

Palmer LTER: Education Outreach and Sustained Partnerships

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- Partnerships incorporating teachers, educators, scientists and information management have produced varied outreach collaborations and products for the Palmer LTER. LTER schoolyard funds (1998 to present) support the effort to coordinate and build upon existing education opportunities and programs. LTER Education Workshops at the Biosphere and Kellogg Biological Station, augmented by the Palmer Education Workshop in Santa Barbara, focused development of a Palmer LTER Education program upon goals and guidelines for creating a long-term perspective in classroom science. In cooperation with the existing NSF program Teachers Experiencing Arctic and Antarctic Program (TEA), three teachers were trained in the LTER long-term focus during workshops and training sessions. These teachers were placed with the Palmer LTER for research field experience in Antarctica.