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SCIENCE NOTES

Manitou State Preserve and an overnight trip to the Loess Hills Recreation Area provided opportunities to observe landforms, habitats and organisms not available near Lakeside Lab.

Habitats on the laboratory grounds provided a wealth of potential research problems for class members. After an initial question-asking and question-refinement activity, students carried out investigations on such diverse topics as night vs. day activity of the jumping mouse, the effect of galls on the vigor of Canada goldenrod, and the effect of herbicide treatment on prairie plants. Time was made available during the five-week course for data collection and analysis. Research reports were prepared and oral presentations given.

The 1986 summer course will be given at Lakeside Laboratory by the same teachers. Details on registration, scholarships and other information are available from Dr. Richard Bovbjerg, Department of Biology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52244 or from the authors.

— *Paul Christiansen, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA 52314, and Richard Lampe, Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, IA 50588.*

National Youth World of Water Awards

The National Marine Educators Association (NMEA), a professional organization of educators representing all levels and disciplines of education, in conjunction with the Marine Technology Society, announces the third annual *National Youth World of Water Awards*.

Students in grades 9-12 during the 1985-86 academic year who are winners in local, state, national or international science fair competitions are eligible to submit their marine or aquatic science projects for consideration. Twenty high school science fair projects, representing the best in marine or aquatic research at their respective levels, will be selected by a team of eminent scientists and educators for this special recognition.

Winners of the student competition will be invited with their teachers to make poster presentations of their winning projects at the National Youth Conference on Marine and Aquatic Science and at the OCEANS '86 Conference and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Sept. 23-25, 1986. These conferences offer students who have been recognized for their excellence to meet with educators and scientists who can share their expertise.

The deadline for entries is May 1. Students and teachers should contact their Science Fair Directors for more information.

— *K.L.C.*