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Plans Underway for 1987 NEWMAST Workshops

The National Science Teachers Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are again

jointly sponsoring the NEWMAST Honors Workshops Program.

NEWMAST is an educational program which provides outstanding math and science teachers an opportunity to spend two weeks during the summer at a NASA center. There, they study the science and technology that goes into today's airplanes and space science and have the chance to interact with NASA scientists and engineers.

All science and math teachers in both public and private schools are eligible for nomination to the program. A nominee must have attained a reputation among his or her peers for motivating students and encouraging the attainment of excellence as well as significantly improving student understanding of mathematics and science. Nominees should also show evidence of continued interest and growth in their subject areas and in the science and artistry of teaching, and involvement in the professional responsibilities of their disciplines.

Teachers selected will attend one of several two-week workshops at a NASA center during July and August 1987. The participants will be provided with travel. housing and a per diem living stipend. For more information and nomination packages, write to NEWMAST, NSTA, 1742 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Wash-

ington, DC 20009. Nominations must be received by April 15, 1987.

New Regional Science Fair

The first South Central Iowa Science and Engineering Fair (SCISEF) will be held at Simpson College on March 28, 1987. The two top high school exhibitors at this regional competition will earn trips to the International Science and Engineering Fair in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May, as well as \$500 college scholarships.

Second and third place winners will receive scholarships. Other special awards, prizes and participation medals will be given in both junior high (grades

7-8) and high school divisions.

Individuals are encouraged to participate in local and conference science fairs before entering SCISEF, but such prior participation is not required. Participants in this fair also may exhibit at the Hawkeye Science Fair in Des Moines on April 3-4 if they wish, but are not eligible to participate in other regional fairs.

SCISEF is a recognized and approved science fair. Standard science fair rules, as required by Science Service at the International Science Fair, will be employed. Entry forms, certification forms, and fair booklets are available upon request from SCISEF Director, Carver Science Hall, Simpson College, Indianola, IA 50125-1264, (ph. 515-961-1494 or 515-961-1501).