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Duracell NSTA Scholarship Competition

Students wishing to compete for \$30,000 in scholarships may enter the 1992 Duracell NSTA Scholarship Competition. Sponsored by Duracell U.S.A. and administered by the National Science Teachers Association, the competition offers students in grades nine through twelve an opportunity to win up to \$10,000 in college scholarships.

To enter the competition, each student must design and build a working device powered by Duracell batteries. To qualify, each entry must include a descriptive two-page essay, wiring diagram and photos of the device accompanied by a completed Official Entry Form. The actual device should not be sent with the initial entry.

Devices should perform a practical function such as make life easier, educate, entertain, serve as a warning device, provide light or make sounds.

One first place award of a \$10,000 scholarship will be given, as well as five second place awards (\$3,000 scholarships), ten third place awards (\$500 scholarships) and 25 cash awards of \$100 each. The top six winners and their parents or teacher/sponsors will be flown to Houston, Texas, for an awards banquet to be held during the 40th NSTA National Convention in March 1992. The teachers of the top six winners will receive personal computers. Everyone entering the competition will receive a free gift from Duracell U.S.A.

For more information or to obtain Official Entry Forms, contact the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition, National Science Teachers Association, 1742 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009. Entries must be received by January 17, 1992.

--S.A.A.

Eagle Watching Tours

The Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau will help individuals or organizations make arrangements to watch the bald eagles that can be seen around the locks and dams in the area from mid-December through February.

In addition, Bald Eagle Appreciation Days will be held the first weekend in February at the Quad Cities Conservation Alliance Expo Center in Rock Island, Illinois. Indoor programs connected with the event will include hourly seminars featuring live eagles, lectures, exhibits and films. Outdoor observation areas equipped with spotting scopes and staffed by biologists will also be open to visitors.

For more information or to organize a trip, contact the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, Attn: Joe Taylor, 1900 3rd Ave., P.O. Box 3097, Rock Island, IL 61201, ph. 1-800-747-7800.

--J.M.H.