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Australia's Top Geography Students Treated to Sydney Harbour Adventure

This weekend Australia's top geography students were treated to a Sydney Harbour adventure exploring its waterways, islands and the maritime village of Chowder Bay, before heading to Taronga Zoo today to compete in the Final of the 2008 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition for a chance to represent Australia in the prestigious international competition, the National Geographic World Championship.

The Finalists' Sydney Harbour adventure included a sea rafting expedition; snorkelling to view a sea horse colony; an orienteering exercise on Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour's largest island; and a guided tour of Harbour Defence fortifications that until recently have been hidden away for over 100 years.

These unique activities and the accommodation for the geography students on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour was provided by highly regarded outdoor education company, **Land's Edge Sydney Harbour**.

On Saturday evening the Finalists enjoyed a trip in a water taxi to Circular Quay for dinner before heading to the Sydney Opera House for a breathtaking performance of the record-breaking stage adaptation of *Edward Scissorhands*, directed and choreographed by the multi award-winning Matthew Bourne.

This morning each Finalist will be asked seven rounds of geography questions that test their knowledge of people, places and environments, in Australia and around the world.

Good luck to all involved!

The Australian Geography Competition is an initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, proudly sponsored by National Geographic Channel.

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