

Dear Indiana Teacher:

The 2010 *Rocks and Minerals in Modern Society* Teachers' Workshop is scheduled for June 22-24 at the Conner Prairie Living History Museum where it is always 1836. The Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association and the Indiana Geological Survey are sponsoring the three-day event. The purpose of the workshop is to provide Indiana earth science teachers with creative and fun activities to enhance classroom lesson plans.

Workshop materials are designed to be used by teachers for K-6th grade, but they can be adapted for use in middle school and high school classrooms. In addition to these hands-on activities, guest speakers will cover various topics related to the study of earth science. Numerous handouts and other educational materials will be provided for each teacher who attends.

Registration begins at 11:30 am on Tuesday, June 22. The first session begins promptly at 12:00 p.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday evening you will be our guest at an old-fashioned, down home Hoosier barbecue complete with entertainment. Brandeis Machinery & Supply will be our host at their facility on the northwest side of Indianapolis. This event will provide an opportunity for the instructors, aggregate industry personnel and teachers to get together, relax and share information.

The Wednesday and Thursday class schedule will include additional hands-on activities, lectures, and field trips. The group will board buses for the Wednesday field trip to tour Martin Marietta's Carmel Sand Plant, the Martin Marietta Underground Limestone Mine and the Open Pit Mine at its 96th Street location. In addition to the tours of their facilities, Martin Marietta Aggregates will also provide a delicious luncheon at Conner Prairie. Thursday's hands-on activities and field trip will be at the IMI-McCordsville Plant. **TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH SCHEDULED ACTIVITY.**

DRESS IS CASUAL FOR ALL FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES! Some of the hands-on activities are messy so jeans, shorts, T-shirts, and tennis shoes or your "diggers" are recommended. Field trips feature tours of a sand and gravel operation, dredge operation, and an underground mine, so casual clothes are also recommended.

The registration fee for the 2010 Teachers' Workshop is \$55.00. Optional credits for the workshop are available. If you are interested in the graduate credit hour from the Indiana University School of Education, the fee is \$329.87 for one credit hour. Forms will be provided at the workshop. If you would like to obtain the nine CRU's (no charge), that can also be arranged at the workshop.

If you need overnight accommodations, we will have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, Fishers, Indiana. The room charge is \$78.00 (plus tax) for single/double occupancy and a continental breakfast is included in the price of the room. To receive the group rate, please mention that you are with the TEACHERS' WORKSHOP GROUP (Group Code TWK).

The Conner Prairie staff is offering you the opportunity to tour the museum facility and grounds prior to the workshop at no additional charge. The one and one-half hour tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. on June 22. If you plan to attend the pre-workshop tour, please check the appropriate box on the registration form so that Conner Prairie will know how many docents will be needed. Lunch will be available in the Conner Prairie Restaurant or bring your own sack lunch.

We are excited about meeting Indiana teachers and supplying you with materials to make classroom earth science studies more enjoyable for you and your students. If you have questions or need additional information, call or e-mail Nancy (317-580-9100) nancy@indmaa.org at the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association Office. Please let us know if you require auxiliary aids and services because of a disability or have special dietary needs.

Teachers' Workshop Staff