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Science Notes - Student Experiments in Space

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SCIENCE NOTES

Student Experiments in Space

Ten student experiments have already flown on the space shuttle, and more are being readied for future flights as NSTA and NASA prepare to sponsor their fifth shuttle contest for student experiments.

To enter the contest, students should describe their space experiment in a 1000-word proposal prepared in accordance with the Space Shuttle Student Program guidance materials.

Up to 20 of the best proposals in each of 10 regions will be selected as regional winners. These winners and their teacher/advisers will participate, with all expenses paid, in symposia held at NASA centers next spring.

From the winning regional proposals, up to 10 national winners will be selected. These winners and their teachers/advisers will attend, with all expenses paid, a national symposium next summer.

Any student in a U.S. public, private, parochial, or U.S. overseas school in grades 9-12 can enter. Write for materials today:

Space Shuttle Program
National Science Teachers Assn.
1742 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009

The deadline for proposals is February 1, 1985.

— *NSTA Report, Oct. 1984*

NASA Workshops

This past summer, 200 selected science and mathematics teachers participated in NASA Educational Workshops for Mathematics and Science Teachers (NEWMAST). Sponsored by NSTA in cooperation with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and supported by the National Science Foundation, NEWMAST consisted of eight, two-week workshops conducted at NASA centers throughout the country. The workshops were designed so that these teachers would have a chance to interact with NASA scientists and engineers, learning about ongoing research and development in space science and technology as well as about specific programs currently taking place at each center. The teachers are expected to share the information they gained — including information about educational programs and materials available to schools through NASA — with other teachers in their districts.

Because NEWMAST was such a success in 1984, it will be repeated in the summer of 1985. If you are interested in participating in this program, write to:

Helenmarie Hofman
National Science Teachers Association
1742 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009

— *NSTA Report, Oct. 1984*