

SALT LAKE 2002

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES



**dear naturally
inquiring students:**

Do you like to discover new things? Are you interested in learning about nature? Then the *Natural Inquirer* is for you! This journal is full of new information on the natural environment that we call the Rocky Mountains. In this *Natural Inquirer*, you will learn how father owls feed their young, the dangers that song-birds sometimes face and how beetles stay warm during the winter. Find out how avalanches are formed, whether trout always pick the same place to swim in a stream and how a computer can be used to predict soil erosion!

The Rocky Mountains are unique and were chosen as the location of the most competitive winter sports event in the world — the Olympic Winter Games of 2002. People everywhere will see that the Rocky Mountains are special. And YOU will know a lot about them, just by reading the *Natural Inquirer*!

We need to protect and care for our natural environment. To do that, we must have a scientific understanding of it — how it works, how we use it, and how it is changing and why. The *Natural Inquirer* will help you to learn about the Rocky Mountains and their use as the setting for the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

I hope that you enjoy learning about the Rocky Mountains. Being a natural inquirer is fun!

Sincerely,

Diane Conrad

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Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games

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