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SCIENCE NOTES

Special Opportunity for Elementary Science Teachers

This spring, a unique opportunity will present itself when the National Science Teachers Association convention is held in Atlanta, April 5-8. The NSTA Convention Planning Committee is developing a special program that will help meet the needs of elementary teachers. The first National Elementary Science Day will be held on Friday, April 6, during the convention. An entire day of special events, sessions, exhibits and social activities will be provided especially for K-8 teachers.

The morning will begin with a motivating speaker who will help participants get the most out of their Elementary Science Day. The day will continue with more than 160 hands-on workshops, demonstrations, panels and speakers. Following lunch, participants may choose to browse through the exhibit hall or attend other exciting workshops and demonstrations. The day will end with a review of ideas on how to implement Elementary Science Day activities in the classroom, followed by a wine and cheese reception to share experiences and network with new friends.

You Can Still Be a Presenter at the NSTA National Convention

A companion to the Elementary Science Day is the annual Council for Elementary Science International "CESI Meet, Greet, Make and Take" workshop. This popular convention session provides a wide variety of activities and ideas for teaching science in the elementary classroom. The setting of this workshop is informal. Presenters station themselves around the room as the participants move freely from station to station, learning about the activities, constructing instructional materials and discussing how they might incorporate these new ideas in their teaching.

Presenters prepare a one- or two-page activity sheet. They also provide any materials needed to conduct the activity. The focus is on inexpensive activities since participants take the activity sheet and completed materials back to their classrooms as models. CESI would like to invite *you* to get involved by becoming a presenter.

For more information or to reserve a space at this year's "CESI Meet, Greet, Make and Take" contact Carol Collins and Jim Marshall, CESI Workshop Coordinators, College of Education, EDU 308, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620, ph. (813) 974-3533. Deadline for reservations is February 15, 1990.