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Science Notes - Natural History Potpourri Workshop

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Top Science and Mathematics Teachers Honored

The White House has announced the 1989 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Across the country, 112 dedicated and talented junior high, middle and senior high school science and mathematics teachers were selected to receive the awards. In Iowa, the recipients were Earl Ockenga (mathematics) of Malcolm Price Laboratory School, Cedar Falls, and Floyd F. Sturtevant (science) of Ames High School, Ames.

In order to be eligible for the awards, teachers must have spent at least five years teaching science or mathematics in a public or private middle, junior or senior high school. Recipients are given expense-paid trips to Washington, DC, where they are honored at a Department of State banquet and at a National Academy of Sciences reception. They are also invited to participate in an honors workshop and are able to meet with various leaders in American education. In addition, each teacher's school receives a \$7500 National Science Foundation grant to spend under the Presidential Award recipient's discretion.

For more information about the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching, contact John M. Fowler, NSTA Special Projects, 5112 Berwyn Road (3rd Floor), College Park, MD 20740.

Natural History Potpourri Workshop

Teachers have indicated a need for a week-long workshop dealing with basic natural history topics such as trees, prairie flowers, birds, pond animals and rocks. These topics will be explored via field trips, classroom presentations and application activities during week-long workshops to be presented at the Iowa Conservation Education Center at Springbrook State Park near Guthrie Center, Iowa. The beginning dates for the workshops are June 3 and June 17. Activities will begin on Sunday evening and culminate on Friday afternoon.

The schedule is designed to provide ample time for field trips and individual exploration of the natural communities of Springbrook and the surrounding area. One hour of graduate credit will be awarded by the University of Northern Iowa for successful completion of the week's activities. Stipends from Iowa REAP funds will cover most of the cost of tuition, food and lodging.

Additional information and registration forms may be obtained from Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel through the Office of Continuing Education, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614. Registrations are limited but a letter requesting registration for a specified week and a \$30 deposit check will place your name on the reservation list.

--C.W.B