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Special Edition

Take a moment to plan your 2012 WEFMAX travel. A list of meetings and hotel information is provided below:

March 8 – 9 – WEFMAX in Sedona, Arizona
T: 928.282.4825 | Reserve hotel by February 15, 2012 | $125.00
Scenery, shopping and spirituality are Sedona's claims to fame. About 125 miles north of Phoenix and 100 miles south of the Grand Canyon, this city is surrounded by national forests and is known as "red rock country" due to the rouge-colored sandstone and limestone buttes. Pedestrian-friendly upscale arts and crafts and a New Age subculture are prominent throughout the Sedona area. The surrounding country has many hiking trails, and several promontories are well-known both for beauty and, for some, metaphysical significance. At 4,500 feet in elevation, the weather in Sedona is generally mild and sunny. This (then) sleepy community was discovered by the artist community and others beginning in the early 1950's. Until then it had been a very small farming community, attracting fishermen and a few sightseers along the way. Today, Sedona is the second most visited place in Arizona. You'll find more than enough places to visit and play while in Sedona.

April 12-13 – WEFMAX in Fayetteville, Arkansas
T: 479.582.0400 | Reserve hotel by March 11, 2012 | Room Rate $140.00
Reservations: 1-800-295-9118
The natural beauty of the Ozark Mountains comes alive in Fayetteville offering a unique blend of an outdoor-lover's paradise, cool college town, cultural arts, shopping and live music in a thriving night life. Begin your stay with an early morning stroll through the Farmer's Market www.fayettevillefarmersmarket.org, and see the beautiful color of the Downtown Square Gardens. Known as the "Crown Jewel of Fayetteville", the market is a feast for the eyes, ears, and palate with the finest locally produced vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, meats, baked goods, honey, eggs, jams, crafts and fine art, while you're at it. In the evening, visit the funky entertainment district on Dickson Street, www.dicksonst.com, and enjoy a taste of culture with the Walton Arts Center, www.waltonartscenter.org. During your stay set aside time to tour the first home of President Bill and Secretary Hillary Clinton, explore the 86-acre Botanical Garden of the Ozarks, www.bgozarks.org, or take in a game with the Arkansas Razorbacks and Arkansas Naturals baseball. But the true Natural State experience will be found spent outdoors in the breath-taking beauty that only the Ozark Mountains can deliver. With the numerous lakes, rivers and hiking trails in the area, you are sure to find the natural beauty of Arkansas calling you back again and again. Check out the facts, local attractions, and things to do by viewing the Fayetteville Video Tour Book at www.accessfayetteville.org, or

www.experiencefayetteville.com.

April 19 - 20 – WEFMAX in Baltimore, Maryland
T: 410.522.7380 | Reserve hotel by April 2, 2012 | Room Rate $145.00
We invite you to explore Baltimore, a vibrant city on the water where you will find something new around every corner. The city has 280 properties identified as historical in the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1729, this city enjoys a vibrant arts scene and embraces its history and influence on American culture. Plan some time to visit Fort McHenry. During the War of 1812, this fort with 1,000 Americans successfully staved off the British and inspired Francis Scott Key to compose the Star Spangled Banner. Baltimore was once the second leading port of entry for immigrants to the United States and a major manufacturing center. After a decline in manufacturing, like most other major American coastal cities, Baltimore shifted to a service-oriented economy. The National Aquarium in Baltimore is the city's most popular tourist attraction and one of the biggest aquariums in the United States and is the centerpiece of Baltimore's immensely popular Inner Harbor. Baltimore's world-renowned Inner Harbor is surrounded by historic neighborhoods where you will find city living at its best with unique shops and restaurants for every style and taste. The Admiral Fell Inn is located in Fells Point, an area of Baltimore that started life as a sailor's town, and today its cobblestone streets lead to an unbelievable variety of treasures. This neighborhood consists of up scaled shops, art galleries and choice restaurants. By night, it is home to many local packed bars and haunting ghosts walks.

May 17 - 18 – WEFMAX in Indianapolis, IN
T: 317.634.6664 | Reserve hotel by April 26, 2012 | Room Rate $139.00

There is no better way to experience a place than to see it through the eyes of the people who call it home. Indianapolis is home to the two largest single-day sporting events in the world, The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race and The Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. They each draw over 250,000 at each event. Indianapolis is also the city that holds the NCAA Hall of Champions, which is the headquarters of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. While in town, take time to get to know and be a part of the local experience by visiting some of the cultural districts within Indianapolis to include its many museums and art centers. Each cultural district has its own distinct personality and flare.

The Indiana WEA is organizing a May 18th, Friday afternoon social event held outside of the WEFMAX meeting. WEFMAX attendees are invited to participate in a trip to the Indy 500 race track and experience the fun and festivities of Indy 500 "Fast Friday" practice, the last day race car drivers are able to practice prior to competing for Pole position. Since the first Indy 500 was held in 1911, all cars have been required to qualify for the race, based on speed and their pole position is determined by 4-lap (10-mile) qualifying time trials. Each car takes to the track one at a time to establish a qualifying speed. The theory was that the cars could perform their fastest alone on the track, without the challenge of others cars possibly blocking the way, or impeding their performance. Information on cost will be provided as it comes available. For more information, contact Scott Grimes sgrimes@indianawea.org.