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THE BAHAMAS NATIONAL TRUST

FOR PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST AND NATURAL BEAUTY

Dear Principal,

One of the highest priorities of the Bahamas National Trust (BNT), over the next five years, is the promotion of environmental stewardship among young people. To this end, we are expanding the Discovery Club program (the youth arm of the BNT). Extending the reaches of the Discovery Club program will provide a vehicle through which we may impact many more young people.

The Discovery Club, characterized by hands-on inquiry-based activities, interesting field studies, investigations, unique volunteer opportunities and a chance to earn great badges, is the most exciting nature-based youth program in the Bahamas! The club boasts of being the only local environmental club to include a badge program. Badges are awarded to members who engage in a splendid array of activities that involve arts and crafts, science, geography, astronomy and natural history.

We are interested in establishing a Discovery Club Chapter (maximum of 25 members) at your school and would be grateful if you would recommend an individual(s) who might be interested in volunteering with the BNT as a Discovery Club Chapter Leader. A suitable person is one who enjoys working with children, has an interest in the environment and is willing to commit one hour per week. Experience with coordinating a club is not necessary but would certainly be an asset. We have planned a summer symposium for the summer and leaders are expected to attend each year.

Additionally, should your school opt to participate; we are requesting that the enclosed student package be duplicated and distributed at your school. The membership forms may be forwarded to us for further processing as soon as they are received. For further information, I may be contacted at telephone 3931317 or via email PSweeting@bnt.bs.

We greatly anticipate your willingness to partner with the Bahamas National Trust in establishing a chapter of Discovery Club at your school and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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