

the Houston Museum of natural science

Official Contest Rules

Official Contest Rules

The “*If I Ran a Science Museum...*” contest (the “Giveaway”) is intended for play and participation in the State of Texas only and shall be construed and evaluated according to the laws of the State of Texas. Please do not enter if you do not reside in Texas.

1. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. ODDS OF WINNING DO NOT CHANGE WITH PURCHASE. OPEN ONLY TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF TEXAS WHO ARE EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

2. ADMINISTRATOR: The Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Drive, Houston, TX 77030.

3. TO ENTER: The Contest begins at 12:01 AM CST on April 20th, 2009. Entries must be received by 11:59 PM CST December 31st, 2009. The administrator's computer is the official time keeping device for the Giveaway. There are two (2) ways to enter the Giveaway. (1) Visit <http://100.hmns.org> (microsite) and submit an answer to phrase: “If I ran a science museum...” or (2) send a postcard with your name, email address, mailing address, phone number and answer (max 200 characters) to HMNS (care of Erin Blatzer) – If I Ran a Science Museum Contest, One Hermann Circle Drive, Houston, TX 77030.

This Giveaway will be administered by the Houston Museum of Natural Science (“Administrator”). The Administrator is not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate entry information or for late, lost, stolen, illegible, mutilated, delayed, misdirected, postage-due or incomplete entries.

Limitation for entries: Participants are limited to one (1) Giveaway entry per person per email address per day during the Promotion Period. Any attempt by any participant to obtain more than the stated number of entries by using multiple/different email addresses, identities, registrations, or any other methods will void that participant's entries and that participant may be disqualified. Use of any automated system to participate is prohibited and will result in disqualification. Finally, participants are limited to one (1) mail in postcard entry per household. All entries become property of Administrator and will not be returned. Administrator is not responsible for computer system or phone line errors, software/hardware malfunctions, or other errors, failures or delays in transmissions that are human or technical in nature. Entries must include a valid email address. In the event of a dispute, the prize will be awarded to the registered owner of the designated email address.

4. PRIZES: Grand Prize – One (1) winner from the HMNS’ “If I ran a science museum...” giveaway will win one (1) 8GB iPod Touch, four (4) tickets to the Museum Permanent Exhibit Halls, four (4) tickets to the Cockrell Butterfly Center and four (4) tickets to the Burke Baker Planetarium and one (1) Voyager Membership. Second Prize – Ten (10) second prize winners will each receive One (1) family membership to the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Odds of winning are based on the total number of eligible entries. All applicable taxes on all of the above prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.

5. PROMOTION PERIOD: The Giveaway Contest begins at 12:01 AM CST on April 20, 2009. Entries must be received by 11:59 PM CST December 31, 2009.

6. AWARDING OF PRIZE: Second Prize winners be determined by the audience at the microsite and will be the top 10 most-voted entries. The Grand Prize winner will be determined by a panel of HMNS staff members conducted by Administrator on or after the following date: January 8th, 2010 and whose decision is final in all matters. Winners will be notified via email using the email address that was submitted by the registrant within one (1) day of the decision. All prizes must be picked up in-person at Administrator’s office during normal business hours within two (2) days of the judging.

the Houston Museum of natural science

Official Contest Rules

7. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Giveaway is open to legal residents of the State of Texas, 18 years of age and older at the time of entry. You do not have to be a Houston Museum of Natural Science customer to enter. Employees of Administrator, their subsidiaries, affiliates, and advertising/promotional agencies, and the immediate families and household members of such persons are not eligible to win. By entering this Giveaway, you as a participant agree to be bound by these Official Rules and you certify that you have complied with all requirements stated herein.

8. **RELEASE:** By participating in this Giveaway, each participant agrees to release and hold harmless Administrator, Promotional Partners and their affiliate companies, and each of their respective directors, employees and agents, including without limitation their advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability for injuries, loss or damage arising from or incurred from participating in this Giveaway, or from the use, misuse or acceptance of any prize, or any travel in connection therewith. Administrator is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether such errors are caused by typographical errors, postal errors, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of entries in the Giveaway. If, for any reason, the Giveaway is not capable of running as planned, including tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, or any other causes beyond the control of Administrator, which affects the administration, security, fairness, or integrity of this promotion, Administrator at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Giveaway. Winner must agree to sign a release form. Promotional Partners or manufacturers of prizes do not sponsor or have any responsibility for this promotion.

9. **PRIZE RESTRICTIONS:** Except where prohibited, participation in the Giveaway constitutes winner's consent to Administrator's and its agent's use of winner's name, likeness, photograph, voice, opinions and/or hometown and state for promotional purposes in any media, worldwide, without further payment, compensations, or consideration, except where prohibited by law. Prizes may not be substituted, transferred or redeemed for cash except at the sole discretion of Administrator. In case of unavailability, Administrator reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Prize winners are solely responsible for any and all taxes associated with the prizes.

10. **VERIFICATION OF POTENTIAL WINNERS:** Potential winners must continue to comply with all terms and conditions of these Official Rules. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements. The potential Giveaway winners will be notified by email after the date of the decision. The potential Giveaway winners will be required to sign and return to Administrator, within two (2) days of the date notice is sent, an affidavit of eligibility, and liability/publicity release (except where prohibited) in order to claim his/her prize if applicable.