



Galaxy III Gazette

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Hibberd, Purdue show excitement for Galaxy III

Thursday, September 18 Schedule:

- **7:30 am:** Welcome Tables open, Cyber Café open
- **7:30 am—9 am:** Breakfast (see program booklet for location)
- **8 am—5 pm:** Registration, Volunteers Room & Life Members/Retirees Room open
- **9:15 am—5 pm:** Off-Site Educational Tours (Pre-registration required; depart from outside Cyber Café—Conference Room West)
- **10 am—11:30 am:** Concurrent Session #5
- **1 pm—2:30 pm:** Concurrent Session #6
- **3 pm—5 pm:** Award Winner Photographs
- **3 pm—4:30 pm:** Concurrent Session #7
- **6:30 pm—9:30 pm:** Regional Awards Banquets

Charles Hibberd, Director of Purdue Extension, knows the opportunities that Galaxy presents and is excited to make it a great opportunity for participants.

“We are just thrilled that Indiana and Purdue Extension have the opportunity to host this wonderful conference,” said Hibberd.

Cooperative Extension has never had a greater opportunity to contribute effectively to the strategies and solutions of the problems facing our country, Hibberd explains. However, to be effective in this role, he adds that Extension professionals need to be as skilled and proactive as possible. Galaxy III, with opportunities for exciting presentations and new collaborations, presents a wonderful opportunity to do just that.

“Dig in, ask the hard questions and be open-minded

about the discussion,” said Hibberd. “There is a lot to learn.”

Hibberd and Purdue Extension have contributed to the planning and implementation of Galaxy III with participation on the steering committee. In addition, a large number of Purdue Extension professionals are volunteering with information stations located in the conference hotels and convention center.

Hibberd, a Nebraska native, was educated at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Oklahoma State University. He served on the faculty at Oklahoma State University and as District Director of the UNL Panhandle Research & Extension Center prior to starting as Director of

Purdue Extension on November 1, 2007. He has a strong personal interest in providing development experiences such as personal leadership, coaching and facilitation that enhance the personal and professional effectiveness of Extension professionals.

“Welcome to Indiana! Galaxy III will be an exciting venue to renew acquaintances, make new friends and stretch our personal and professional knowledge. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable or productive.”

- Charles Hibberd, Director,
Purdue Extension



Exploring the history of Indianapolis

Indianapolis is most known for the Colts and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but there is more to Indianapolis than football and racing. The history of Indianapolis starts out with relocation of the state capital from Corydon to Indianapolis in 1820. The word

“Indianapolis” originates from (obviously) the word “Indiana” and “polis” which is Greek for the word “city”.

The first railroad service came through the city in 1827 and Indianapolis

became home to the first U.S. Union Station, better known as a rail

passenger terminal. Union Station is still there and located in the heart of the city. Indianapolis continued to grow as an automobile manufacturer and a major travel hub for the Midwest.



Postcard of Indianapolis 1910

During the 1970s-1980s, Indianapolis faced massive urban decay, but the city was revitalized by the 1990s due to new investments in downtown and improvement projects. Indianapolis

just recently expanded the Indianapolis International Airport, Lucas Oil Stadium (the new home for the Colts) was just completed this year, and the downtown Convention Center will be expanded in the next three years.

Indianapolis is also home to lots of great cultural districts and museums. Numerous monuments have been erected such as Monument Circle, Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Memorial, and the beautiful War Memorial. Indianapolis ranks 2nd behind Washington, D.C. for number of city monuments. Hopefully during your stay in Indianapolis, you will get to explore some of these exciting places.

4-H Members Entertain Galaxy III Delegation



During Wednesday night's Taste of Indiana and All Associations Auctions, Galaxy participants were entertained by Indiana 4-H members D.J. Miller and Kathleen and Natalie Grimes. Great job!!

Additional Information

- **Road Closures**—be aware that some Indiana interstates are closed due to flooding. Check for updates before leaving Indy!
- **Continuing Education Units/ Dietetics credits**—information is available at the Galaxy resource table.
- **Door Prize Winners** drawn from exhibits will be posted on the Galaxy message board.
- **NEAFCS/NAE4-HA state delegations**, call photographers to provide them with additional information for group photos, so they can plan on numbers and settings. Call Hunter's Studio—Jerry or Kelly: 812-689-5145 or Kelly's cell: 812-350-4631.
- **Galaxy Padfolios and Backpacks**
Wish to purchase additional Galaxy padfolios and/or bags? They are available at registration for the price of 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25.
Wish to donate your Galaxy Padfolios and/or Backpacks? Drop them off at the Galaxy resource table for donation to local children.
- **Denim Shirts**—if you pre-ordered a Galaxy shirt, please pick it up from the registration table.
- **Friday Brunch**—doors and buffet lines open at 8:30 a.m., serving until 9:30 a.m., in Exhibit Hall D (Convention Center)

UPDATE:

* **Concurrent Session #7:** "E-Government Readiness Among Iowa Counties" has been changed to "Program Evaluation: Geospatial Technology Training Program." Nora Ladjahasan will be presenting.

