

# AGENDA

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 1:00-2:30 PM**                      **Registration/Check-in**
- 3:00-4:00 PM**                      **Welcome/Ice Breaker**
- 4:00-5:00 PM**                      **Break/Check-in**
- 5:00-6:00 PM**                      **Jill Reinhart-NRCS initiatives**  
**Darci Zolman-Staffing task force**
- 6:00-7:00 PM**                      **Dinner Together @ Horizon**
- 7:00-8:30 PM**                      **Bingo**     **Lots of GREAT Prizes**

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 7:30-8:30 AM**                      **Breakfast @ Horizon**
- 8:00-8:30 AM**                      **Registration**
- 8:45-9:00 AM**                      **Welcome**

# WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

**9:00-10:00 AM**

**Session #1**

**(Choose one)**

- 1. Drones in Ag with Mark Carter, Purdue Extension Drone Specialist**
- 2. SWCD Staff Panel: What Does 5, 10, 15 Years Look Like?**
- 3. Aquatic Ecology with Mark Pyron, Ball State University**

**10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**Session #2**

**(Choose One)**

- 1. Ball State University Planetarium Program**
- 2. Christy Woods/Orchid House tour:**

**Buses will leave at 10:30 (start loading at 10:15) and the program will be from 11:00 to 11:45 AM. We will promptly return for lunch after the program or tour.**

**12:15-1:30 PM-Lunch – IDEA Business Meeting, and Service Awards**

# WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

**2:00-3:00 PM**

**Session #3**

**(Choose One)**

- 1. Finding & Motivating Supervisors with Scott Ham**
- 2. Soil Health with Stephanie McLain**
- 3. Lovin' Plants and Birds—Go Native with Dawn Slack**

**3:00-3:30 PM**

**Break**

**3:30-4:30 PM**

**Session #4**

**(Choose One)**

- 1. ISDA Data Deliverables to Districts, Trevor Laureys**
- 2. PERF update: “Big Piggy Bank, Little Piggy Bank”**
- 3. Bat Habitat with Tim Carter, Ball State University**

**4:30-6:30 PM**

**Dinner On Own**

**6:30-7:30 PM**

**Make & Take Succulents  
Group #1**

**7:30-8:30 PM**

**Make & Take Succulents  
Group #2**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**7:30-8:30 AM**

**Breakfast**

**9:30-10:30 AM**

**Final Session with  
Peter Heck—"IT'S WORTH IT!"**

**10:45-11:30 AM**

**Ticket War Drawing**

**11:30 AM**

**Closing Remarks**

**Thank you for an amazing  
conference! Safe travels home!**

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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# Session #1 Options

## 1. Drones with Mark Carter

Witness the use of several drones by the state's drone expert while learning how drones are affecting the agriculture world. Join Mark to find out how drones could start aiding in conservation efforts everywhere.

## 2. Staff Panel: SWCD at 5, 10, 15 Years

The future is unknown but come hear about what it looks like for SWCD staff that has been involved for 5, 10, and 15 years! Let's unmask your potential with SWCD.

## 3. Aquatic Ecology with Mark Pyron

“WATER” is in the SWCD name. Dr. Pyron will share invaluable information on the ecology of our streams and water sources.

# Session #2 Options

## 1. Our Night Sky: Ball State University Planetarium

Visit the Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University and experience the night sky as you have never seen it before.

The planetarium, which is part of the [Department of Physics and Astronomy](#), is an immersive theater where state-of-the-art technology transforms the 52-foot dome into a simulation of the night sky as seen from Earth and from space. For example, the audience can “fly” through Saturn's rings, land on Mars, or travel to distant stars and galaxies.

## 2. Christy Woods & Orchid Greenhouse Tours: Ball State University

Experience a small tropical environment in the middle of Indiana! With over 2,000 orchids, the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse contains the largest university-based orchid collection in the United States, including the Wheeler-Thanhauser Orchid Collection and Species Bank, and Betty Kendall Ladyslipper Orchid Species Collection. The collection is a living museum which provides opportunities for education and conservation of rare and endangered orchid species and is used for orchid research.

## **Session #3 Options**

### **1. Finding & Motivating Supervisors with Scott Ham**

**Does your District need a new supervisor? Or do your board supervisors lack motivation? Join Scott to find out how to bring in a new supervisor or revitalize current supervisors so they are like new!**

### **2. Soil Health with Stephanie McClain**

**What are the new soil health concerns for conservation planning? How do you evaluate them in the field? Stephanie will show us through live demonstrations.**

### **3. Lovin' Plants and Birds-Go Native- with Dawn Slack**

**Dawn Slack works for The Nature Conservancy in Indiana, but also coordinates SICIM's Indiana Invasive Initiative.**

## **Session #4 Options**

### **1. ISDA Data Deliverables with Trevor Laureys**

**Opportunity to learn all the different deliverables available to districts from ISDA and talk about the great work accomplished together with ISDA & SWCD**

### **2. The Perf Guy**

**If you just started or about to retire, come learn details about your Perf benefits.**

### **3. Bat Habitat with Tim Carter**

**Learn about bat biology and ecology, echolocation and how scientists work with bats. Bats are important pollinators for our ecosystem. This would be a great program to learn about and take back to teach to youth and/or adults. People would go batty over Dr. Carter's lessons. He is the Chair of Environment, Geology, and Natural Resources Department at Ball State University.**

## **Final Session with Peter Heck**

**Peter Heck is a writer, speaker and teacher from Kokomo, IN.**

**Peter is a nationally recognized speaker whose humorous, relentlessly energetic and engaging style has taken him around the country, allowing him to share the stage with notable figures like Vice President Mike Pence, Dr. Ben Carson, Glenn Beck, Tim Hawkins and legendary coach and motivational speaker Lou Holtz.**