

April 16, 1998
TO: GENI Paid Membership
FROM: GENI Home Office

ITEMS TO NOTE:

- CONGRATULATIONS to the 104 students from grades 4-8 who participated in the **Indiana Geography Bee**; see the enclosed listing. Let's wish **KELLIE PACKWOOD** *good luck* as she travels to Washington, D.C. May 25-27 to compete in the National Geography Bee!!!
- GENI will hold its **Long Range Planning Meeting** on Friday and Saturday May 29-30 at Taylor University. Contact Roger Jenkinson at (765)998-5323 if you are interested in attending the meeting.
- The **Indiana Urban Geography Initiative** will sponsor six, two-hour workshops for educators interested in encouraging parental participation in student learning utilizing fun and rewarding techniques. See the enclosed flier regarding the workshops.
- Taylor University will sponsor an **Interdisciplinary Institute** in late June of 1998. Graduate Geography credit will be available. Talk with Roger Jenkinson at (765)998-5323 for additional information.
- Dorothy Drummond will lead a group of adventurous educators to **China** July 1-31; many historically important sites and modern-day concerns will be visited. Dr. Sun Hong, a professor of English at Northwest University in Xian, will join the group throughout its entirety. Contact Dorothy at (812)533-2219 for more information.
- July 26-31 are the dates for the **Exploring and Teaching ... Indiana's Canals Summer Institute** for educators from throughout the state. The Institute, sponsored by the Indiana Junior Historical Society and GENI is the third and final Institute in a series of three. The Institute will be based in Indianapolis with excursions to various canal sites around the state; the sites are in various modes of renovation. This Institute links the previous two Institutes, which focused on the Great Lakes and the Ohio River Valley regions of Indiana. See the enclosed application form for additional details.
- July 27 - August 10, Bill Dando and Indiana State University will host a field experience to **Russia and the Baltics** including sites in Riga, Vilnius, Panerial, Pirciupis, Kaunas, Moscow, Zagorsk, Pavlovsk, Petrodvorets, and St. Petersburg. Contact Bill at (812)237-2444 for additional information.
- July 27-31 are the dates for the **1998 ESRI Worldwide User Conference** focusing on the ESRI *GIS resources*. The conference will be held in San Diego, CA. For more details about the event, visit the conference website at www.esri.com/events/uc or call (909)793-2853x11363.
- The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program will offer an **Exotic Species Day Camp** for educators from the Lake Michigan region. See the enclosed flier for additional details.
- The Indianapolis Zoo will host two events this summer that might interest educators; the first is "**WOW: Windows on the Wild Workshop**" to be held August 3-5 and "**A Celebration of Diversity**", the annual teachers overnight to be held August 6-7. For additional information, contact Deborah Messenger at (317)630-2044. Lots of materials will be given to participants; graduate credit is available.

- Several post-secondary institutions around the state will be offering a number of interesting and dynamic Geography courses for students and educators in order to facilitate completion of certification/endorsement requirements. For example, Ball State University will be offering a **World Political Geography** (GEOG 470/570) course during their second summer session, June 22-July 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:35 p.m daily. For more information on Ball State's summer geography opportunities, contact the Department of Geography at (765)285-1776. Also, IUPUI will host a unique course focusing on the **Geography of Wine in Western Culture** (G390) during their first summer session and meeting Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For additional information about IUPUI's Department of Geography summer opportunities, contact them at (317)274-8877.
- Hemline University in St. Paul, Minnesota will host **The Greatest Places Institute** for K-12 educators from throughout the country; dates for the institute are June 21-26. A joint project with the Science Museum of Minnesota, the institute will immerse geography and earth science educators into the physical environments of seven of the world's greatest places. For more information, call the Science Museum at (612)221-4747 or 1-800-221-9444 or e-mail: teacherprograms@sci.mus.mn.us.
- GENI will hold its **Advance Meeting** on Saturday August 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at IUPUI's Cavanaugh Hall #438. All are WELCOME!!!
- The **1998 National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) Conference** will be held in Indianapolis October 11-14 at the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency, located at the corners of Washington and Capital Streets. JOIN US for a variety of field experiences, dynamic presentations, exchange of ideas and reacquainting old friends. See the enclosed call for proposals if you are interested in sharing an idea with your colleagues. Or visit the conference web-site at <http://www.indstate.edu/geocntr/ncge> to preview all of the exciting field experiences, session topics and social events during the conference.
- GENI will hold its **Strategic Planning Meeting** on December 4-5 at the Holiday Inn Express on Indianapolis' northeast-side. For more details, contact Jill Bowman at (317)842-8039.
- Looking ahead to the summer of 1999, GENI will sponsor an intensive, three-week field experience to the Yucatan for educators from throughout the network. Watch the newsletters in late 1998 and early 1999 for selection criteria, itineraries, cost, graduate credit options, and registration information. For those of you interested in the idea, a web-site has begun depicting probable travel routes, destinations, photographs and pertinent data that might persuade you to join the experience. The field course will be rigorous in that not all accommodations are "what" you may be use to in the United States; in fact, a couple of nights will be spent in Mayan hammocks in the company of a Mayan host family. And, the field course will require a lot of hiking in very hot, humid weather (the Hoosier August climate cannot even compare). This is not a vacation!!!! Visit the institute website via the GENI website at <http://www.iupui.edu/it/geni>.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the educators selected to
represent Indiana at the 1998 National Geographic Society
Summer Institutes held in Washington, D.C.:**

Urban Geography Initiative Project:

Angela Denman, Manual High School,
Indianapolis
James Schmidt, Penn-Harris High School,
Mishawaka
Nancy Schwer, IPS #83, Indianapolis

Summer Geography Institute:

Christine Bullock, Penn-Harris High School,
Mishawaka
Kevin Leineweber, McCutcheon High School
Lafayette

Resources in Geography Education:

- ◇ The National Geographic Society, in conjunction with Compaq Computers, has produced another *Geoguide lesson plan* focusing on **Reindeer People** for students in grades 5-9 but adaptable to other grade levels. For a copy of the lesson, send a written request to the GENI office at the address on the back of this newsletter.
- ◇ *Pam Flowers Expeditions* has available free to educators a newsletter highlighting their **travels throughout Alaska**. To be added to the mailing list for a copy of the newsletters, write to them at Box 874924, Wasilla AK 99687.
- ◇ ESRI has recently produced a booklet demonstrating the uses of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) in our every-day lives. **Zeroing In: Geographic Information Systems at Work in the Community** is available, in part, on-line at www.esri.com/base/store/esripress/zero_in.html. You may contact Charlie Fitzpatrick for additional information about GIS in the classroom and work place by calling (612)454-0705 or e-mail: cfitzpatrick@esri.com.
- ◇ Also note that the **1998 Geography Awareness Week** packet from the National Geographic Society will highlight GIS.
- ◇ Rand McNally introduces an activity-based Social Studies program for grades K-3; **Our Wide World - Foundations for Success in Social Studies** is an interactive alternative utilizing floor maps, activity sheets, desk maps and markers. For more information, contact Rozanne Cooper at (847)329-6538.
- ◇ A great publication/quarterly newsletter about **Teaching Canada** is available through the *Center for the Study of Canada* located at 133 Court Street, Plattsburgh NY 12901. Each issue contains lots of color, information about Canadians, Canada's history, current concerns and future.
- ◇ For up-to-date resources about **Ag in the Classroom**, contact Ms. Pam Bright at 150 West Market Street Suite 414, Indianapolis IN 46024 OR Mr. Harry Pearson, Indiana Farm Bureau, PO Box 1290, Indianapolis IN 46206. A national conference will be held in Williamsburg, VA May 13-16 for those interested.
- ◇ In 1999, the world population will reach 6 billion! The *Population Reference Bureau* is planning to develop a discussion guide and curriculum materials on the theme "**The World of Child Six-Billion**". For additional details, contact Cheryl Stauffer at the PRB, (202) 483-1100 or cstauffer@prb.org.
- ◇ Also, the next U.S. census will be conducted in the year 2000 (**21st decennial census**). The *PRB* will produce educational materials prior to and subsequent to the census. For more information, contact the individual listed above.

Upcoming Educational opportunities to watch for:

- * An exhibit at the Indianapolis Art Museum beginning in the fall of 1998 focusing on India with a theme of "King of the World".
- * A series of articles in the Indianapolis Star/News about India and the upcoming exhibit at the Art Museum.

Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement

will highlight a special exhibit focusing on the ***Underground Railroad***, specifically, the role of the Indiana Underground Railroad. First person characters, resource materials, maps, and additional information will be available. For more details, contact Marcel Riddick at (317) 776-6000. The Indiana Junior Historical Society will host a bus trip for student and teacher members early summer, 1998 focusing on the underground rail-road through Indiana to Canada; contact Patricia Gillogly at (317)233-4549 for more information. And, GENI, in conjunction with the IJHS, is working on an educator underground railroad summer institute for the year 2000. Watch future newsletters for additional details.

1998 Indiana Geography Bee Participants