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SCIENCE NOTES

Program for Leadership in Earth Systems Education Workshops

The Program for Leadership in Earth Systems Education (PLESE) has announced its 1992 Summer Workshop program. The program will serve groups of teachers at two sites, Ohio State University in Columbus and the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

PLESE seeks to reach teachers through teachers. Participants are selected as teams consisting of a high school teacher (usually an earth science teacher), a middle school teacher and an upper elementary teacher. The teachers are usually from the same local area but different school districts. All three teachers attend a three-week summer leadership workshop in which they prepare to become leaders in Earth Systems Education. In addition, a school administrator and a faculty member of a college or university near the teachers' school district serve on the teaching team and attend a two-day session during the last week of the workshop.

PLESE teaching teams learn about changes in the Earth System from leading scientists involved in global change research, use a K-12 Earth Systems Framework to identify and develop instructional materials about Planet Earth and plan local Earth Systems Education workshops to be held during the following school year.

PLESE participants receive a stipend, travel, food and lodging expenses and graduate credit for successful completion of the program as well as the opportunity to present at least two local or state workshops during the following school year. The project newsletter, *PLESE Note*, and an electronic bulletin board system keep participants aware of developments. College and administrator liaisons receive travel, food and lodging for attendance at the two-day meeting during the workshop.

The eastern program center (Ohio) will serve teaching teams from the southeastern United States (Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) and will hold its workshop from July 13 through August 3. The western program center (Colorado) will serve teaching teams from the midcontinent states (Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas) and will have a workshop from June 14 through July 3.

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