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Call for Papers

The Digest Editors are calling for papers to be included in the EXPO Edition of the Digest. The theme for this EXPO is the Pennsylvanian. Papers dealing with Pennsylvanian fossils, localities, or stratigraphy would be appreciated. The papers should

be in Word, Times New Roman, size 12 Font, single spaced, with one inch margins and e-mailed to one of the Digest Editors by the 1st of February 2012.

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EXPO Auction Information

A live auction will be held on Saturday evening of EXPO, following a brief business meeting and awards presentation. Also, during show hours, a silent auction will be held to shorten the live auction. As part of your table fees, you are **encouraged** to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossil-related item(s) to the Auction. Information to include with the specimen is as follows:

- Brief description and common name, species information, location, and time period.
- A minimum guide to the value of your donation would be something equal to your table fee. In other words, if you have one table, the donation should have a minimum value of \$20; two tables, \$40; and so on.

Preference on future table assignments will be given to those who make a donation to the auction as suggested above.

Most proceeds from the auction go to the Paleontological Society Scholarship Fund. As an interesting note, a number of Auction donations are made by individuals who do not have tables, or who are unable to attend EXPO or the Auction.

The many generous donations in preceding years have allowed us to contribute approximately \$3500 for each of the past several years. 2007's auction brought about \$5100 with the addition of a dinosaur-hunting trip. Our primary support goes to the Paleontological Society for scholarships and the Strimple fund, with additional support to the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI), and the Repository at the University of Iowa, which hosts MAPS board meetings. With continued membership support, we hope to continue the trend.

Dinosaur Dig to be Sold at Live Auction

Paleo Prospectors is donating a dinosaur dig trip for the live auction Saturday evening. The dig is for 1 week in June or July of 2012 (choice of approximately three different weeks). Possible digs may be in North Dakota, South Dakota or Wyoming.

You will be able to keep almost everything that you find (up to a maximum of \$4,000.00). Only individual bones valued at over \$1,500.00 and articulated bones are excluded. In all cases, however, if you cannot keep your find, you will receive a finder's fee of three percent after the final sale of the object. In most cases

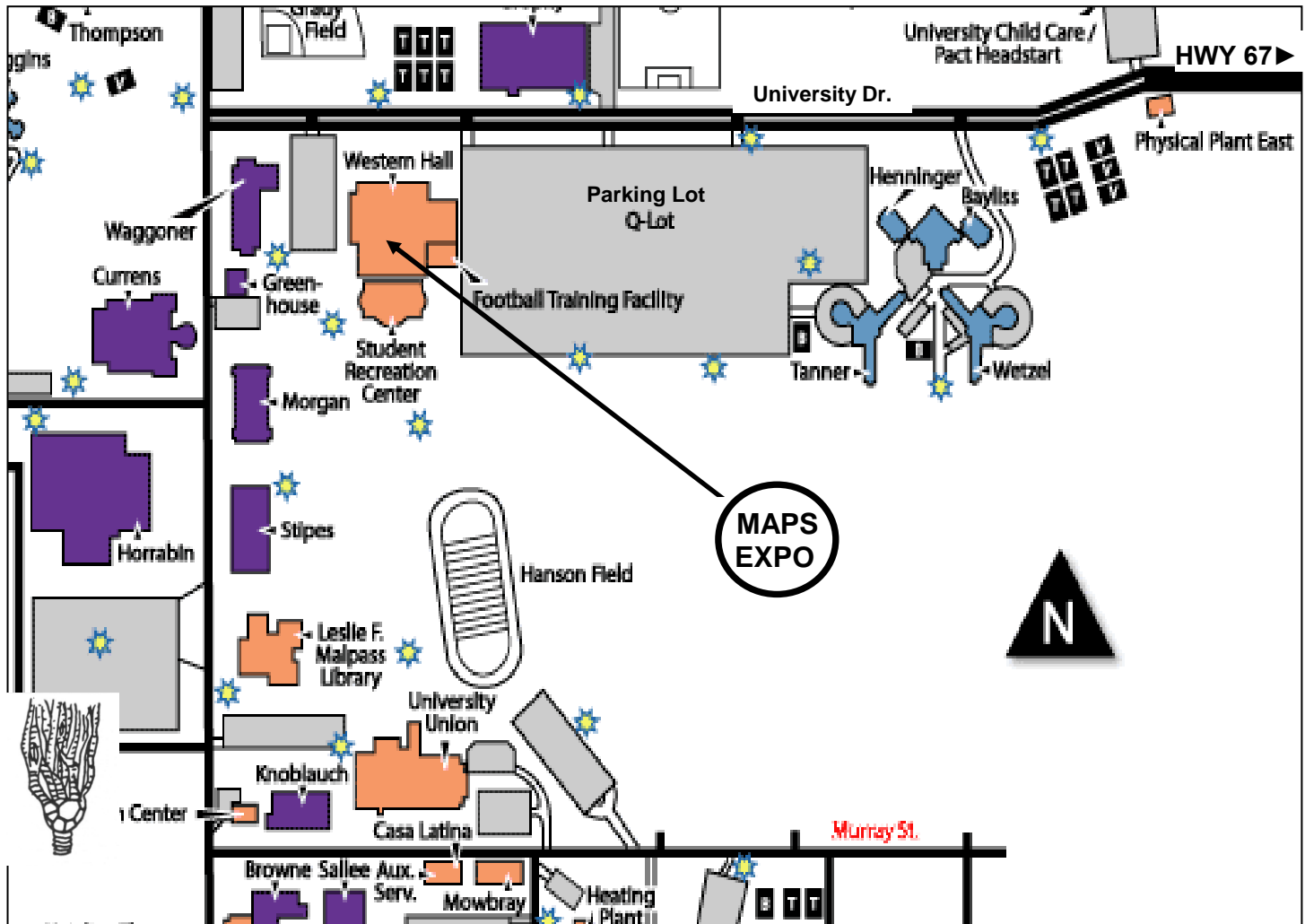
each participant finds several hundred bone fragments, ten or so mostly complete bones and an occasional tooth and claw.

The minimum bid has yet to be determined. If you are not able to attend Expo but would like to bid on the trip, proxy bids can be sent to MAPS EXPO chair Tom Williams, Paleotom234@comcast.net; (815) 223-9638. Payment may be made in 4 installments. For more information on Palo Prospectors digs, check their website: <http://www.paleopropectors.com>.

Cover Photograph

The cover picture is of the activity on the 2011 EXPO floor. (Photograph by Jim Preslicka.)

WIU Map Indicating Location of Western Hall



Attention All Sellers: Illinois Sales Tax Requirements Change

For the past couple years, Expo sellers were required to register with the State of Illinois to get a sales tax number; however, Illinois has now created a special event form for sellers who sell only once a year in Illinois. MAPS will have the forms available at Expo, and no advance registration is necessary and no further reporting is necessary.

1. EVERYONE SELLING (retail or wholesale, US citizen or not) is required to collect Illinois sales tax and remit it to the state.
2. **One-time Special Event forms will be available for all sellers who are not registered and do not wish to register with the state of Illinois.**
3. For those of you who have a Sales Tax Certificate, it must be displayed at Expo and Sales Tax should be collected on all retail sales at Expo and sent to the state within 20 days from the start of your sales.
4. If you include sales tax in your price, you must have a sign stating that.
5. As the Sponsor of Expo, MAPS is required to submit a list of all sellers at the show. **PLEASE ENTER YOUR BUSINESS INFORMATION ON YOUR TABLE RESERVATION FORM.** If you do not have a business name, enter you own name for your business name.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XXXIV—2012

LOCATION AND TIME EXPO will be held in the gym at Western Hall, on the campus of Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. The simplest way to the site is to turn west off IL 67 onto University Drive. (Follow the signs.) Set-up is permitted on Friday, March 30, at 8:00 a.m.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, March 30—8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 31—8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 1—8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION There are 2 highways leading into Macomb—**IL 136**, an E-W route, and **IL 67**, a N-S route. There is **no plane service to Macomb** at this time, but you can fly into **Moline, IL, St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL**, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

LODGING **Macomb area code—309; Macomb zip code—61455**

★**MOTELS** — We have been informed that most Macomb motels have different prices for weekends than for weekdays, so check prices if you are concerned about costs.

Motels are listed according to what has generally been the highest-priced one to the lowest-priced one except those marked*. It has been reported that some of the hotels raise the price for EXPO weekend, so you might want to check prices.

Ameri Host	1646 N. Lafayette	837-2220
Holiday Inn Express	1655 Jackson St.	816-6700
Macomb Inn (Days Inn)	1400 N. Lafayette	833-5511
(54 rooms at Macomb (Days) Inn are blocked at \$64 + tax/per night with breakfast in the lobby. Identify with MAPS. Rooms will be blocked until March 13.)		
Super 8	313 University Drive	836-8888
Pineapple Inn	204 Jefferson Street	837-1914
Travel Inn	Hwy 136 West	833-4521
Star Motel	Hwys 67 S and 136 E	837-4817
	1507 E. Jackson Rd.	
Brockway House (Bed & Bkfst)	331 E. Carrol	837-2175

★**CAMPERS** — Persons traveling in self-contained camping units may park on the parking lot. See Public Safety located in the Union. **IDENTIFY WITH MAPS!**

If you plan to stay in a motel, we urge you to make your reservations early. Local motels are generally filled during the weekends.

★**MOBILE HOME PARKING** — is offered at **TILL JORDAN MEADOW MOBILE PARK** by calling **309-837-2883**, for those who wish utility hook-up.

★**UNION** — No rooms are blocked at the Union. Contact Western Illinois University directly at **309-298-1941** to see if rooms are available. (Note: the show is held in Western Hall.)

★**OLSON HALL** — Dormitory-style housing is available at the University in Olson Hall—Dorm rooms with community bath on floor. **CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY directly at 309-298-3500 for reservations.**

IN ALL CASES, IDENTIFY WITH MAPS

EXPO ACTIVITIES Times for all activities will be posted at the EXPO entrances.

THE PENNSYLVANIAN will be this year's theme. Friday night's Keynote Speaker will be Scott Elrick. His program will be on Geologic Secrets of Illinois' Fossil Rain Forest.

Saturday evening, a **live auction** will follow a short business meeting and awards presentation. **Silent auctions** will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday. Proceeds from the auctions go to paleontology scholarships. Each dealer is encouraged to contribute a specimen(s) equal to or greater than the cost of the tables he/she has rented. Include full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk.

Workshops are back! Due to the great success last year, we intend to hold a series of workshops at EXPO XXXIV. In addition, we would like to invite any of you who might wish to give a workshop in your area of expertise to let us know and we will try to set it up. It could be something as simple as a demonstration of a technique at your own table and would be advertised at the entrances to EXPO. See the MAPS website for updates: <http://www.midamericapaleo.org>.

PARKING Parking at Western Hall will be free in the large lot adjacent to the hall. For those staying in the Union, parking at the Union is east of the Union with room permits.

MEALS There will be a food stand in a room adjoining the Gym. Meals are also available in the Union: fast food in the lower level and a deli in the basement. There are also many restaurants in town.

EXPO REGULATIONS Everyone is requested to make advance table registration by **February 15, 2012**. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Registration forms for your requests for tables, etc., are found on page 7 in the Digest. Send these forms and your check or money order made payable to MAPS to: **Steve Holley, 30795 N. Norris Blacktop Rd, Farmington, IL 61531. Admission to the show is free.** Please send dues to Treasurer before EXPO. If you do pay at Expo, please be sure your dues payment is recorded before you leave the desk.

- **Everyone Is Expected To Stay Through 5:00 Saturday, And All Are Encouraged To Stay Through Sunday.**
- **Please Note Your Plans For Leaving On The Reservation Form.**
- **The Committee Insists That All Materials Be Fossil Or Fossil-Related.**
Mountings, Gemstones, Minerals, Human Remains, Artifacts, or Relics, etc., are **NOT PERMITTED!!!**
- **Please Be Sure All Your Material Is Legal.**
- **Aisles Must Be Kept Clear At All Times.**
- **NOTE: No Carts Will Be Available From Either The University Or MAPS.**
- **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED – UNIVERSITY POLICY AND PART OF OUR CONTRACT. SEE POLICY SECTION BELOW.**

ALL TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED Cost of the tables is \$20.00 each for the first two 6' tables rented for the weekend. Additional tables will cost \$30.00 each. **MAXIMUM of 10 tables per person/membership – only 3 against the wall per person/membership.** MAPS memberships will have first chance at all tables requested before February 15. Table rent was raised \$5 to help pay for publicizing the show to increase attendance.

DISPLAYS Displays are welcome at the show. Please note any displays you are bringing on the registration form.

SCHOOL CHILDREN A large number of school children usually visit Expo on Friday morning.

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NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXXIV—GENERAL POLICIES

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- Aisles Must Be Kept Clear At All Times.
- **Vendors are allowed to set up Thursday (no guards) but NO sales or trades allowed--University Policy.**
- **NOTE: NO CARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OR MAPS.**



PET POLICY - PLEASE NOTE

According to our contract with the University: “No animals are allowed in the facility unless medically necessary. If animals are found within the facility, the owner will be responsible for removing such animal from the facility. Failure to comply will result in the Office of Public Safety being called and assisting the owner in removal of said animal.”

According to the University, this has always been their policy, but it was only added to our contract after pets were brought to Expo. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we hope you will comply so as not to jeopardize our ability to use the University facility.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XXXIII—POLICIES FOR TABLE ASSIGNMENTS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RESERVATION FORM, ENCLOSE IT WITH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO MAPS, AND MAIL TO:

Steve Holley
30795 N. Norris Blacktop Rd.
Farmington, IL 61531

- The floor plan will be first laid out on **February 15**, with all received requests being assigned tables. Thereafter, tables will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. This is necessary to insure fairness to all registrants, and to determine remaining number of tables. Tables and/or locations not guaranteed after **February 15, 2012**.
- Registrations with special requests (e.g. same as last year, next to John Doe, etc.) must be received by **February 15** to be honored. Special requests received after Feb. 15 will be honored if possible, but cannot be promised.
- Those with special requests to be located near other vendors/participants must have the permission of all involved for the request to be honored (same names should be on all registration forms).
- If a request is made to be next to a friend or family member, all the involved people must have their payments and registrations in by **February 15** to be honored. For example, if 4 members wish to be clumped in a group, 3 turn in registrations and the 4th does not, the 4th person may not be set up with the grouping, if the tables are used up. (Of course, every effort WILL be made to keep the 4 members together.)
- If Western Hall fills to capacity, a waiting list shall be created. As cancellations occur, the tables will be assigned in the order received.
- A maximum of 10 tables can be reserved per person, organization, or membership. Tables are 6' long. Only 3 tables per person can be along the wall.
- Refunds given up to thirty (30) days prior to first day of show.
- All reservations will be acknowledged.

The Mid-America Paleontology Society (MAPS) was formed to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology; to encourage the proper collecting, study, preparation, and display of fossil material; and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. It is a non-profit society incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Membership in MAPS is open to anyone, anywhere who is sincerely interested in fossils and the aims of the Society.

Membership fee: \$20.00 per household covers one year's issues of DIGESTS. All Canadian and Overseas members receive the DIGEST by air letter post. For new members and those who renew more than 3 issues past their due date, the year begins with the first available issue. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00. (Payments other than those stated will be pro-rated over the 6 yearly issues.)

MAPS meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of October, November, January, and February and at EXPO in March or April. A picnic is held during the summer. October through February meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in April or late March.

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