility and liability releases; 2) warranty of ownership and license; and 3) publicity release. Unless prohibited by law, the potential winner must sign these documents no later than 15 days from the date of the prize notification. Noncompliance or return of the prize notification as undeliverable may result in disqualification and, the Sponsor's discretion, selection of an alternate winner.

One (1) Prize Winner will be selected.

The Prize consists of the following: The Sponsor will create a patch and sticker using the winning Patch Design to be used aboard E/V Nautilus by its Corps of Exploration as the official 2017 Expedition Patch. Winner will also receive a patch bearing his/her Patch Design and a gift from Dr. Robert Ballard and the Ocean Exploration Trust. All prize details are at the Sponsor's sole discretion. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entered received and the quality of the entrant's submission.

## JUDGING

Dr. Robert Ballard and members of the Corps of Exploration (the "Judges") will evaluate the entries and will select three (3) finalists based on the following criteria ("Judging Criteria"):

- Genuine artistic ability demonstrated in the Patch Design: 30%
- Genuine creativity demonstrated in the Patch Design: 40%
- Extent to which the Patch Design and Paragraph convey the themes of ocean exploration, science, and technology: 30%

The Judges will select a Winner based on the Judging Criteria. The Winner will be notified on or before March 1, 2017 and will be deemed a Winner subject to verification of eligibility and execution of an Affidavit of Eligibility, License and Liability Release. Decisions of the Sponsor and Judges are final and binding.

## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Winner's Patch Design, first name, and state of residence will be available online at [www.oceanexplorationtrust.org](http://www.oceanexplorationtrust.org) on or before March 15, 2017.

## ENTRANT LICENSES/RELEASES

The winning entry, and the winner's name, voice, and likeness may be published by Sponsor, its designees, licensees or affiliates, on the Sponsor's website and in additional print and online outreach materials. By

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participating, all entrants grant a worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free license to and its licensees and designees (the “Authorized Parties”), and acknowledge that the Authorized Parties may use the winning Patch Design and Paragraph, in any media now or hereafter known, without restriction, including commercially using it to fullest extent possible. No Authorized Party will be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such use.

## **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

By participating, entrants (and their parents or legal guardians) agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Sponsor and its affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in this Contest or any Contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

## **CONDITIONS**

THIS CONTEST IS VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. This Contest is subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Certain restrictions may apply. Sponsor is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, mutilated, incomplete, illegible, misdirected, or postage-due mail. Entries void if the Sponsor determines the entry to not be an original, or if the entries are illegible, incomplete, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error or obtained through fraud or theft.

Participants also agree (a) to be bound by these Official Rules; (b) that the decisions of the Judges are final on all matters relating to the Contest; and (c) if he/she wins that Sponsor may use the winning Patch Design and winner’s name, photograph, likeness, and/or voice in any publicity or advertising relating to the Contest or future promotions without compensation or approval (except in Tennessee and where prohibited by law). All federal, state and local taxes, fees and surcharges on prizes are the sole responsibility of the prize winners. In the event that the selected winner(s) of any prize are/is ineligible or refuses the prize, the prize will be forfeited and Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may choose whether to award the prize to another winner.