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## Science Notes - Summer Camps for Students

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## **Lantz Summer Awards for Graduate Study in the Sciences**

The College of Natural Sciences of the University of Northern Iowa has announced the availability of financial awards to pay tuition costs of graduate study in the fields of biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, general science and science education during the 1990 Summer Session.

To be eligible, students must have been admitted to graduate study with degree status. Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship and potential for success in graduate study.

Awardees must carry a program of five to eight credit hours during the summer session. Approximately four awards are expected to be made. The application deadline is April 30; awards will be announced on May 12. Further information and application forms may be obtained from Roy H. Saigo, College of Natural Sciences, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614, ph. (319) 273-2585.

## **Summer Camps for Students**

The Iowa Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring several summer programs for students. Included in the offerings are SpaceShip Earth Camp, Invaders of the Darkness and Hard Rock Camp.

SpaceShip Earth Camp is open to students ages 9 through 12. It will simulate a group of extraterrestrials (namely, the student campers) landing on Earth in search of a planet for colonization. As part of the experience, students will take data on Earth's water, air, soil, plant and wildlife resources. The camp runs July 18-21 at the Iowa 4-H Education and Natural Resources Center near Madrid and costs \$65.

Students ages 12 through 14 may participate in the Invaders-of-the-Darkness Camp. Students will reverse their days and nights (sleeping during the day and being "out and about" at night) to learn about animals that are active at night and to experience the starry sky. Also held at the Iowa 4-H Education and Natural Resources Center, the camp runs July 29 through August 3 and costs \$103.

Hard Rock Camp is for students ages 12 through 14 and runs August 1-4 at the 4-H Center. In this geology-based camp, students will collect and identify common rocks and fossils, learn to rock climb and learn how Ledges State Park was formed. Also featured will be lessons on orienteering and star constellations. Cost for this camp is \$65 and all campers will receive a Hard Rock Camp T-shirt.

For more information on these and other Iowa Extension camps, contact the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50010.

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