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Environmental Education Advisory Council

A voluntary organization in support of Environmental Education for New York

EEAC CONTINUES TO GROW

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The Environmental Education Advisory Council is a group of volunteer professionals in active support of environmental education in New York City. Formed as a direct result of the 1974 Mohonk Conference on Outdoor Education for New York City, the Council has grown to include over 200 individuals from the City's key educational institutions and organizations. Today over 40 groups are involved.

Since its formation, the EEAC has published three brochures: a report on the 1974 conference; The Art of Trip-Taking, a Guide to Day-Use Facilities In and Around New York City; and A Guide to Residential Facilities for Environmental Education In the New York Metropolitan Area. It has surveyed professional training programs offered in the City. EEAC also takes part in conferences and environmental fairs and offers environmental education training programs for teachers and administrators in school districts throughout the City.

The Council acts as a citywide clearing-house for environmental education information, providing an on-going forum for the exchange of ideas and methods. It strives to bring together and support existing environmental education programs in cooperative and complementary efforts in all five boroughs.

For members, EEAC offers a monthly newsletter featuring articles on the City's many exciting environmental education programs and upcoming events, periodic informational mailings, and citywide

conferences of environmental educators exploring the state of the art. Annual dues (covering the period from April 31 through May 1 of the following year) are \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to the Gateway Environmental Studies Center and mailed to Ruth Eilenberg at the Gateway Center which serves as our post office box.

EEAC offers the New York City educator:

- *new brochures and teaching materials on the whys and hows of environmental education in New York;
- *training workshops for teachers and school administrators alike;
- *consultation and assistance to teachers and school administrators on establishing environmental education programs in their school.

For further information on how EEAC can help you, contact Ray Pfortner of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Chairman of the Council, at 212-264-0719, or Bernard Kirschenbaum of the New York City Board of Education, a member of the Council's Steering Committee, at 852-0234.

NAEE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The seventh annual conference of the National Association for Environmental Education will be held April 30-May 2, 1978 in Chicago. The theme will be Energy and the Urban Environment. For info, write: NAEE, P.O. Box 560931, Miami, Fla. 33156.

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER FOR PROSPECT PARK

The Committee for a Prospect Park Environmental Center has been moving forward and expects the Center to be a reality by the summer. Interim space has been provided in Prospect Park pending the restoration of the Tennis House. The Committee invites inquiries from folk interested in the park and environmental education opportunities there. A second spring EEAC meeting is tentatively being planned for late May in or around Prospect Park. For information on the Center or upcoming meeting, contact: John Muir, MA2-7686.

SUN DAY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3rd

Sun Day is a first-time event being held nationally to call attention particularly to the promise of solar energy and to other alternative energy sources as well. The heart of the celebration in New York City will be an exhibit of solar technology at the Old Custom House Building in Lower Manhattan from May 3rd through May 6th. Plans also call for the production and distribution of an educational packet for the schools and various workshops and exhibits around the City. For further information on SUN DAY, contact the Sun Day Center at 697-5050.

If you would like to participate in a "fair within a fair" at the Custom House

that would be a joint exhibit with as many EEAC member groups as possible sharing space and staffing, contact Ray Pfortner at U.S.E.P.A. (212-264-0719).

EEAC TO AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Building on the experience of last year, June 5th will mark the sixth anniversary of the international Stockholm Conference on the Environment and global cooperation on environmental protection.

In New York City, a celebration is planned for Monday, June 5th at the United Nations. An all-day fair like last year's is planned for the preceding Saturday, June 3rd, but unlike last year's, it will take place at Rockefeller Center along with film festivals and workshops.

For further information on World Environment Day, contact the Sierra Club International at 867-0080.

To participate in an EEAC-sponsored "fair within the fair" at Rockefeller Center involving as many groups as possible, contact Ray Pfortner at U.S.E.P.A. (212-264-0719).

To contribute lead articles and news to this newsletter, contact Joan Edwards at Magnolia Tree Earth Center (756-2233). We need your help!

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