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Environmental Education Advisory Council

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Soon the landscape will boast the colors of autumn. Fall foliage is a treat that we all too often take for granted and distant visitors find enchanting and spectacular. This unique display of colors is found in only a few areas of this planet. A part of western Europe, areas in Eastern Asia, Chile in South America, the western United States and, of course, the middle Atlantic and New England states. This prompts environmental educators to plan timely programs that explain the process by which the golds, reds and browns replace the forests' leafy-greens when the temperature begins to drop. Field walks, auto and bus tours are offered at this time of the year as an invitation to everyone to take a break from their work-a-day schedules and enjoy one of Nature's finest free shows.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (EEAC) members try to introduce the children and adults of our cities to such natural wonders. We provide opportunities for discovery and understanding. We urge all to observe, compare, measure and generalize. We suggest ways in which the young and old can improve and protect their environment and invite them to get involved in community service projects and organizations.

While the northeast boasts of its brilliant fall foliage, we could also boast of our uniquely diverse population and international culture, our extensive (albeit ailing) park system, our rambling coastline, our incredible architectural and technological landmarks, and our natural and social history. We should also focus attention on the problems that plague us - toxic and solid waste management, energy consumption, congestion, and pollution...to name a few.

In each of these efforts, we should approach the task with optimism, enthusiasm and professionalism. We have no interest in proclaiming doomsday to the urban world; our purpose is constructive, not destructive. If we preach a message, it is one of hope and improvement through understanding, appreciation, cooperation and hard work.

EEAC is dedicated to these goals and urges you, your colleagues and friends to study and enjoy your city and its environs in the refreshing light of positivism. This is your home despite its problems. Discover its history and resources. Enjoy the programs offered by our member organizations and offer them your generous support. It would be a shame and a waste if we took for granted not only the autumn colors but also the plants, animals, people and human accomplishments and natural processes that have made this place great.

The inner pages of this Newsletter will describe two outstanding fall programs being offered by EEAC for your pleasure and enrichment.

John Kominski

O C T O B E R Q U E S T

What better way to enjoy the mild and pleasant weather during the early fall days than to spend a day polishing your environmental education skills at a 'how to' workshop. You can do this at our FIRST Octoberquest.

Saturday, October 3, 1981

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

at

Gateway Environmental Study Center

Gateway National Recreation Area

Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn

Expert workshop leaders will conduct sessions on: AEROSPACE, HARVEST ACTIVITIES, MARINE EXPLORATION, URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY, ORIENTEERING, BIRD-WATCHING, THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT AT FLOYD BENNETT FIELD.

Outstanding resource people include:

John Kominski, Chairman of EEAC

Maxwell Cohen, Asst. Prin. of Marine Science, Beach Channel H.S.

Robert Bleiweiss - Elementary School Science Assn.

Samuel Garry - Industrial Arts Bureau

Lunchtime activities will stimulate the mind as well as the appetite. There will be cracker barrel rap sessions and food preparation activities to supplement your own bag lunch. We'll provide snacks and beverages.

School-age children may join their parents for field walks or other activities. They may also participate in a special discovery walk or crafts program.

COST: Materials fee of \$5 per adult; \$1 per child

Current paid-up EEAC members entitled to 1 adult free waiver.

REGISTRATION: Call Ruth Eilenberg at Gateway - Tel. 252-7307 or write to her at: Gateway Environmental Center, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234

Octoberquest Sponsors: Environmental Education Advisory Council (EEAC)
Gateway National Recreation Area
NYC Public Schools, Div. of Curriculum & Instruction

Time & Talent Contributors: NYC Urban Park Rangers
National Park Service
Cornell University Cooperative Extension
EEAC membership groups

* JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Executive Director Search Extended. *
* The Alley Pond Environmental Center (APEC) seeks Executive Director. *
* Applicant must be strong administrator and proven fund-raiser. Public *
* relations talents & environmental expertise necessary. Direct in- *
* quiries & responses to: Search Committee, APEC, 228-06 Northern Blvd., *
* Little Neck, N.Y. 11363 *

"ART OF THE OLMSTED LANDSCAPE"

An Exhibit at the
American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art
September 17-November 29, 1981

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The exhibit focuses on parks as designed landscapes, examines the components of landscape architecture used in the design and illustrates the concepts and theories employed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux in their park work. While the exhibition uses New York City images, the presentation makes it applicable to Olmsted landscapes throughout the country.

The exhibit is the culmination of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission's Olmsted Project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and has as its goal an increased awareness and understanding of the parks of Olmsted and Vaux.

The functions of the Project include the designation of major Olmsted-Vaux landscapes in NYC community programs targeted to neighborhoods around those parks, the development of documentation, including historic and contemporary photographs of Olmsted and Vaux as they restore and/or adapt their landscapes for modern use.

TEACHING THE ART OF THE OLMSTED LANDSCAPE IN PROSPECT PARK

An educational component of the Metropolitan Museum exhibition called "Olmsted's Prospect Park" is being carried out jointly with the Prospect Park Environmental Center, Inc., and the office of the Prospect Park Administrator. Held in the Trophy Room of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at the Grand Army Plaza, the exhibit will run concurrently with the Museum's exhibit and feature Prospect Park, Olmsted and Vaux's premier work.

The principal function of this exhibit will be as a teaching tool to educate school groups (upper elementary-high school). In addition to the exhibit, the program will prepare an exhibition guide for teachers, map and guide for students, park model, guided tours of the park to demonstrate on-site exhibition concepts. Also open to organized adult groups by appointment, general public.

CITY PARKS AND STREETS IMPROVED

Enrollees of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) sponsored for the third consecutive year by the Environmental Action Coalition (EAC) moved down the streets of Lower Manhattan leaving well-cared for street trees in their path.

With funding from the Dept. of the Interior, the YCC program provided summer jobs and training for youth while valuable conservation work was accomplished on public land. The high school students learned and applied techniques of pruning, soil testing, reconstitution and plant and tree identification. Crib structures to hold new soil helped eliminate the problem of soil erosion, a major problem in many city parks. The care and appearance did much to discourage vandalism and pleases passers-by. YCC'ers also recycled vast numbers of littered bottles and cans.

Threatened by the budget cutting, the program may be totally eliminated. Congressman Toby Moffett of Connecticut convened a congressional hearing to defend YCC.

Corporate support for the program has come from Consolidated Edison, The Guardian Life Trust and the Metropolitan Life Foundation.

Keep these numbers handy and call them for timely information.

- THE SKY REPORTER (American Museum/Hayden Planetarium)
873-0404 Weekly update of astronomical events as well as planetarium program information.
- RARE BIRD ALERT (Linnaean Society of N.Y. & National Audubon Society)
832-6523 Reports from expert birders regarding important sightings in the N.Y. Metropolitan area. Updated frequently.
- ENERGY HOTLINE (New York State Energy Office)
1-800-342-3722 Anyone with a question concerning energy may call this toll-free number - Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Do you know of an information service that others would find valuable?
Contact EEAC. Thanks.

ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER HEALTH FAIR - October 15-18 at APEC,
228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, N.Y. 11363

A Health Fair for junior & senior high school special education classes to officially celebrate the International Year of the Disabled. Will focus on major health issues which confront teenagers. If interested in setting up a booth or visiting the fair call: Irene Scheid at APEC, tel. 229-4000.

COURSE OFFERED - "HUMANE EDUCATION: UNDERSTANDING THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF ANIMALS AND HUMANS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY"

15 Sessions - Saturdays 10 a.m.-12 Noon, beginning September 19 at Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., New York City - Sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Available for undergraduate credit (Ed. 401) and graduate credit (Ed. 721).
Late Registration - September 14 through 22; Advisor-Dr. Lois Beilin.

Available for two in-service Board of Education credits.

\$25 ASPCA Registration and Materials Fee.

The principles of Humane Education have been sorely neglected in classrooms because of a lack of background knowledge & practical guidance for application in schools. This course, planned for teachers, principals, guidance counselors, science advisors and other educators, will address this problem by expanding knowledge and stimulating interest in a wide gamut of important concerns and issues regarding how humans and animals can best share the environment. The course is designed to reinforce the New York State law mandating humane education instruction in the elementary grades, and is also adaptable in secondary through adult education programs.

REGISTRATION: Contact the ASPCA Education Department,
441 East 92nd St., New York, N.Y. 10028
Tel. (212) 876-7700
Monday through Friday, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

EEAC MEMBERS WEEKEND AT THE AUDUBON CENTER IN GREENWICH

Come and enjoy the fall color at a special EEAC weekend hosted by the Audubon Center in Greenwich, Connecticut, tel. (203) 869-5272, on: Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, 1981.

On Saturday afternoon, around 2 P.M., Audubon naturalists will lead a walk over a portion of the 15 miles of trails that traverse this beautiful 485 acre sanctuary. Then, following dinner our membership meeting and a special Audubon program will round out the day.

Early Sunday morning will bring us a demonstration in bird banding and yet another walk in this beautiful fall setting. Our weekend will conclude by 11 a.m. allowing ample time for a leisurely return to the city. There will be a 10:30 a.m. EEAC Steering Committee meeting on Sunday.

There is no cost for lodging (linens, blankets, towels included) but there is a charge for meals.

Saturday Dinner (around 6 p.m.) - \$6.50 per person

Sunday Breakfast - \$5.00 per person

No lunches served on either day.

You can come the day only or stay the weekend. Complete and return the registration form early as lodging space is limited (23 two-bed rooms with private baths (showers). On registering, you will receive instructions on how to get to the Center by car or train (Conrail).

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE () _____
(Area Code)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Saturday Only Registration ----- \$6.50 per person

Weekend Registration ----- \$11.50 per person

I will be arriving by car _____ train _____

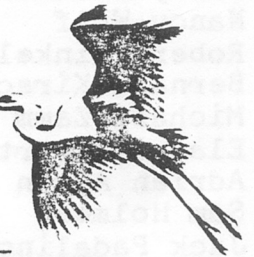
As rooms are based on double-occupancy, we will make room assignments randomly unless you request a specific roommate.

_____ Please assign me a room.

_____ I have arranged to room with _____.

RETURN THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 9, 1981 TO: EEAC WEEKEND
Audubon Center in Greenwich
613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, CT. 06830

(Please make checks payable to: Audubon Center in Greenwich).



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 * EEAC will have a booth at the New York State Outdoor Education Con- *
 * ference in October displaying information about urban environmental *
 * programs in New York City. If you would like materials displayed or *
 * for distribution, call: Cara Lee, 677-1601 or Susan Antenen at *
 * 549-2055. *
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

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