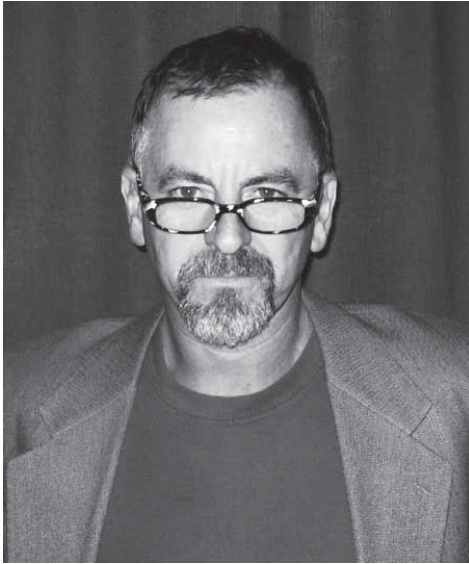


Message from: Ken Struve, Executive Director, City Access New York



If you're a kid, what's better than munching on a chocolate chip cricket cookie? Or seining in a salt marsh? Or rowing on the Bronx River in a handmade boat? It's a great way to spend your summer. But if you're a kid with a disability, chances are you won't get to do many of these things.

City Access New York is a non-profit organization that focuses on bringing mainstream resources into the lives of people with disabilities. Among

the many programs that City Access New York (CANY) implements, we are especially proud to partner with the Urban Park Rangers (UPR) to provide **Citywide Science Scholarships** to youngsters who are visually impaired or blind. For the past two years, CANY and the Rangers have provided more than 75 scholarships for Ranger summer camps and school holiday programs. Best of all, CANY and the Rangers worked together to adapt content and develop *inclusive* settings so that kids with and without disabilities can learn and play together through accessible hands-on science in real world settings.

Citywide Science Scholarships are part of a larger inclusive project called **Adapted Arts & Science for EVS Students**. Educational Vision Services, or EVS, is the largest education program in the world serving children who are blind or visually impaired, and serves about 1,100 students in New York City. Adapted Arts & Science also provides year-

long school-based residencies in social studies and science adapted to the needs of EVS students, and aligned to state learning standards. Since 2005, Adapted Arts & Science has also co-hosted a week-long inclusive science camp, **Summer Science**, with its partner Rocking the Boat — an environmental education organization located along the Bronx River. Like the Citywide Science Scholarships, Summer Science is an inclusive program where EVS students attend on-the-water programming alongside sighted peers whom they invite. Adapted Arts & Science is made possible by generous support from the J.E. and Z.B. Butler Foundation, the Reader's Digest Partnership for Sight Foundation, and from the Foundation for the Supporters of the Disabled. If you would like to view a new video documenting Adapted Arts & Science, please visit www.viddler.com/explore/cityaccess/videos/1/.

Adapted Arts & Science is just one of many collaborative projects that CANY provides for people with disabilities in NYC. Our programs for people of all ages with developmental or sensory disabilities, promote inclusion and lifelong access to educational, vocational and cultural opportunities. We work collaboratively with our partners to identify barriers to participation in schools and in the community, and adapt the content and delivery of programs to diverse needs. Please contact us at contact@cityaccessny.org if you would like to learn more about CANY, or visit our website at www.cityaccessny.org.



The Urban Park Rangers encourage all New Yorkers to visit city parks and connect with the natural world. Parks' goal is to go beyond mere compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide greater access and increased opportunities for recreation and participation by removing obstacles to participation, and through strategic partnerships. For more information on accessibility in New York City parks, visit us on the web at www.nyc.gov/parks.