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(November 12, 1999) The 7th Annual Conference of the National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camps will be at the Montreal Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina on April 30, May 1 & 2, 2000. Rick McClintock, Conference Chair, 724-329-8300, [tick@hhs.net](mailto:tick@hhs.net), has mailed out a call for presentations.

**NEW STAFF AT JOHN DEWEY ACADEMY**

(November 13, 1999) Two new part-time instructors will replace the teaching duties of Dr. Jamie Howard who submitted his resignation to John Dewey Academy, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, 413-528-9800. Tim J. Moore, M.D. a part-time clinical instructor at UMASS College of Medicine will teach biology and chemistry at John Dewey Academy, and Marvin J. Kalkstein, Ph.D., a well-published author with a Ph.D. in Nuclear Chemistry, will teach physics and calculus there. John Dewey Academy's President, Tom Bratter, stated, "Not even the most elitist prep schools in the country can match the credentials of our faculty."

**TEMAGAMI TESTS YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL**

(November 16, 1999) G. Colin Rayner, Founder of [The Temagami Youth Challenge Program](#), Ontario, Canada, 905-632-9458, announced that their pilot project of conducting schooling throughout the winter, is going well. Their future plans include: establishing the Temagami Outbound Wilderness School in September, 2000, expanding their program to 18 young men ages 13 to 18, and applying for a private school license. They have already started extensive renovations to upgrade their property.

**SHANNONHOUSE PROMOTED BY SUWS**

(November 18, 1999) Mike Ervin, with [SUwS Adolescent & Youth Programs](#), 888-879-7897, announced Graham Shannonhouse has been promoted to Director of the SUWS Youth Program. According to Executive Director Sue Crowell, Shannonhouse came to SUWS in 1993 as a field instructor and since then has been working as a Field Supervisor.

**SOLTREKS LOOKING FOR WILDERNESS**

**INSTRUCTORS** (November 18, 1999) Lorri Hanna, co-founder of [Soltreks, Inc.](#), Duluth, Minnesota, 218- 525-2419, a small, therapeutic adventure based program, announced they are looking for Contractual Wilderness Instructors. Call Lorri for more information.

**ALOHA YOUTH ACADEMY OWNER UNAVAILABLE**

(November 22, 1999) The [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#), reported that Mekeli Ieremia, owner of the controversial Aloha Youth Academy in Laie, Hawaii, couldn't be found. "Jeff Pluemacher, the academy's former director, said he hasn't heard from Ieremia since early October and that no one knows Ieremia's whereabouts." State officials are trying to contact Ieremia about complaints from parents who had a child at Aloha Youth Academy, and staff who claim they were not paid. Pluemacher has stated he intends to open another youth academy in Laie.

**BERKSHIRE CENTER STUDENTS TO GO TO ECUADOR**

(November 22, 1999) The Berkshire Center, in Lee, Massachusetts, 413-244-2576, a program for students 18-26 with Learning Disabilities, will be taking students to Ecuador in March, as part of their annual Capitols of the World program.

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