

Every Three Years We Meet To Look At Science in Parks

The Third Triennial George Wright Society Conference on science in the national parks will be held Nov. 14-18, 1988, at the Holiday Inn Broadway in Tucson, Ariz. The focus is on international, interagency, interdisciplinary involvement in science, resource management, and education, according to conference co-chairman R. Roy Johnson.

The conference theme is tentatively titled "National Parks, Eco-systems, and Neighbors: Maintaining Diversity Across Political Boundaries," and sessions will deal with biological, cultural, social, and physical aspects as well as management, interpretation, and legal considerations.

A conference highlight will be the involvement of the National Parks and Conservation Association's Commission on Science and Resource Management Policy in the NPS. (See story pages 16, 17 this issue). At the request of NPCA, the Commission will present a status report at a plenary session, to be followed by a workshop that will involve conference participants in a discussion of the Commission's progress.

A call for papers is carried in the current issue of the George Wright Society *FORUM*.

Plenary and keynote speakers will be drawn from within as well as outside the Service. Workshops and mini symposia are being scheduled for 2-3 hour long sessions. Contributed papers will be given as poster sessions; an official call for papers was mailed following the final Steering Committee meeting in May.

Further information and technical questions may be sent to Jim Judge, co-chairperson for cultural sciences, or to Johnson. (See Meetings of Interest for addresses.)