

# AIC Jr. Winners

The UAF Arctic Innovation Competition decided to branch out this year, creating a junior division for ages 17 and under. Twenty-eight young innovators, ages 7 to 17, submitted their ideas.

The following were the top 3 ideas chosen to present at the final competition:



## 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$500

**Matthew Velderrain**  
12 years old

### **The Thermal Suit**

A snowsuit with face mask, gloves, and snow boots which is also heated by thermal wires.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$300

**Tristan Walker**  
12 years old

### **Tropicalski**

Hand-warming ski poles and insulated gloves. The ski poles would contain a heating element and would work with specially-designed gloves.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$200

**James Burrow**  
8 years old

### **James's World**

A car game with a multi-level game board. Each level contains different terrains and events. Includes special ability and action cards.

**Thank you to all the AIC Jr. competitors.**

We look forward to a promising future full of innovation thanks to the creative, young thinkers like those who presented at the Arctic Innovation Competition, Jr.

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