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## **Applications Invited for Project ESTEEM**

Project ESTEEM (Earth Science Teachers Exploring Exemplary Materials) will hold another summer workshop for teachers at Harvard University's Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 3-26, 1992. The goal of Project ESTEEM is to develop a nation-wide network of earth-science resource agents to promote an increase in activity-based teaching in American schools. Forty earth-science teachers from across the U.S. will be selected to participate.

During the summer workshop, participants will examine and refine existing earth-science activities, present mini-workshops to other participants and receive content updates from recognized experts in the earth-science field. Following completion of the summer program, participants will present workshops for other teachers in their home areas,

states or regions.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- experience in teaching earth science at the pre-college level,

 a record of involvement with science and/or science teaching organizations,

- experience in conducting workshops for teachers,

- evidence of creativity in developing earth-science teaching materials,
- letters of support and recommendation from school administrators,

- familiarity with Apple or MacIntosh computers.

To obtain more information or an application, contact Dr. Darrel Hoff, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 60 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138, ph. (617) 495-9798.

## Flinn Scientific Offers Chemistry Demonstrations

Flinn Scientific is offering, free to educators, a series of demonstrations and experiments called Chem Fax. Chem Fax are designed to excite students' interest in chemistry and physical science while teach-

ing them basic chemistry concepts.

Three demonstrations are currently available. The first describes how to make ink "disappear" by manipulating the pH of a solution containing an indicator sensitive to pH changes. The second describes how to prepare "canned heat" by mixing calcium acetate and alcohol. In the third experiment, students can make a copper-coated test tube by means of a redox reaction in which  $Cu^{2+}$  (aq) is reduced to metallic Cu (s).

To receive copies of Chem Fax experiments, write to Free Chem Fax Demonstration/Experiments, Flinn Scientific, Inc., P.O. Box 219, Batavia, IL 60510.

-J.M.H.