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Dear colleagues!

The Federal Agency for Subsoil Use and the Government of the Republic of Bashkortostan will host the IV International Geological Championship "GeoChallenge" (hereinafter referred as the Championship) from August 28 - September 9, 2026 in Ufa.

The primary objective of the Championship is to promote geological careers, enhance the professional skills of future geologists, and foster collaboration between geology students and potential employers.

The Championship program encompasses geological competitions, sporting and cultural activities, educational excursions and workshops. The Championship also offers participants opportunities to complete internships with leading Russian mining and exploration companies, and to meet and share expertise with prominent professionals in the geological sector.

In 2025, the II International Geological Championship "GeoChallenge" welcomed 266 students from 17 countries: Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Uzbekistan, Republic of Kazakhstan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Mozambique, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Zimbabwe, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, State of Palestine, Mongolia, Republic of South Africa, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Burkina Faso.

We cordially invite your country's team to participate in the Championship. Each country may send one team of 6 members: 5 student participants (1st-3rd year university students or 3rd-4th year college students) and one team supervisor (faculty member).

Accommodation, meals, and transportation between Championship venues will be provided by the organizers. Participants are responsible for their own travel costs and baggage fees.

**Attachments:**

- Championship Program;
- Application for participation in the Championship;
- Championship Brochure.

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**List of countries invited to the IV International Geological Championship "GeoChallenge"**

1. Russian Federation
2. Republic of Mozambique
3. People's Republic of China
4. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
5. Republic of Guinea
6. Republic of Zimbabwe
7. Republic of Ghana
8. Republic of South Africa
9. Mongolian People's Republic
10. Algerian People's Democratic Republic
11. Burkina Faso
12. Republic of Belarus
13. Republic of Uzbekistan
14. Republic of Iraq
15. Republic of Kazakhstan
16. State of Palestine
17. Arab Republic of Egypt
18. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
19. Mexican United States
20. Republic of Chile
21. Uruguay
22. Republic of Paraguay
23. Plurinational State of Bolivia
24. Argentine Republic
25. Islamic Republic of Iran
26. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
27. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
28. Republic of Serbia
29. Kyrgyz Republic
30. Republic of Tajikistan
31. Socialist Republic of Vietnam
32. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
33. Republic of Iraq
34. Republic of Guinea-Bissau
35. Republic of Sierra Leone
36. Syrian Arab Republic
37. Sultanate of Oman

**Application**

\_\_\_\_\_ sends a team  
(full name of country)  
to participate in the IV International Geological Championship «GeoChallenge»  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of educational institutions, faculty(es) and team name)

Team leader

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name, position, e-mail address, phone number)

When you submit an application for participation in the Championship, you confirm the accuracy of the information provided in the application and give your consent to the Organizers in accordance with the Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated July 27, 2006 № 152-FZ to process the provided personal data, their transfer to third parties.

**The Program**  
**of the IV International Geological Championship**  
**“GeoVyzov” (“GeoChallenge”)**  
**August 28 - September 9, 2026,**  
**Republic of Bashkortostan, Russian Federation**

The early arrival of foreign teams is possible	<b>August 27-28</b>
<b>Day 0</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “Hello, Bashkortostan, the geological capital of the world!!!”</b> ANO DO Military-patriotic Park of the Republic of Bashkortostan “Patriot” named after Hero of the Russian Federation M.V. Serafimov (Park Patriot)
During the day	Arrival and accommodation of teams
During the day	Registration of teams, issuance of uniforms and souvenirs. Registration of personal applications for participation in the competition and contest program
15.00–18.30	Team draw in the form of a quest
19.00–20.00	Dinner
20.00–23.00	Presentation of the teams participating in the competition (video) (Park Patriot dining hall). An evening of acquaintances by the fire
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “GeoChallenge – Territory of Friendship”</b> Park Patriot – State Concert Hall of Bashkortostan – City tour– Park Patriot
7.30–8.30	Breakfast. Teams gathering for the opening ceremony
9.00–10.00	Moving to the State Concert Hall of Bashkortostan (under discussion)
10.00–12.00	<b>Opening ceremony of the Championship</b>
12.00–13.00	Lunch (under discussion)
13.00–17.00	<b>City tour.</b> Each bus has a tour guide, volunteers with each foreign team
17.00–18.00	Transfer of all teams to their place of residence (Park Patriot)
19.30–20.30	Dinner
20.30–21.00	Consultation of participants by Referee Board for the competition “Palaeontology”, venue – assembly hall in the main building
21.00–22.00	Consultation of participants by Referee Board for the competition “Radiometry”, venue – assembly hall in the main building
20.30–23.00	Leisure program
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “From Theory to Practice”</b> Park Patriot chamber and field competitions
8.00–8.30	Morning exercises
8.30–9.30	Breakfast
10.00–12.50	<b>Competition “Radiometry”</b> (2 persons from each team), venue – in the field outside the Patriot Park
10.00–11.00	Consultation of participants by the Referee Board for the competition “Mineralogy and petrography”, venue – assembly hall in the main building
10.00–12.00	<b>Competition “Palaeontology”</b> (1 person from each team), venue – auditoriums in the main building
13.00–14.00	Lunch
14.30–18.00	<b>Competition “Radiometry”</b> (continuation), venue – in the field outside the Patriot Park
15.00–17.00	<b>Competition “Mineralogy and petrography”</b> (1 person from each team), venue: auditoriums in the main building
18.30–19.30	Consultation of participants by the Referee Board for the competitions “Geological route”, “Schlich sampling”, and “Hydrogeology” and all participants undergo safety training and sign the safety log; venue: assembly hall and auditoriums in the main

	building
20.00–21.00	Dinner
21.00–23.00	Leisure activities
During the day	Summing up the results by the Referee Board
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: "A Billion Years of Geological History"</b> Park Patriot – Assy Sanatorium (Beloretsk region) – Kalkan Lake (Uchaly Region)
6.00–6.30	Breakfast in the form of a dry ration on the bus
7.00	Departure for an excursion (all teams and free referees). In each bus – a tour guide (explanations during the trip), volunteers with each foreign team
11.00–14.00	<b>Excursion to the unique geological objects around Assy Sanatorium</b>
14.00–15.00	Lunch on the go (Assy Sanatorium)
15.00–19.00	Transfer to the camp at Kalkan Lake
19.00–20.00	Accommodation
20.00–21.00	Dinner
21.00–21.45	Lecture "Geological structure of the Southern Trans-Urals (Uchaly region of the Bashkortostan Republic)"
21.45–22.30	Repeated consultations of participants by the Referee Board on the competition program of the next day: "Geological route", "Schlich sampling", and "Hydrogeology"
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: "Field methods are the basis of all geological constructions"</b> Kalkan Lake (Uchaly region of the Bashkortostan Republic)
7.00–8.00	Breakfast
8.00–8.30	Transfer to the venue of the competitions "Geological Route" and "Hydrogeology"
9.00–16.00	<b>Competition "Geological Route"</b> (3 people from each team)
9.00–16.00	<b>Competition "Schlich sampling"</b> (1 person from each team)
9.00–16.00	<b>Competition "Hydrogeology"</b> (2 people from each team)
16.00–16.30	Transfer to the camp from the venue of the competitions "Geological Route" and "Hydrogeology"
13.00–17.00	Lunch
18.00–20.00	<b>Competition "Testing on basics of geological knowledge"</b> (1 person from each team, Consultation before the Competition), venue: under discussion
20.30–21.30	Dinner
21.30–22.30	Leisure activities
During the day	Summing up the results by the Referee Board
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: "Earth Mineral Resources is our heritage"</b> Kalkan Lake – geological sites of the Uchaly district of Bashkortostan – Kalkan Lake
8.00–9.00	Breakfast
9.00	Departure for an excursion (all teams and free referees). In each bus – a tour guide (explanations during the trip), volunteers with each foreign team. At geological sites – geologists-tour guides
10.00–18.00	<b>Excursion to the unique geological sites of the Uchaly district of Bashkortostan</b>
14.00–15.00	Lunch in the field (under discussion)
18.00–20.00	Transfer to the camp on Kalkan Lake
20.30–21.30	Supper
21.30–22.30	Consultations of participants by members of the Referee Board on the competition programs "Geochemistry" and "Crystallography". Leisure program
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: "From geochemical aureoles to mineral deposits"</b> Kalkan Lake (Uchaly Region) – Park Patriot
6.00–6.30	Breakfast in the form of a dry ration on the bus
7.00	Departure to Park Patriot. Each bus has a tour guide (explanations during the trip), volunteers with each foreign team
14.00–15.00	Lunch
17.00–19.00	<b>Competition "Geochemistry"</b> (two persons by team), venue – auditoriums in the main building
17.00–19.00	<b>Competition "Crystallography"</b> (one person by team),

	venue – auditoriums in the main building
19.30–20.30	Dinner
21.30–22.30	Consultation of participants by the Referee Board for the competition “Field Camping”, venue – dining hall
21.00–21.30	Consultation of participants by the Referee Board for the competition “Oil and Gas”, venue – assembly hall in the main building
21.30–22.00	Consultation of participants by the Referee Board for the competition “Geological section”, venue – assembly hall in the main building
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “The riches of the subsoil of my country!”</b> Park Patriot chamber competitions
8.00–8.30	Morning exercises
8.30–9.30	Breakfast
10.00–12.50	<b>Competition “Field Camping”</b> (4 people from each team), venue – in the field outside the Patriot Park
10.00–12.00	<b>Competition “Geological section”</b> (1 person from each team), venue: auditoriums in the main building
13.00–14.00	Lunch
14.30–18.00	<b>Competition “Field Camping”</b> (continuation), venue – in the field outside the Patriot Park
14.30–16.30	<b>Competition “Oil and Gas”</b> (2 persons from each team), venue: auditoriums in the main building
19.00–20.00	Dinner
20.00–22.00	Leisure activities
During the day	Summing up the results by the Referee Board.
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “Natural Park “Muradymovo Gorge”: Devonian, Carboniferous, Caves and bison”</b> Park Patriot – Muradymovo Gorge (Kugarchi region of Bashkortostan Republic) – Park Patriot
6.00	Breakfast in the form of dry rations on buses
6.00	Departure for an excursion (all teams and free referees) In each bus – a tour guide (explanations during the trip), volunteers with each foreign team
11.00–17.0	<b>Excursion to the Muradymovo Gorge</b>
14.00–15.00	Lunch (under discussion)
17.00–22.00	Transfer to Park Patriot, dry rations on buses
22.00–23.00	Supper
During the day	Summing up the results by the Referee Board
<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “The impossible is possible”</b> Park Patriot
8.00–8.30	Morning Exercises
8.30–9.30	Breakfast
10.00–14.00	<b>Race of Heroes</b>
14.00–15.00	Lunch
15.30–18.30	<b>Awarding by types of competitions</b>
19.00–20.00	Dinner
19.00–23.00	Leisure activities. Farewell evening by the fire
During the day	Summing up the results by the Referee Board
<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Slogan of the day: “Geology without borders”</b> Park Patriot
8.00–9.00	Breakfast
10.00–12.30	<b>Closing ceremony of the Championship (Patriot Park).</b> Awarding of participants for overall team places. Distribution of letters of thanks, certificates of participants.
13.00–14.00	Lunch
after 14.00	Departure