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SCIENCE NOTES

Astronomy Resource Guide Available

A guide to instructional materials for teaching astronomy has been published by the Astronomy Education Materials Network. The 1985 *Astronomy Education Materials Resource Guide* is available for \$7.50 (includes shipping, handling and postage).

The Astronomy Education Materials Network has been designed to inform school and non-school educators of the existence of non-commercially developed materials, and to provide an opportunity to contribute to the dissemination and exchange process. Astronomy education materials such as the following are again being solicited for an updated 1986 *Resource Guide*: lesson activities, locally developed curricula, instructional modules, lab and field activities, assessment instruments, slide and video tape presentations, films, games, simulations, planetarium lessons and labs, computer simulations, and descriptions of instructional strategies which will help provide principal components of an activity oriented astronomy curriculum.

Guidelines for the submission of materials have been established as follows:

1. Materials must be easily used at other facilities without major investments and modifications.
2. Developers of materials must be willing to disseminate materials at cost direct to the purchaser.
3. Each potential submission to the network must be accompanied by a materials submission form with all items completed.
4. One complementary copy of all materials must be submitted with the submission form to establish a clearinghouse for the astronomy education materials. Materials not used will be returned.

In the fall of 1986 an *Astronomy Education Materials Resource Guide - Update* will be published which will provide listings describing all newly submitted materials and how they can be obtained. All persons submitting at least one entry will receive one copy sent free of charge. Otherwise, the *Resource Guide* will be available for a cost to be determined later.

The 1985 *Astronomy Education Materials Resource Guide* doubles the number of resources listed in the popular 1982 *Guide*. Sections are included on astronomy computer software, classroom lessons, laboratory activities, Halley's Comet materials, lesson planning resources and an index to astronomy education materials in ERIC. To obtain 200 pages of detailed descriptions of astronomy education resources write: 1985 Astronomy Resource Guide, West Virginia University Bookstores, College Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26506.

For further information, materials submission forms and submission of materials for the 1986 *Guide* write: Dennis Sunal, Astronomy Education Materials Network, 604 Allen Hall, WVU, P.O. Box 6122, Morgantown, WV 26506-6122.