

SUNSHIP EARTH INFORMATION PACKET

SUNSHIP EARTH™

An Earth Education Program for Getting to Know Your Place in Space

INTRODUCTION

Five years in the making, SUNSHIP EARTH is the most comprehensive earth education program available today. The program sets out to awaken the feelings and impart the understandings that will help young people better fulfill their responsibilities as crew members and passengers of SUNSHIP EARTH.

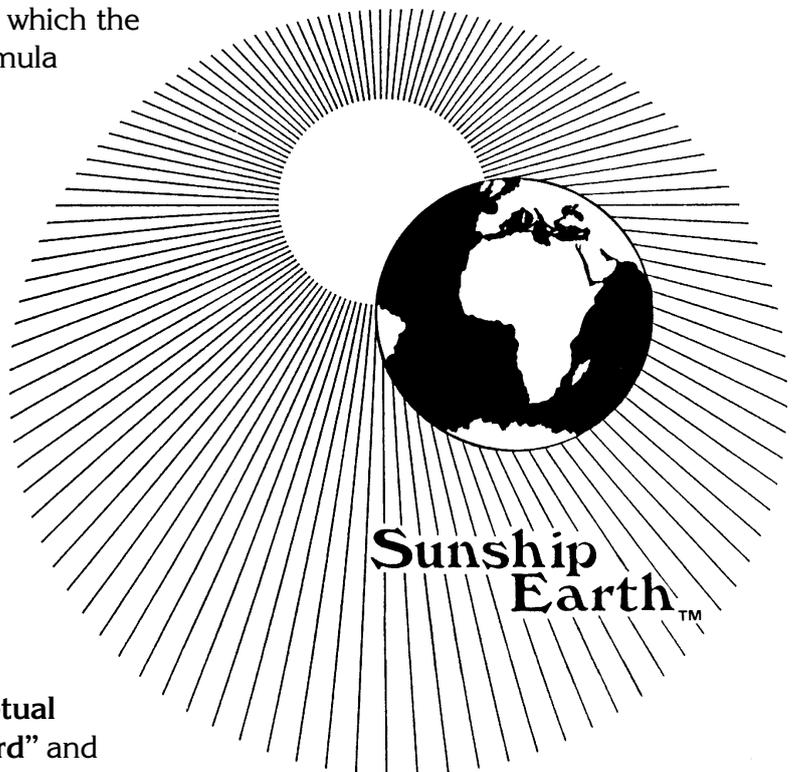
The understandings and feelings we're concerned with are communicated through an intensive series of experiences over the course of five full days. Here are some of the highlights:

15 Concept Path activities focusing on the ecological concepts of energy flow, cycles, diversity, community, interrelationships, change, and adaptation which the students remember by the formula EC-DC-IC-A

Discovery Party activities that promote a sense of adventure and help to build a sense of wonder and place

Earthwalk activities in a "Touch the Earth" format to sharpen senses and perceptions and encourage first-hand contact with the natural world

And much more... including **Disguise-Removing Techniques, Magic Spots, Conceptual Encounters, "Welcome Aboard"** and **"Journey Home"** ceremonies.



WHO CAN OFFER THE SUNSHIP EARTH PROGRAM?

Today there are SUNSHIP EARTH programs in operation at resident and nonresident sites around the world. SUNSHIP EARTH has even been offered as a summer camp experience by a city park district. If your learners are 10-12 years old, and they can join you and your helpers for four to five days, then you should consider setting up a Sunship Study Station.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE SUNSHIP EARTH PROGRAM?

Our goal was to develop a program which focused upon:

- how all life function ecologically
- what that means for each of us in our own lives
- how we must change our lifestyles in order to life more in harmony with the other life on earth.

SUNSHIP EARTH is a program which helps youngsters understand and feel the earth as an interrelated system of energy and materials. It helps them understand how they fit into the natural systems of life on earth, and provides them with ways in which they can reduce their impact upon the other life on the planet.

I would look at the earth's horizon and see the earth's atmosphere. It is very beautiful. It is blue and white and gold and orange. And it is so thin and fragile. That atmosphere is all that keeps earth habitable, but it's no thicker than the skin on an orange — no, thinner than that, like the skin on an apple. There's no way to explain how clearly you can see the fragility of the earth. You have to have been there.

*Gerry Carr
Skylab 4*

Above all else, the SUNSHIP EARTH program aims for knowledge in the *head* and the *heart* and the *hand*. It must proclaim clearly and joyously:

*Hey, we're on a sunship!
How does it work and feel?
We're both its passengers and its crew.
What does this mean for you?*

Obviously, in four or five days we can only begin to accomplish this task; much of it will have to be carried out back at school with the guidance and support of the classroom teacher.

SUNSHIP EARTH is for those leaders who genuinely want a learning adventure that will

captivate and motivate their students, setting them off on a quest that must be completed later. Frankly, it will not suffice for those looking for a brief, unrelated respite from the confines of the classroom or a primarily social, recreational outing. It's a fairly intense, highly stimulating educational experience that must continue for some time back at school.

WHAT DOES THE SUNSHIP EARTH PROGRAM PACKAGE INCLUDE?

SUNSHIP EARTH: An Earth Education Program for Getting to Know Your Place in Space, a book outlining the entire program

Sample copies of the student PASSPORT, LOG BOOK and LEADER'S CUE CARDS

PHOTO-READY MASTERS* and site-specific copyright permission for producing your own student Passports, Log Books and Leader's Cue Cards

TEACHER BRIEFING SHEETS and DUPLICATION MASTERS providing leadership information and photo-ready masters for the printed materials you will need, plus a complete master prop list

A sample set of "JOURNEY HOME" BEADS and the SUNSHIP EARTH CERTIFICATE*

An ACCREDITATION APPLICATION* outlining the criteria established by The Institute for Earth Education for "Model" and "Accredited" Sunship Study Stations. Sites designated as "Model" or "Accredited" programs by the Institute will receive additional benefits as well as an opportunity to purchase photo-ready masters and copyright permission for the producing their own Sunship Earth Passenger T-Shirts.

** (These items are available only to those who have purchased the complete SUNSHIP EARTH Program Package by completing the enclosed Memorandum of Agreement form.)*

The Institute for Earth Education will supply many of the other tools you will need for the participants in your SUNSHIP EARTH program. Included in this information packet is a copy of the Earth Education Sourcebook listing all of the SUNSHIP EARTH supplements available, plus several other hard to find props.

HOW MUCH DOES THE SUNSHIP EARTH PROGRAM PACKAGE COST?

Before ordering the complete SUNSHIP EARTH Program Package, we suggest that you purchase a copy of the SUNSHIP EARTH book. Spend some time with this publication and familiarize yourself with the overall program. (SUNSHIP EARTH can be purchased using the enclosed Sourcebook.)

If you decide to set up your own Sunship Study Station, the complete SUNSHIP EARTH Program Package can be purchased for \$500.00 U.S. In addition, there is a yearly licensing fee of \$1.00 per participant up to a maximum of \$100.00. This fee is used to pay for new and revised materials that will be provided free of charge to participating sites. (The prices may vary depending upon geographic location.)

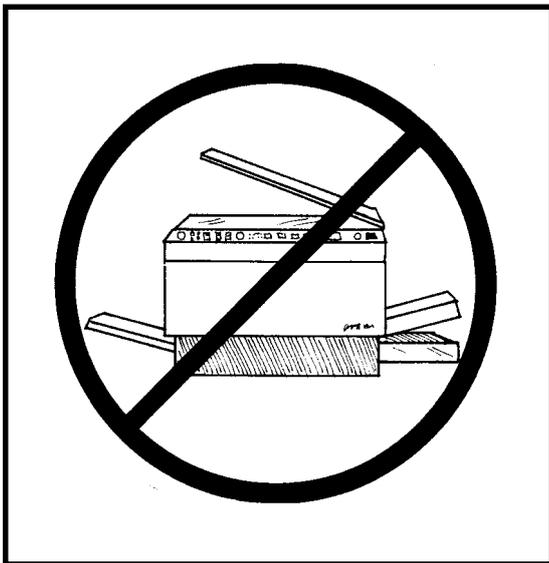
ARE THERE OTHER EXPENSES THAT I SHOULD BE AWARE OF?

There are other costs that should be considered. The most difficult expense to gage is producing the many props used in the program — from the “Welcome Aboard” room to the student Passports and Log Books, to the many props used at the 15 Concept Path Stations.

As anyone can attest who has ever worked on designing a program, the problem arises when you try to take large ecological concepts that exist primarily as abstractions at any one point in time and space, and turn them into focussed, stimulating, concrete, participatory learning experiences in the here and now. Sure, it’s easy to get you hands on a piece of the water cycle, for example, but how do you get the whole thing — the largest physical process on earth — into the concrete? Doing that without props is almost impossible. Nonetheless, we have tried to make it a bit easier. Included with the Program Package is a master prop list. In addition, each activity contains a detailed list of props. And, The Institute for Earth Education can now supply you with some of the harder to find items.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT COPYRIGHT PERMISSION?

When you purchase the SUNSHIP EARTH Program Package you also purchase site specific copyright permission to use the student Passport, Log Book, Leader’s Cue Cards and other duplication masters *IN THEIR ENTIRETY* at one program site.



In other words, you will be granted limited permission to use the materials provided within the Program Package in order to prepare and present SUNSHIP EARTH to the participants in your program *at one site*. To that end, we have designed the photo-ready masters so that you may reprint the important learning tools required for each of the activities.

PLEASE NOTE: Permission is *not* granted to copy the activity descriptions or distribute any of the SUNSHIP EARTH materials to anyone other than your program participants.

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We're sorry if the above statements appear harsh. Unfortunately, over the years we have learned that, in order to preserve the quality and integrity of our earth education programs, we must insist upon these requirements. Setting up a complete program takes considerable time and energy, it just would not be fair to those who make such a commitment to allow others to call their offerings by the same name.

The Institute for Earth Education is a non-profit, volunteer organization. We have never had any government support, foundation grants or industry funding. We are supported solely by our memberships, training workshops and conferences, and the development and distribution of our program materials.

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- Attach a check or official numbered purchase order for the total cost of the Program Package: \$ 500.
- Send this agreement and your check or purchase order to:
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Although no additions may be made to the inside of the Passport or Log Book, the name and location and/or a small logo of the site may be added to the back cover.

WHERE CAN I SEE THE SUNSHIP EARTH PROGRAM IN OPERATION?

The SUNSHIP EARTH program is currently under way in a number of countries. If you would like to arrange a visitation to an approved program site, please contact the earth education office nearest you for more information.

The Institute for Earth Education has Associate representative around the world who have been trained in earth education techniques and guidelines. We're the practitioners - those actually operating earth education programs — and we're ready to assist you in any way we can to provide quality educational experiences for your Sunship Study Station Crew Members. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

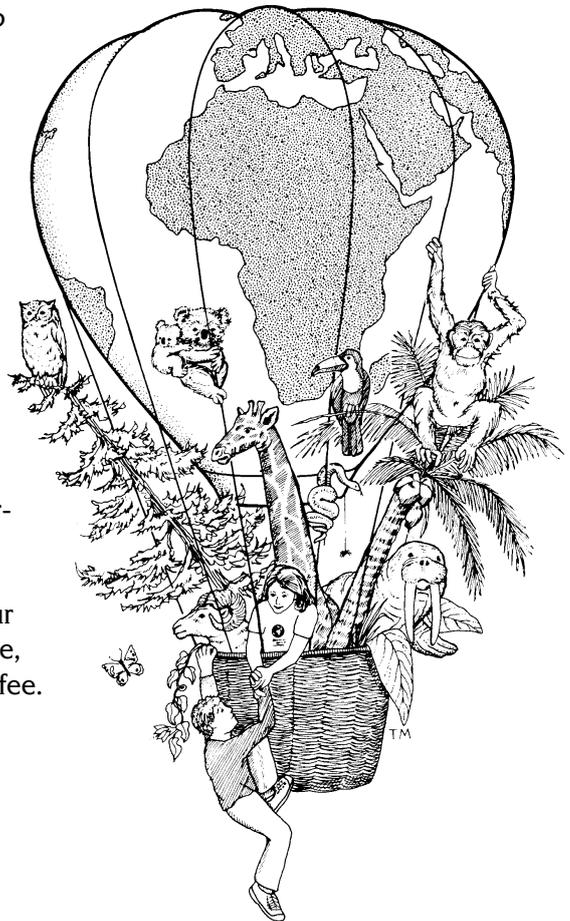
THE INSTITUTE FOR EARTH EDUCATION

Interpretation ⊕ Education ⊕ Contemplation

In the 21st century, The Institute for Earth Education (I•E•E) has grown a couple of new trunks on its "tree" as it strives to reach more people who have a deep concern about the future of our place in space and the natural and cultural heritage we share. The work of the institute has always emphasized one's personal relationship with the earth's processes and communities of life, and in that context, it aims to enlighten, enrich, and engulf people in experiencing the earth more harmoniously and joyously. Today, I•E•E continues to develop and disseminate focused educational programs, but it also emphasizes the craft of interpretation for enriching the experience of leisure visitors with places established for the public good, and the importance of contemplation in nature for being of service to the planet.

All those who purchase an earth education program automatically become Affiliate members of the institute, where you will be an integral part of an international network of individuals and centres offering support and encouragement for the success of your Sunship Earth program.

During those years when you are offering the program, your membership fee will be covered by your Annual Program fee, otherwise you will be invoiced for an Affiliate's membership fee.



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