



Environmental Education Advisory Council

A voluntary organization in support of Environmental Education for New York

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The Environmental Education Advisory Committee (EEAC) is a group of volunteer professionals in active support of environmental education in New York City with the following goals:

1. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and methods among professionals in the environmental field;
2. to bring together and support existing programs for cooperation and complementary efforts;
3. to undertake, encourage, and/or facilitate further study of environmental education;
4. to advise the New York City Board of Education and other educational institutions in matters of environmental education;
5. to act as an advocate for the establishment of environmental educational programs;
6. to disseminate environmental education information; and
7. to be a catalyst for positive change in environmental education and environmental management.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

This message comes not from the desk but the chair of Bernard Kirschenbaum since I do my best thinking in a semi-reclining position.

I am pleased that this first newsletter of the year has reached you through the efforts of our editor, Lillian Lesser and contributing members. Most importantly, it serves the vital role of disseminating information related to EEAC and constituent member organization activities which you want to know about.

The program committee, chaired by Bob Finkelstein and Ruth Eilenberg has planned an exciting series of meetings and events for the months ahead. Check the calendar and plan to attend all of them. Every member is invited to attend Steering Committee meetings as well.

The effectiveness, indeed the strength, of EEAC is founded upon the active participation of the members. You will find a membership enrollment form elsewhere in the newsletter. If you haven't received your membership by now, please clip the form, complete the information required and forward with your check to Ruth Eilenberg. If you have joined, pass the form along to someone you think will be interested in becoming a member. We hope you will become active by joining and working on one or more committees. Contact the listed chairperson and you're included.

My best wishes to you & those you love for a Healthy, Happy New Year!

*Bernie*  
Bernard Kirschenbaum, Chairman

### EEAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 28 3:30 p.m.	Steering Committee	Con Edison 4 Irving Place New York, N.Y. 10003
February 2 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Environmental Education Conf. for Teachers & Supervisors co-sponsored by EEAC	Marymount Manhattan College 221 East 71st St. New York, N. Y. 10021
February 25 3:30 p.m.	Steering Committee	American Museum of Natural History Central Park West at 79th St. New York, N. Y. 10024
March 17 3:30 p.m.	Steering Committee	Earth Environmental Group, Inc. 265 Water St. New York, N. Y. 10038
April 18-20	Steering Committee	PEEC Weekend Dingman's Ferry, Pa.
April 30 4:00 p.m.	Election Membership Meeting	Cornell Cooperative Extension 111 Broadway New York, N. Y. 10006
May 16-17	Membership Overnight	Ecology Village Gateway National Recreation Area Floyd Bennett Field Brooklyn, N. Y. 11234
June 7 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Membership Meeting	High Rock Conservation Center 200 Nevada Ave. Staten Island, N. Y.

### Gateway Environmental Study Center Calendar of Events:

Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Teacher workshop, winter gardening and solar energy
Saturday, January 26, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Teacher workshop, <u>Winter Wonders</u>
Tuesdays from March 4-May 6, 4-6 p.m.	Camping Skills for Teachers In-Service course
Wednesdays from March 12-May 7, 4-6 p.m.	Photography for Teachers In-Service course
Thursdays from February 21-June 5, 4-6 p.m.	Coastal Environments-Teaching Techniques In-Service course
Wednesdays from February 27-Apr. 16, 4-6 p.m.	Environmental Science: Ninth Grade - An Introduction to a New Curriculum

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## CONSOLIDATED EDISON OPENS ENERGY INFORMATION CENTER

The nation's most complete Energy Information Center for consumers was opened by Con Ed recently at Lexington Ave. and 42nd St. in the Chrysler Bldg. It is open Monday-Saturday, 10 A. M.-6:30 P. M., admission free.

The center is devoted to helping consumers save money through effective energy conservation practices and includes displays on insulation, efficient appliances, weather stripping, storm doors and windows.

Special presentations are available for schools, community groups. Phone 599-3435 for information.

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## GATEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY CENTER GROUP

City school children and teachers visited Gateway beaches and wetlands and participated in gardening and nutrition workshops this fall at three different campsites including the new and distinctive Ecology Village. Teachers were able to take in-service training in camping skills, birding, marine environments.

There will be a teacher workshop on alternative gardening and solar energy, Jan. 19. The second annual Winter Wonders program for teachers, Jan. 26, will include indoor and outdoor activities on marine environments, nature photography, energy conservation, other related topics. Teachers who attend either workshop (Jan. 19/26) may bring classes to Gateway for special winter programs.

During the spring semester, the Center will again offer in-service courses for teachers. They will include a series in beginning photography, coastal environment and a camping skills course. \*

In Feb. 1980, EEAC members will receive the Center spring brochure describing available class visits to various Gateway locations. For additional information, call Ruth Eilenberg, 252-7307.

\*Secondary school teachers will have the opportunity to attend a 6-session course introducing the new environmental science curriculum for grade 9, given by Alan Ascher, one of the curriculum guide authors & an EEAC member.

## POCONO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) is a residential field center in northeastern Pennsylvania. New projects in 1980 include solar energy, leadership training, outdoor science education.

PEEC'S solar energy project includes a cabin retrofitted with solar panels to provide both heat and hot water and can demonstrate to visitors and students the viability of solar energy as a home-heating source.

On April 18-20 and August 15-17, PEEC and the National Science Foundation will present Outdoor Science Education Workshops. They are designed to help science educators and others to acquaint themselves with new developments in the field of outdoor science educational programs.

On August 11-15, PEEC and the National Science Supervisors Association will conduct a leadership conference focusing on contemporary science concerns. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the conference will be primarily for science supervisors from the northeastern U.S. and will include workshops on leadership, skills, teacher evaluation, curriculum development, other topics.

For more information, write to: John J. Padalino, Director, PEEC, R.D. 1, Box #268, Dingman's Ferry, Pa. 18328.

## COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT, N.Y.C.

The Council is promoting four programs. Open Space Gardening: technical and mechanical assistance to community groups involved in gardening and design of vacant lots. Also involved in the design and building of selected neighborhood small parks.

Greenmarket has expanded its farmers' produce markets to 10 locations this year. Office Paper Recycling Bureau working to set up programs in several private office buildings.

Environmental Education developing program and curriculum to train college/high school students to organize schools and community groups for participation in environmental projects. The program still offers walking tours, energy curriculums, related materials. CENYS offers a bi-monthly newsletter, a radio show 'Our Daily Planet', also workshops, conferences, meetings from time to time.

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

## OFFICERS:

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## EEAC

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NYC Board of Education  
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EEAC MEMBERSHIP is \$10 for one calendar year from 5/1/79 to 4/30/80. If you have not paid this year's dues, there is still time to do so.

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Membership includes: EEAC newsletter, periodic mailing, attendance at city-wide conferences of environmental educators held at least twice yearly. Send check to: RUTH EILENBERG at above address.