

**Great Lakes Leadership Academy**  
***Leadership Advancement Program***  
**Session I - Orientation / January 9 & 10, 2008**  
**East Tawas, Michigan**

**Session Objectives**

- Provide participants an opportunity to meet each other and begin the process of learning about their interests in community leadership, agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing and the environment.
- Provide an overview of the program for spouses and significant others and create an awareness of the expectations for participants in the program.
- Begin the process of identifying and learning about key issues impacting communities, food systems, agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing and the environment in Michigan.
- Gain a greater understanding of how geography and the environment have impacted the economy and quality of life in Michigan and the Great Lakes region.
- Create awareness of the common leadership approaches and begin discussions about “leadership for the common good.”

**Pre-session Activities**

- Establish personal identity on the Great Lakes Leadership Academy website and develop a working knowledge of the shared workspace and functionality of the site.
- Review biographical information on the other candidates in the cohort.
- Reading: Leadership Without Easy Answers – Ron Heifetz
- Complete pre-session poster assignment
- Complete pre-assessment for program evaluation.

**Friday, January 9, 2008**

*All Friday activities include participants and spouse or partner*

- 12:30 p.m. Arrive at the Tawas Bay Resort
- 1:00 p.m. Participant, Partner and Staff Introductions  
*Use 2-3 icebreakers facilitated by Vicki, Brenda, Jerry*
- 2:00 p.m. What is GLLA? What should I expect?  
*Use Orientation powerpoint and expectations handout*  
*Vicki and Mike*  
*John Robertson – role of coaches*
- 2:45 p.m. Group Tour of the Tawas Bay Lighthouse
- 3:45 snack and beverage available
- 4:00 p.m. *Leadership for the Common Good*  
*Include debrief of lighthouse experience and small group discussion*  
Discussion Leader – Mike Kovacic

- 4:30 p.m. Questions – Leadership Team Panel ([all of us](#))  
 5:00 p.m. Break & Check-in to the Hotel
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. *The Shape of Michigan!*  
 How Geography has Shaped Michigan’s Economy & Quality of Life  
 Dr. Randy Schaetzl, Professor  
 Geological Sciences  
 Michigan State University

Saturday, December 16, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast for participants  
 Breakfast available for spouses and partners until 9:30
- 8:00 a.m. *The Styles of Leadership*  
 How We Practice Leadership-Mike Kovacic (any one else?)  
[Intentional Leadership and Personal Growth Plans – Jerry Jennings](#)
- 9:00 a.m. *Let’s Talk Issues-* (Should we ask Pat, Bill, or Rodney to facilitate this?)  
[Sharing of Issue posters](#)  
[Small group discussion of issue posters](#)  
[Identify prevailing themes](#)
- 9:30 a.m. *What Should I Expect?*  
[Spouses and Significant Others Program](#)  
[Q & A with previous spouses](#)  
[What is Right with the World DVD](#)  
 Mike Kovacic, John Robertson, Tricia B, Mr. Salinas
- 10:00a.m. Break – snack and beverage available
- 10:15 a.m. [Response to issue poster session](#)  
[The Anatomy of an Issue, Framing Issues, Systems Thinking and Factors Impacting the Policy Process](#)  
 Pat Norris, Bill Rustem, and Rodney Stokes
- 11:30 a.m. What else would you like to know about GLLA?  
 Jim Johnson and/or Maria Salinas
- 12:00 noon Lunch ([Participants & Spouse or Significant Other](#))  
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1:30 p.m.      Instructions for Session II

1:45            Adjourn