

October 15, 1999

TO: GENI Paid Membership

FROM: GENI Home Office

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* Due to time constraints as a result of the GENI office move and to the overwhelming information regarding Geography Awareness Week, a September/October, 1999 GENI Newsletter was not published. This enabled us to send you a large Geography Awareness Week Newsletter.
- \* The **1999 National Council for Geographic Education Annual Conference** will be held in Boston, November 3-6; contact the NCGE for registration information at (724)357-6290. Many great field experiences are scheduled, including one to Providence.
- \* The **Indiana International Forum** will host its annual conference, Internationalizing Curriculum, Thursday, December 2, 1999. For additional information, contact Nancy Conner at the Indiana Humanities Council, (317)638-1500. The event will be held at the Indiana Historical Society Building with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.; the theme for the conference will be "Windows and Mirrors: Perspectives on Culture" highlighting the depth to which cultural perspectives have on our daily lives.
- \* GENI will host its **Strategic Planning Board Meeting** on Friday evening and Saturday, December 3-4, 1999, at the Indianapolis Holiday Inn Express Northeast; contact Jill Bowman for attendance information at (317)842-8039.
- \* The annual **Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc.** conference will be held at the Indiana Convention Center. For more details, contact Edward Frazier, Executive Director of HASTI, 5007 West 14th Street, Indianapolis IN 46224, (317)243-0107, efrazier@msn.com, [www.k12in.us/science/hasti.html](http://www.k12in.us/science/hasti.html)
- \* February 26, 2000, a **Multiple Intelligence's and Geo-Thinking Workshop**, will be held in Valparaiso at Jackson Elementary School lead by Ruth Johnston; a number of teachers will be sharing their approaches, along with a variety of hand-outs. Lunch will be provided; all for a meager \$10.00 fee. For registration information, contact Ruth at (219)766-2468.
- \* GENI will host its **Annual Board Meeting** to be held at IUPUI's Cavanaugh Hall #438 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! For directions, contact the GENI home office at (317)274-8879.
- \* The annual conference of the **Indiana Council for the Social Studies** is scheduled for March 11-12 and will be held at the Indiana Government Center South. Theme for the conference is "Citizenship, Character, and Civil Society". For more information, call Kathy Reppert at (765)494-9638 or visit the ICSS web site at [www.soe.purdue.edu/icss/](http://www.soe.purdue.edu/icss/)
- \* Taylor University will host a Friday evening and Saturday workshop focusing on teaching the **Holocaust** and the concepts of conflict and peace. The workshop will be held in March or April of 2000, but the date has not been solidified due to renovations occurring on the Taylor campus. Please, contact Roger at (765)998-5323 for additional details.
- \* The **2000 Indiana Geographic Bee** will be held Friday, April 7 at the IUPUI campus in Indianapolis. In order to register your school/home-school group for the 2000 Bee, please, send a letter to the National Geographic Bee, National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street NW, Washington DC 20036-4688. Registration must take place by October 15, 1999.
- \* The GENI **Long Range Planning Meeting** will be held at Taylor University June 2-3. Contact Roger Jenkinson if you are interested in attending: (765)998-5323.
- \* A two-week **Summer Geography Institute** will be hosted by McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, Indiana June 19-30 (Mondays to Fridays) for five hours per day with graduate credit in Geography and Education available through Purdue University and IUPUI. The institute will focus on physical and human systems, as well as, Indiana geography, teaching geography through the methodology of multiple intelligence's, along with the Yucatan Peninsula, exotic species impacts, field methods, and many additional topics appropriate for Indiana education. Contact Lou Camilotto for more

information: (765)743-3002.

- \* The **2000 National Council for Geographic Education** annual conference will be held August 2-5 in the city of Chicago. This should enable many of you to attend the event. For more information, visit the NCGE web site at [www.ncge.org/index.html](http://www.ncge.org/index.html) or call (724)357-7594.
- \* GENI will host its **Advance Board Meeting** August 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Watch future GENI Newsletters for the announcement of the meeting location.
- \* GENI's **Strategic Planning Board Meeting** will be held December 1-2 at the Indianapolis Holiday Inn Express Northeast. Contact Jill Bowman for participation information: (317)842-8039.
- \* In the summer of 2001, GENI will co-host a summer institute, with the Indiana Junior Historical Society, which will focus on the **Indiana Underground Railroad**. Watch future GENI Newsletters for additional information.

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## Geography Awareness Week

This particular issue of the GENI Newsletter is dedicated to celebrating National Geography Awareness Week 1999-2000, the theme of which is **“Geography and Technology: Think the WORLD of Your Community”**. Dates for GAW are *November 14-20*, but it is hoped that you will highlight the theme throughout the entire school year! The packet of GAW activities that you, as a paid GENI Member, received from the National Geographic Society contains activities that are designed to take the geography message beyond the classroom and into the community. This year's theme focuses on the idea that new technology redefines the concept of community; the theme also looks at community services (water, sewage, communication, transportation, ...) that are more efficient because of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) computer technology. Visit the National Geographic Society website for a variety of downloadable maps, lessons, and resources: [www.nationalgeographic.com/education](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education)

As a result of this increased focus on GIS, the first annual **International GIS Day** will be Friday, **November 19** during Geography Awareness Week. Users of GIS technology will be available to schools and the general public to see real-life examples of GIS problem-solving. ESRI is the national host for the day and has a website, [www.gisday.com](http://www.gisday.com), that lists GIS Day activities around the country. Visit the site to locate an activity near you!

In celebrating **GIS Day**, several events will be held on the **IUPUI campus**:

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. GIS Workshop for K-12 Educators**

Designed for K-12 teachers interested in the integration of GIS technology in their curriculum, co-hosted by the Department of Geography, The Schneider Corporation, and GENI. This workshop will be held in the Social Science Computing Classroom, Cavanaugh Hall #436, and will feature an introduction to GIS technology and its applications through a hands-on problem-solving activity and will feature a discussion of hardware and software resources available for the K-12 audience. Space is limited to 24 participants so mail your application soon.

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. GIS Open House**

The purpose of the open house is to bring together a broad range of GIS users within the state to showcase their current GIS projects, foster inter-agency collaborations, and provide an informal forum for discussion. This event will be held in the IUPUI University Library lower level and will feature a booth or table for each participating group, where posters on GIS applications, computer displays, demonstration of GIS-related Internet resources, and more can be presented. Students and educators of all grade levels, and the general public, will be invited to attend to learn more about GIS, its applications, and opportunities.

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sharing of GIS Projects/Activities**

Brief presentations will be made by various groups participating in the GIS Open House to highlight aspects of their organization's GIS activities. Interactive discussions and applications will be a feature of the sharing session, which will take place in the lecture room adjacent to the Open House displays.

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. GIS Workshop for the General Public**

Two workshops will take place in the afternoon and will be open to the general public. These will be conducted by members of the POLIS Center and will discuss the Social Assets and Vulnerabilities Indicators (SAVI) GIS database and additional applications of GIS technology.

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| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Introduction to SAVI: Resources for Understanding Your Community; Karen Frederickson, UL 1116 (IUPUI University Library #1116) |
| 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Real-World Applications of GIS; Kathy McCarter, UL 1116  |

A web site has been developed which outlines the day's activities:

***[www.iupui.edu/~geogdept/gisday.html](http://www.iupui.edu/~geogdept/gisday.html)***

For information regarding attending a workshop, participating in the Open House, or suggestions for further activities, please, feel free to contact either Catherine or Jeff:

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**1st International GIS Day**  
**Hosted by the Department of Geography, IUPUI**  
**GIS Workshop - Participant Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) and Subject(s) You Teach: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number at which you can be reached easily: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Web Site/URL Address to which you would like a GIS Day Link: (if you are interested)

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*Remember, space is limited to 24 for the 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. workshop. Participants will be selected solely based on date the application is received! This form must be received by November 10, 1999. Mail to: GENI GIS Day - IUPUI - CA 345, 425 University Boulevard, Indianapolis IN 46202-5140*



# Geography Awareness Week Activities

## Monday ~ November 15: **Library Display Day**

Work with your school, county, and city libraries to display geography books, posters, and student work for Geography Awareness Week.

## Tuesday ~ November 16: **Green Ribbon Day**

Wear a piece of green ribbon to show your support for our Earth! Add it to a button or sticker reminding everyone that it is important for us to learn more about our world through Geography.

## Wednesday ~ November 17: **Post-Card Contest Day**

### **Rules:**

- ~ Make a postcard that demonstrates this year's Geography Awareness Week theme
- ~ Postcards should be no larger than 5"x8" in size
- ~ The class' favorite postcard, by consensus, must be **postmarked by December 8**
- ~ Please include the following on the back of the postcard: full name, school name, school address, teacher's name and grade/course
- ~ The GENI GAW Committee will select one postcard for newsletter publication from each of the three categories: K-5, 6-8 and 9-12
- ~ Postcards should be easy to read to enable better black and white reproduction
- ~ Attempt to secure local prizes for all student entries!
- ~ The top three postcard artists from each grade level will receive a GENI t-shirt; each classroom participating in the contest will receive a beach ball globe.

### **Send entries to:**

GENI - Postcard Contest  
IUPUI - CA 345  
425 University Boulevard  
Indianapolis IN 466202-5140

## Thursday ~ November 18: **Geography T-Shirt Day**

Wear a t-shirt that shows or names a "place" to help celebrate geography!

## Friday ~ November 19: **GIS Day**

Learn more about Geographic Information Systems. Lessons available on-line include scavenger hunt from space, following a whale, hurricanes, charting weather, and volcanoes on the moon; visit <http://education.ssc.nasa.gov/ltp/Default.htm>. Arrange to have a GIS professional visit your classroom by contacting Jennifer Piraro, Indianapolis GIS Group, (317)327-5703 - Indianapolis area; Jeff Kirby, Education Extension, Indiana Geological Survey, (812)855-1337 - Bloomington area; Ann Renzino, HNTB, (317)636-4682 - Indianapolis area; Denis Mudderman, Indiana State University, (812)237-2257 - Terre Haute area.

