

## **Power Point Presentation 2018 ADDC Convention Plans**

### **1. ENERGY \* EXCITEMENT\* EVANSVILLE**

The members of Region II are excited to be hosting the ADDC Convention in Evansville, Indiana September 19-22, 2018. We've prepared this presentation to share some of that excitement by telling you a little bit about some of what Evansville has to offer as well as showing you some of the educational and fun-filled field trips currently under consideration.

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3. The 2018 convention will be held at the brand new DoubleTree by Hilton featuring complimentary WiFi for Hilton HHonors Members, in-room refrigerator and coffee maker, fitness center, outdoor pool, and a parking garage. The pre-construction rates are \$129 for single/double and \$149 triple/quad occupancy plus tax.

4. Some of the Evansville's local attractions include: Bosse Field where the movie "A League of Their Own" was filmed, Burdette Park, a craft beer trail, and Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden.

5. Evansville has a restaurant to satisfy every taste and pocket book including delis, diners, pubs, national chains and locally owned eateries.

6. All D&D members know a Convention includes shopping. Evansville features a host of shopping venues from malls to specialty shops.

7. Evansville is surrounded by history and museums commemorating it from the ancient mound builders at Angel Mounds State Historic Site to the USS LST-325 moored on Evansville's riverfront.

8. Located on an oxbow of the Ohio River, Evansville is Indiana's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city and regional hub for the tri-state area of Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.

9. Connected to the DoubleTree by an overhead walkway, the Old National Events Plaza will be utilized for seminars and small meetings on Thursday and the ice breaker event on Friday.

10. The Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science is a short walk from the Doubletree and features a permanent collection of more than 30,000 objects as well as the Koch Immersive Theater with its 40-foot diameter domed screen with 360 degree digital projection and a 10,000-watt surround sound system. It really can "blow you away".

11. The USS LST-325 is the only remaining functioning landing craft from those produced during WWII and utilized in various conflicts thereafter. Although the LST-325 was not produced in Evansville, Evansville is proud to have been one of the sites for construction of the LST's during WWII. Volunteers, many of whom served on LST's, lead tours and keep the 325 seaworthy. She sails to various ports during one month each year to allow more people the opportunity to learn her history and her importance in keeping America free.

12. Countrymark's Refinery and Learning Pavilion are located west of Evansville in Mt. Vernon, IN. Countrymark is unique in that 100% of the crude oil it refines is sourced from the Illinois Basin which includes southern Illinois, southern Indiana and western Kentucky. Countrymark plays a major role in the local economy.

13. Elastic/American Marine's international headquarters are located just across the state line in Carmi, Illinois where they manufacture and distribute products to help clean up oil spills and hazardous waste. Following the Gulf oil spill, they won the Wendy Schmidt Oil Cleanup Challenge prize of one million dollars with their oil skimmer's performance.

14. Toyota Motor Corporation located in Princeton, Indiana offers tours of their assembly plant where visitors ride audio equipped trams through the facility to witness the precision of the assembly process. A major highlight of the tour is a 2008 Toyota Tundra pickup suspended from the ceiling with the various components pulled apart to reveal how they all fit together.

15. The Dream Car Museum is the Midwest's most extensive collection of exotic and vintage cars surrounded by a world class display of automotive memorabilia. It also features famous movie cars including the 1970 Dodge Charger from the 2001 film "The Fast and The Furious" and one of the General Lee's from the "Dukes of Hazard" with Daisy Duke standing nearby. I said "one of the General Lee's" because with the way they drove they needed quite a few of them.

16. The historic Reitz Home and Museum sits in the heart of the city's downtown Historic Preservation District where visitors can step back in time to an era of silk damask-covered walls, hand painted ceiling, stained glass windows, period furniture and much more.

17. Vincennes, Indiana was founded in 1732 by French fur traders as a trading post and played a major role in the French Indian Wars and the American Revolution.

Vincennes is also home to the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy where visitors can witness some of Red's characters come to life including Freddie the Freeloader and Clem Kadiddlehopper.

18. Tropicana's new land-based casino offers visitors a chance to try their luck at the slots, craps table and a host of other venues. Not into gaming? They also offer free entertainment by nationally known entertainers in their lounge area.

19. Indiana Caverns is the newest of Indiana's four amazing cave systems to be opened for tours. A 25-minute boat ride on an underground river offers a chance to glimpse blind cave crayfish along with other cave life amid beautiful rimstone dams as visitors learn how caves are formed and their special role in the environment.

20. The Garden of the Gods in Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois offers breathtaking photo opportunities of the sandstone formations carved by Mother Nature over 320 million years ago. Whether walking or taking pictures, always be cautious as a little moisture can cause the rocks to be slippery.

21. The beautiful 200-foot free-spanning dome of the West Baden Springs Hotel was known as the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world in the years before the 1929 stock market crash when the world's rich and famous came to enjoy its beauty and the cure-all mineral springs nearby. Once abandoned and ready for demolition, the hotel has been fully restored and is waiting for you to come marvel and enjoy.

Like a ride on a vintage railroad? Nearby French Lick's Scenic Railway has just your ticket.

22. Last but certainly not least is Lincoln's Boyhood Memorial located on the 160 acre farm where Abe Lincoln spent his youth and where his mother is buried. Although he spent his adulthood in Illinois before being elected to the presidency, both Indiana and Kentucky celebrate Lincoln as a native son. Come explore and learn more about one of the world's most respected leader.

23. We're looking forward to seeing you in Evansville in 2018!