

## Talking with Teachers about GEMS

Teachers are your backbone—they will support you 100% as long as you work with them.

Recognize that today's teachers are so busy and so focused on getting good standardized test scores from their students that they do not have time to do the fun exploratory activities they used to do. Believe me, they want to. No one went into teaching so that she/he could achieve good test scores.

Teachers also want their students to enjoy learning and be excited by the natural world. And you get to be the person who does this for them. You are in a wonderful position.

Teachers are also a great resource for you. They have the supplies and the classroom space you need. Cultivate relationships with them. Respect their time, space, and supplies. And see if they will co-lead the club with you.

The GEMS Web site has many good resources for teachers who are interested in gender equity.