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SCIENCE NOTES

The Tropical Rain Forest: An Environmental Issue Workshop

Phase III monies may be available to K-12 teachers who plan now to attend the October 27-29 workshop on the Tropical Rain Forest. Teachers must obtain information from their local school district.

The program will provide participants with background information needed to develop a short case study on the Tropical Rain Forest. Environmental issues associated with the Rain Forest Ecosystem will be identified and training will be given in citizen action skills designed to deal with issues. The workshop assignment will be to write up a mini-case study as developed with students and report on the success of the teaching experience.

The workshop will be held at Forest Lake Camp near Bloomfield, Iowa, with sessions beginning on Friday at 5 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Reports on the success of teaching the mini-case study will be given at an evening session, the date of which will be determined by the participants. The total cost for the program is \$128. This includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, lodging, registration and tuition for one hour of graduate workshop credit from the University of Northern Iowa. The number of registrants is limited and early registration is encouraged.

Teachers from all grade levels, K through 12, are encouraged to take part in this experimental mini-case study approach to teaching action skills for environmental issues. For more information and registration materials, write Continuing Education and Special Programs or Dr. Carl Bollwinkel, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0421 or phone 1-800-772-1746.

--C.W.B.

Action Skills for Science-Related Societal Issues

An opportunity for teacher involvement in a curriculum development and training program is part of a proposal now being written.

As proposed, the program will provide for:

- involvement of teachers of grades four through nine
- development of case studies based on environmental issues
- training in action skills for dealing with issues
- content training in ecology and geology
- stipends and free tuition for teachers
- graduate hours providing a major part of a master's degree
- a supported dissemination program

If you would like to be the first to know when this program is funded, send a paper with the word "Issues" and your name, address, school name and grade level to Dr. Carl W. Bollwinkel, Price Laboratory School, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.