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New Astronomy Newsletter

The Universe in the Classroom is a newsletter on teaching astronomy sponsored by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and the American Astronomical Society. The newsletter is written for teachers, librarians, youth group leaders and others interested in conveying the excitement of astronomy to young people. The first issue contains information and a listing of resources for the study of Halley's Comet which in Feb. 1986 will pass close enough to the earth to be observed.

The staffs of the two societies work together on the newsletter in consultation with an advisory board of scientists and educators. Their aim is to produce a publication which is useful to its recipients. By having a variety of features in each issue, they hope to serve both primary and secondary teachers. Both the experienced science teacher and the teacher whose background may be weak should find things of interest in each issue.

In order to receive free copies, write on school stationery to Astronomical Society of the Pacific, 1290 Twenty-fourth Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.

— C.W.B.

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A brochure is available which describes the summer programs at Audubon's four summer ecology camps in Wisconsin, Maine, Connecticut and Wyoming. The various sessions deal with natural history, ecology and environmental education. University credit is available for students and teachers. Emphasis is on field experience. Except for the youth and family sessions, campers come from all age groups above high school and from a broad spectrum of vocations. Audubon membership is not necessary for attendance.

If you wish to receive information, call or write National Audubon Society, North Midwest Regional Office, 330 City Place, 730 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Telephone (612) 375-9140.

— C.W.B.