

January 15, 1996
TO: GENI Membership
FROM: Rick Bein, GENI Executive Director

ITEMS TO NOTE

- * GENI will be hosting a series of five one-day *Geography, the Internet, and WWW Workshops* throughout the state. The workshops will provide hands-on experience for educators regarding Internet resources, World Wide Web access and Geography Education. See the enclosed announcement for dates, locations and registration information.
- * *Flashpoints: The Geography of World Crisis Areas* will be the theme of a one-day, intensive Geography workshop to be held at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College on Friday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. See the enclosed flier for further details.
- * A regional *Conference on Appalachian Geography* is scheduled for March 22-23, 1996 at Pipestem State Park in southern West Virginia. The Eighth Annual Conference on Appalachian Geography will focus on the Appalachian Region and on Geography Education. All are invited; presenters will be K-12 educators, undergraduate/graduate students and post-secondary educators from throughout the Eastern United States. For more information, write or call Dr. Joseph T. Manzo, Chair, Geography Department, Concord College, Athens WV 24712 or call (304)384-5208. Registration fee for teachers is \$10.00 while hotel accommodations will be approximately \$45 - \$50 per double occupancy. Contact Pipestem State Park at 1-800-Call-WVA for registration information. (editor has had the fortune to travel to Pipestem State Park; it is beautiful and comfortable with one of the most scenic routes in the Eastern United States -- travel along the New River and through the Gorge south from Charleston, WV to Pipestem).
- * *Purdue University* will host two, one-day *Earth and Atmospheric Sciences* workshops in March and April. See the enclosed announcement for more details.
- * The *1996 Indiana Geography Bee* is scheduled for Friday, March 29 on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis. School based competitions should be complete as of newsletter publication; the top 100 student finalists in grades 4-8 will meet to determine the Indiana Geography Bee Champion.
- * GENI is collaborating with the **Alaska Geographic Alliance** on an Advanced Summer Geography Institute in Alaska; GENI will be partially sponsoring several *Indiana Geography Teacher Consultants* to participate in the program. See the enclosed announcement for further details.
- * April 25-27 are the dates for the **1996 Indiana Council for the Social Studies / National Council for the Social Studies Great Lakes Regional Conference**; the conference will be held at the Indianapolis Civic Center. Contact the ICSS office at (317)494-9638 for more details. The theme for the conference is *Uniting Visions* with subthemes of *critical issues, trends and innovations, global perspectives, early learning and multi-cultural perspectives*.
- * During the summer of 1996, GENI will sponsor a program in conjunction with the **Indiana Junior Historical Society**; the one-week, residential institute entitled, *Great Lakes Region of Indiana*, will focus on architecture, history, culture, industrial development, economics, landforms, religions, and geography. Dates for the institute are August 4-10. See the enclosed application if you are interested in participating. In 1997, the two organizations will sponsor a similar institute entitled *Indiana's Ohio River Valley*. And in 1998, a third institute will focus on the *Canals of Indiana*.

All educators are "welcome" to participate; those who participate in two of the institutes will earn the status of Geography Teacher Consultant.

- * Indiana State University will sponsor a Geographical field experience in Russia with Bill Dando as the leader. Graduate Credit is available. See the enclosed announcement for further details.
- * The National Council for Geographic Education's Teacher Exchange Program will sponsor a Geographical field experience to Australia during the summer of 1996; see the enclosed announcement for more information.
- * The *National Science Teachers' Association Conference* for 1996 is scheduled for March 28-31 in St. Louis, MO.
- * The African Studies Center and the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (Michigan State University and University of Michigan respectively) are offering a summer institute for teachers July 8 - August 2, 1996 funded by the NEH. Graduate credit is available at the participant's expense; but all additional expenses are covered by the grant. If you are interested in the institute, contact John Metzler, African Studies Center, 100 CIP, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. (East Lansing is the site for the institute.)
- * You are invited to a symposium on *Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources in a Global Environment* at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Thursday, October 24, 1996. All meals, parking and accommodations are provided for Economics and Social Studies teachers who attend. Contact the Purdue University School of Agriculture for more details and information.
- * The **Earth 2-U** exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution will be on display in Chicago, IL from October 16, 1996 through January 20, 1997 for field groups to visit.
- * The *8th International Conference on Rainwater Catchment Systems* will be April 21-25, 1997 in Tehran, Iran. This conference is being organized by the Ministry of Jihad-E-Sazandegi in conjunction with a variety of additional international agencies. Abstracts for papers, poster sessions, and workshops are to be submitted by March 15, 1996 (300 words maximum) to PO Box 13445-1136, Tehran, I.R. IRAN, in care of either Dr. B Aminipouri or Mr. J. Ghoddousi. They may also be contacted at (telephone) 98-21-6418335, (fax) 98-21-6407214 or (e-mail) RAIN @ NEDA.NET.IRAN.

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GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION RESOURCES

- The *National Geographic Society*, in conjunction with *Apple*, has published two new lesson plans for the middle school and high school classrooms: **Mountain Gorillas** and **Sustainable Agriculture: A Growing Field**. For a copy of the lesson(s), WRITE to the GENI office at the address on the back cover of this newsletter. Also, the NGS has a catalog focusing on **Educational Technology**; for a copy of the catalog, call 1-800-368-2728.
- Ken Coles, Purdue University's Outreach Coordinator for Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, has been working with many educators throughout the state to establish an **Indiana Earth Science Teachers Organization** for all K+ educators interested. Since the spring of 1994, over one hundred individuals have become involved in the network's activities, which focus on sharing ideas, lesson plans, field experiences and resources. Contact Ken at Purdue University, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, 1397 Civil Engineering Building, West Lafayette IN 47907-1397 or call (317)494-0668, fax (317)496-1210; internet: xyjz@vm.cc.purdue.edu and ideanet: kcoles.
- A number of publications may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce, **National Technical Information Service**, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22161, fax (703)321-8547 or from the **Environmental Protection Agency**, National Center for Environmental Publications and Information, PO Box 42419, Cincinnati OH 45242-2419, phone (513)891-6561. Examples of hazardous waste treatment programs, risk assessments, Superfund emergency responses, and many additional National Technical Information Services data and reports are available to the public.
- **Very Special Arts of Indiana**, 1605 East 86th Street, Indianapolis IN 46240-2358; Voice: (317)253-5504; FAX: (317)257-3628; TDD: (317)253-5592. A non-profit organization providing art opportunities for children and adults with a disability.
- **Indianapolis Museum of Art**, 1200 West 38th Street, Indianapolis IN 46222; or call (317)923-1331.
- Indiana University has recently developed a **IU Web Directory of Research Centers and Institutes** at the following address: <http://www.indiana.edu/~rugs/ctrdir/toc.html>.
- **Raven Maps and Images**, PO Box 850, Medford OR 97501-0253; call for a copy of the 1996 catalog.
- Zero Population Growth announces the publication of two new (and free) **Population Education Kits for Kids and Teens** (Kids' PACK and Teen PACK). The kits are full of information designed to educate and activate young people on population and environmental issues. For a copy of the kit(s), contact the ZPG Population Education Program, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 320, Washington DC 20036, phone (202)332-2200, fax (202)332-2302, or on-line zpgpoped@igc.apc.org.
- **KidsArt** is a program designed to introduce students from a variety of countries to each other through art. Contact the *International Art Exchange, KidsArt Project*, PO Box 274, Dept. L93, Mt. Shasta CA 96067 or call (916)926-5076 for more information.
- Robert Fischer tells how to become a pen pal with people in other countries. For adults and families. Call 1-800-PENPAL-U. **International Pen Pal Kit**.
- **World Pen Pals** is a program managed by the *International Institute of Minnesota*, ATTN: Carrie Tahtamouni, 1694 Como Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108, phone (612)647-0191 or fax (612)647-9268. The program for those between the ages of 12 and 20 interested in becoming pen pals with people in other countries.
- The **Indiana Humanities Council** publishes a yearly **Resource Center Media Catalog** listing the IHC's Resource Center's collection of materials, which are for use by Indiana educators. For a copy of the catalog, contact the IHC at 1500 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis IN 46202-2419 or call them at (317)638-1500.
- **Dance Kaleidoscope**, a modern dance company, offers a variety of programs for alternative education; write to them at 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46208-3443 for a copy of their upcoming programs and student programs.
- The **Indianapolis Opera Ensemble** also offers alternative opportunities to education. They can be reached at (317)283-3531 for information on educational outreach programs.

- The **Indianapolis Museum of Art** is a valuable historical and geographical resource to supplement the classroom curricula; 1200 West 38th Street, Indianapolis IN 46208, phone (317)923-1331, education division, (317)920-2648, e-mail imaedu@indy.net, and WWW <http://www.otisnet.com/ima>.
- The **Madame Walker Urban Life Center**, located at 617 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46202, (317)236-2099, is another local resource with activities and tours designed for students. Contact them regarding their Children's Performing Arts Series.
- **Indiana's State Museum and Historic Sites** provide a variety of outreach programs for students and classrooms; write or call them at 202 North Alabama Street, Indianapolis IN 46204, (317)232-1637.

EXPLORING AND TEACHING
INDIANA'S NATIONAL LAKESHORE
August 4-10, 1996

The *Indiana Junior Historical Society*, in conjunction with the *Geography Educators' Network of Indiana*, will sponsor a one-week, residential Summer Institute in Porter, Indiana; the Institute will focus on the economy, history, architecture, geology, culture, and geography of the region. All participants will stay at the Spring House Inn located in Porter. All meals and transportation are included (changes may occur later as funding is determined).

The Institute is the first in a series of three; if a teacher participates in two of the three Institutes (August, 1996; August, 1997; and late July, 1998), the teacher will be recognized as a Geography Teacher Consultant by GENI and by the National Geographic Society. Three graduate credit hours in Geography are available through Indiana University Southeast via Dr. Peter Galvin; approximate cost for the graduate hours is \$430.00.

All K-12 educators are invited to participate by completing the application; a total of thirty participants will be selected with approximately fifteen representatives from IJHS affiliations and fifteen from GENI affiliations. Selection will be based upon the following criteria:

Selection Criteria

1. Must be a current IJHS / GENI paid member or sponsor.
2. Must be employed for the 1996/1997 school year.
3. All participants must be willing to present at least two inservices during the 1996/1997 school year to share their resources and ideas learned at the Institute.
4. Completed application must be received by April 5, 1996 along with a \$200.00 participation fee. You will be notified as to participation by April 30, 1996.

Application

On a separate piece of paper, a typed application for the Summer Institute must include the following items:

1. name, home address and telephone number
2. school address and telephone number
3. grade(s) you teach and subject areas
4. a two paragraph statement as to "why" you need to participate in this Institute
5. and the application must include the signed form from your school's principal.

I, _____ principal of _____ acknowledge
(print/type name) (print/type name)

that the educator submitting an application to participate in the *Exploring and Teaching Indiana's National Lakeshore Institute* will be employed at the school during the 1996/1997 school year. Said educator will receive my support in providing inservice opportunities for others to share the materials gained at the Institute.

Signed:

Date:
