



***July 27-29, 2008
Holiday Inn French Quarter
Perrysburg, Ohio***

To: SWCD Supervisors, Staff, NRCS and Other Conservation Partners

From: Gary Weck, Area I OFSWCD Chairman
Clark Sheets, President, OFSWCD

April 21, 2008

You are cordially invited to attend the 63rd Summer Supervisors School, to be held at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio, July 27 - 29, 2008. The Holiday Inn is conveniently located off I-75 and the Ohio Turnpike. The French Quarter Hotel gets its name from the New Orleans style setting complete with brick walkways, wrought iron balconies and large center atrium with a swimming pool and abundant foliage. Hotel amenities include three swimming pools, game room, full service restaurant and lounge with live entertainment on the weekends and fitness center. The hotel is close to plenty of restaurants and shopping. If you really want to enjoy a Sunday evening, head out to the ballpark and catch a Toledo Mud Hens game. The Mud Hens will be playing a Sunday game beginning at 6:30 pm.

This year's Summer School theme is "Catch the Conservation Wave" and will feature a series of informative workshops, interesting tours and above all "just plain relaxing" The Auxiliary program offers a step back in time to the "ole canal days in Ohio" as well as a spectacular encounter with hundreds of live butterflies. The children's program will feature a learning tour of the Toledo Botanical Gardens and a visit to the historic Isaac Ludwig Mill and ride on a canal boat. In addition, some fun events and entertainment are planned to amuse and force a giggle from even the most hardened school attendee. So bring the family, relax and enjoy some Northwest Ohio hospitality!

Please join Federation in the "Back To School" book drive. This program is modeled after the NACD book drive held in Reno. The purpose is to place books on Conservation in area school libraries. Please see program attachment outlining the program and a list of Conservation Book Suggestions.

To assist in your registration we have included a one page "registration worksheet" for supervisors and staff to complete and return to you District office for entry into "Cvent"

Sincerely,

Gary Weck, Area 1 OFSWCD Chairman
Clark Sheets, President, OFSWCD

HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATION

Area I OFSWCD Directors have blocked 170 rooms at the Perrysburg, Holiday Inn French Quarter for participants attending the 63rd OFSWCD Summer Supervisors School. Rates have been guaranteed for our group at a cost of \$95 per room, plus taxes, under the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Districts. **You must use the OFSWCD Summer School name when calling the hotel to reserve rooms.**

HOLIDAY INN FRENCH QUARTER HOTEL:

Holiday Inn French Quarter Hotel Perrysburg – “Northwest Ohio’s Premier Special Events Headquarters”. The hotel is located a mere 10 miles from downtown Toledo where you will find Fifth Third Field home of the Toledo Mud Hens, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Zoo and just a few miles from riverfront dining at such locations as The Docks at International Park, the Warehouse District expansion and the Oliver House.

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE:

J. Patrick’s Restaurant and Lounge with entertainment offers a relaxed atmosphere and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Room service is also available during restaurant hours.

EXERCISE:

Fitness Center is open 24 hours and is available for all guests and includes state of the art exercise equipment.

GUESTROOMS:

Spacious comfort is provided in the hotel’s 299 deluxe rooms including Jacuzzi and executive concierge; 1 & 2 bedroom suites. All guestrooms include voice mail, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.

SPECIAL RATE:

\$ 95.00 plus tax for Double or King Occupancy.

\$ 129.00 plus tax for a 1-King Bedroom Suite.

PARKING:

The hotel has over 775 free parking spaces.

HOTEL CHECK-IN TIME – 4:00 pm

HOTEL CHECK-OUT TIME – 11:00 am

LOCATION:

Holiday Inn French Quarter Hotel is located at 10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. Telephone: 1-(419)-874 - 3111; Fax: 1-(419)-874-2099. Web site: www.hifq.com

MEETING & DINING ROOMS:

Sunday, July 27, 2008 registration and hospitality will be held in hotel's Atrium Foyer from 2:00pm – 6:00pm. Several exhibitors will be located in and around this area. Also the OFSWCD's Board of Directors will be in the Depot Track 1 room at 2:30pm till 4:30pm.

Monday, July 28, 2008 registration will continue in the Atrium Foyer from 8:00am till 11:00am. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am through 9:00 am in the Lower Atrium. The General Session will be held in the Depot Ballrooms. The general session's luncheon will be held in Atrium Foyer from 11:45am – 1:30pm. Afternoon breakout sessions will be held in the hotel in rooms (Corona, Panatela, Grenadier, Tracks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the Forum).

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 breakfast will be held in the Atrium from 6:15 am through 7:30am. All scheduled tours will board buses on the side of hotel by the Depot Conference Entrance of the hotel. Tours are scheduled from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. The hotel has arranged a late checkout time of 1:30 pm for our group.

OTHER INFORMATION

Vespers Service:

This year's vespers service will be held in Track 1 and 2 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter Hotel from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and will feature the musical talents of Glandorf St. Johns Men's Choir. Pastor Roger Emerson will provide liturgical services.

Monday & Tuesday Morning Breakfast Buffet:

A breakfast buffet will be served in Atrium Area of the hotel. Offered are: Scrambled eggs with selection of two meats (ham, bacon, or sausage), breakfast potatoes, assorted muffins, pastries, coffee, tea, milk, and orange juice.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Things Too Do on Sunday:

- Tours and shopping – Erie Street Market, Bass Pro Store, Libby Glass, Valentine Theater, Farmers Market (seasonal)
- Entertainment – Valentine Theater Performance, Murphy's Place, Bronze Boar, Bijou, Arawanna II River Cruises, Spaghetti Warehouse Diner Theatre
- Toledo Mud Hens (www.mudhens.com) They will be playing in town Sunday, July 27th, 2008. Game time is 6:30pm contact number is 419.725.4367.
- Dining – J. Patrick's Restaurant, The Docks, Mancy's, Toledo Easy Street, Tony Paco's, Giorgio's, Oliver House, Spaghetti Warehouse,

Other entertainment within driving distance of Hotels:

- Museums/Tours – Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Zoological Gardens, COSI, S.S. Willis B. Boyer, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo Firefighters Museum, Wolcott House Museum
- Horse Racing/Car Racing – Raceway park, ARCA/Toledo Speedway
- Shopping – Levis Common, Westfield Mall, Erie Street Market

General Session: Hear the latest information and updates from our Conservation Partners and other Agencies.

General Session Luncheon:

A general session luncheon will be held on Monday July 28, 2008 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. at the Holiday Inn French Quarter's Atrium Foyer.

Menu: Beef (London broil), Chicken (smothered chicken breast), Vegetarian (pasta primavera) with whipped potatoes, Betty salad, California blend vegetables, rolls, cake, coffee/tea/iced tea/milk.

MONDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT:

After a being in meetings all day, kick back and enjoy a fantastic meal at the SSS Buffet featuring Lake Erie Perch. Then relax the remainder of the evening back at the French Quarter with the family or enjoy friendly game of euchre, enjoy live entertainment in the hotels lounge, throw down a towel and enjoy one of the three pools at the hotel. There will also be a live auction of several items and baskets as part of the Conservation Auxiliary's Program.

The Area 1 SWCD's will be sponsoring an ice cream social for those who have a sweet tooth!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
63rd OFSWCD Summer School

Date: July 27 – 29, 2008

Location: Perrysburg, Holiday Inn French Quarter

Address: 10630 Fremont Pike
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Phone: (419) 874 - 3111

Fax: (419) 874 - 3290

Room rate: \$ 95 per night plus sales tax and occupancy taxes

Hotel room guarantee deadline date July 3, 2008

Sunday, July 27, 2008

2:00 – 6:00 pm Registration in Atrium Foyer Area

2:00 – 6:00 pm Hospitality in the Club Car Room hosted by Fulton and Van Wert
Districts

2:30 – 4:30 pm OFSWCD Directors Meeting – Clark Sheets, President
Depot Track 1

7:00 – 8:30 pm Vespers & Memorial Services – Pastor Roger Emerson;
Glandorf St. John's Men's Choir – Depot Track 1 & 2

Monday, July 28, 2008

- 7:30 – 9:00 am Breakfast Buffet – Atrium Foyer
- 8:00 – 11:30 am Registration continues in Atrium Foyer Area
- 9:00 am Children’s Tour assembles in Track 1 of the Depot Conference Center
- 9:15 am Children’s Tour Departs Hotel for Ludwig Mill
- 9:15 am Conservation Auxiliary assembles in Track 1 of the Depot Conference Center
- 9:30 am Conservation Auxiliary Tour departs Hotel for the Butterfly House
- 10:00 am General Session begins in Depot Ballroom
Welcome by Gary Weck, OFSWCD Area 1 Chairman
Opening Remarks by: Clark Sheets, OFSWCD President
David Hanselmann, Chief, DSWC
Terry Cosby, State Conservationist, NRCS
Steve Robinson, NACD President Elect
Kevin O’Connor, Chief, Office of Internal Audits
Presentation of Lake Erie CREP Appreciation Award, Ohio
SWCD Employee’s Association Scholarships
- 11:30 am General Session Adjourns
- 11:45 am General Sessions Luncheon in the Atrium Foyer
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm Concurrent Workshops**

A) **Farm Bill - “What am I signing..... From Plans to Memos?”** – How many times have you got to a board meeting and your DC or DPA states that we have a lot of paperwork to sign. What are you signing and what it means to apply conservation on the ground in your District. Doug Deardorff, Resource Conservationist, USDA-NRCS; Forum Room

B) **Conservation Education** – “How to make a splash” Get some ideas and learn the importance of keeping your education program on the cutting edge! Ideas for school programs, officials tours, banquet and special events. Just what does make them successful. Panel: Carol Benner, and others. Track 1-2 Room

C) **Drainage - “Making drainage a WIN – WIN for everyone”** Drainage water management research in Ohio shows there is a clear and significant reduction in annual drainage discharge from controlled drainage. This flow volume reduction decreases nitrate delivery out of the system, but can there be an economic benefit to the producer from controlled drainage. Come hear what is currently happening with controlled drainage in the Midwest. – Norm Fausey, ARS; Mark Seger, Area Engineer, ODNR-Track 3 Room

D) **Storm-water work:** Gain from experience of districts working with counties and municipalities on a variety of work. Hear about program elements that range from traditional construction site issues to improving storm-water water quality treatment. Take the opportunity to ask questions and share experience about types of work, funding and agreements with communities. John Mathews with invited guests. Track 4 Room

E) **Energy - “Feed and Fuel”** - Come listen to a discussion of where the ethanol industry is and where it is heading and how it relates to the price of corn and feed. Corn Growers & Ethanol Representative. Track 5

3:00 pm – Break (Sponsored by Monsanto Chemical)

3:45 – 4:45 pm Concurrent Workshops Continued

A) **Raising the Environmental IQ in NW Ohio: ECOTRACK 11** - Interested in learning a little more about your local environment? Look no further than your TV set and your computer! The Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership has partnered with WTOL Channel 11 and Stormcenter Communications Inc. to produce an on-air broadcast of environmental content supported by an extensive web site. Channel WTOL 11 Toledo - Forum Room

B) **Wildlife “Wild Men of Wildlife”** Cropland and wildlife living together...yes, it can be done! Hear from wildlife specialists and partners who create habitat, control wildlife damage, educate and work with you, that landowner. Topics covered: Mid-term CRP Management; burns, disking, wetland designers, education and crop damage. Speakers: Joe Uhinck, Ottawa SWCD Wildlife Specialist and Mark Witt, Private Lands Biologists, ODNR – Div. of Wildlife Track 1 & 2 Rooms

C) **Energy Conservation** – “Watts up with your energy cost” Mid-Ohio Electric Cooperative and BP Chemical. What is happening with your electric rates and what is affecting them. Fertilizer costs have gone up! Which factors affect these increases and where may they be going. – Track 3 Room

D) **Ohio EPA General Permits** – Get an overview of Ohio EPA’s stormwater permits for phase 2 communities (MS4 permit) and the construction general permit and how Districts as taking a role. John Mathews, ODNR-DSWC and Lynette Hablitzel, OEPA NW Stormwater Coordinator. Track 4 Room

E) **Evaluations:** “One of the hardest jobs of a Supervisor, evaluating their Administrator and Staff” This will be a working session, in which examples of how your District Board can go through an evaluation process and not feel like you are getting a tooth pulled! Discussion topics will be on some examples of evaluation forms and process used to make your job easier as a Board member. Speakers Defiance SWCD Administrator, Jeff Ankney and Board member, Ed Crawford, Defiance SWCD and ODNR Div. of Soil and Water Conservation staff - Track 5 Room

-Monday’s Program Continued -

3:30 pm	Conservation Auxiliary Tour returns from Ludwig Mill
4:45 pm	Concurrent Breakout sessions end – Ready, Set, Relax!
4:45 pm	Children’s Tour returns from Toledo Botanical Gardens
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Summer School Buffet Diner featuring Lake Erie Perch. Ballrooms 1-4
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Conservation Auxiliary’s Live Auction, featuring Auctioneer Bert Brown
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social sponsored by Area 1 SWCD’s or choice: cards, dancing, music, swimming and more.

Tuesday’s Program

6:15 – 7:30 am	Breakfast Buffet in the hotel’s Atrium Foyer
7:30 – 8:00 am	Load buses and depart on tours in front of Holiday Inn

Tours

- A) “Maumee Bay and Confined Disposal facilities (limited to 50 people)
- B) “Ag 1 Tour: Wind farm and Hertzfeld Poultry Farm (limited to 50 people
- C) “Urban Breakers” Tour (limited to 50 people)
- D) “Ag 2 Tour: The Andersons (limited to 50 people)
- E) “Drive it Yourself Tour to Put-In-Bay (limited to 80 people)

All buses return to Hotel between 12:00 – 12:30 pm

Check out of Hotel by 1:30 pm (Those attending Tour E should plan on checking out prior to departing for Port Clinton and Put-in-Bay)

BUS TOURS:

Please note that all bus tours are limited to one bus per tour or 50 people total. Please indicate your choices on the registration form so we can make needed arrangements. All Tours will leave between 7:30 am – 8:00 am. Also please follow clothing suggestions as indicated in each tour write-up.

EXHIBITS: DISPLAYS

Districts interested in bringing a display/exhibit to Summer School should contact Ed Crawford in Findlay at (419) 424-5006 - space is limited.

REGISTRATION:

Registration procedures will be held from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 27, 2008 in the Atrium Foyer of the Holiday Inn, and again, on Monday, July 28, 2008 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.