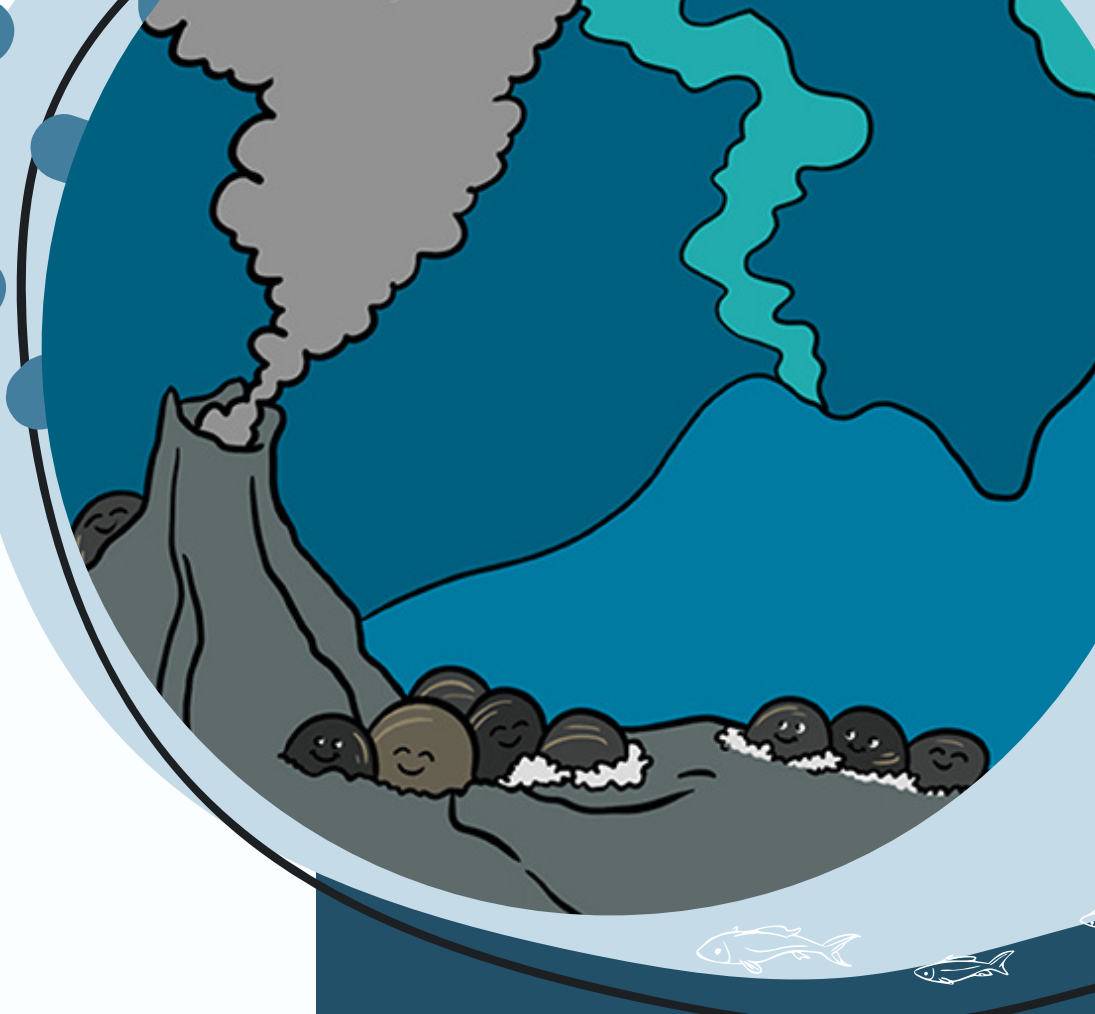


MUD VOLCANO NAMING CONTEST

The Mariana Trench Marine National Monument wants your help to raise awareness and help us name three newly discovered **Mud Volcanoes** in the Mariana Forearc. This academic competition is open to **high school students** across the CNMI. So fill out an entry form, be creative, and tell us:

1. **Proposed indigenous name (must meet naming principles) and why you chose it.**
2. **Any relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning and current or historical significance. Also include why the proposed name is appropriate.**

**ALL CNMI HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS
ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE**



DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2023

**WINNING NAMES WILL BE
SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD
OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES FOR
OFFICIAL DESIGNATION.**



Information & Registration

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marianatrench@fws.gov*

CONTEST RULES

Description:

Each entry must be composed of a proposed name and a description (on the entry form). All must meet the requirements below.

Eligibility:

All CNMI students in grades 9 through 12. Students may participate as a team.

Requirements:

1. One entry per student or group.
2. Proposed name .
3. A description of no more than 100 words must accompany the name entry (space provided on the entry form). Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why the proposed name is appropriate and add a personal connection to the name.
4. Each name entry must adhere to the following naming principles:
 - Indigenous language names are preferred (Chamorro or Carolinian)
 - Names will be short and descriptive and associated with the Marianas or specific feature

Competition Process:

A cultural working group panel will review all entries and select semi-finalist names. Entries will be judged on the creativity, description, and relevancy to the theme.

Entry Form:

This year we are accepting entries electronically or through delivery to the contact station. As always, there should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form + description) must be submitted electronically or hand delivered no later than March 31, 2023.



Hand-deliver entries (entry form + description) to
School Administration Office or
Mariana Trench MNM
American Memorial Park
Micro Beach Road
Garapan, Saipan



Submitting Entries Electronically

Email your entry (entry form + description) to:
marianatrench@fws.gov.

ENTRY FORM

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Student First and Last Name: _____

Grade Level: _____ Age: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name (or home school): _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State/Territory: _____ Zip code: _____

School/Teacher Phone #: (____) _____

Teacher Email Address: _____

Please ensure accuracy as this information will be used to contact winners.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Address: _____

City: _____ State/Territory: _____ Zip code: _____

Parent Phone #: (____) _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Proposed Name:

Description _____

PLEASE READ

Submission of this entry implies permission to use the student's name (first name and last initial) in materials announcing results of the contest and in any use by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in their publications and website.

Check here if you **do not permit** use of the student's name (first names and last initials) and school in the above-mentioned items.

Please note that entries will not be returned.