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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

“SAVE THE PLANET” IS THEME OF 1997 SUMMER YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's College of Education and Professional Studies will again sponsor its Summer Youth Education Program, with this year's theme being "Save the Planet."

The program is scheduled for June 23 through July 24, and children will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. Due to the Buzzard Building renovation project, this year's program will meet at Jefferson Elementary School.

The program features individualized instruction in reading, creative writing, spelling, penmanship, math and dramatics, as well as social studies projects in an open classroom atmosphere. Also included will be field trips and supervised play activity.

Instruction will also be available for those children identified through the public schools as needing specialized educational programming (i.e., learning disabilities/LD, behavior disorders/BD, educable mentally handicapped/EMH, etc.). Instruction for these students will be coordinated through Eastern's Department of Special Education and will be housed in Buzzard Building. The Special Needs program will featured individualized instruction in reading, written language and math, as well as supervised play activities

Applicants for all programs are restricted to those entering first through eighth grades and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with attention given to maintaining a balance among grade

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levels. Instruction will be by public elementary school teachers with the assistance of teacher education students from Eastern.

Parents are asked NOT to enroll their child if he/she has other activities scheduled during the same time period as program activities. Space is limited and should be reserved for those children who can attend all events.

Registration is \$25, and will be accepted through the first day of the program. For information, contact Summer Youth Education Program, c/o Mary Ellen Varble, Student Teaching Department, College of Education and Professional Studies, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois 61920, 581-2620.