

**"Let's go surfin' now
Everybody's learning how
Come on and safari with me"**

The results are in and the majority of SIG members have selected April 3rd and 4th in Dallas for Hoe Down VI, **"Surfin' Safari"**. So in case you haven't guessed it yet, **The Internet, Web, On-line**, and **The Foundation Portal** are the major theme of this next Hoe Down. We are working on the agenda and welcome any thought you have on topics to be discussed. Please email to myself or Fred.

This Hoe Down is a mile stone for all of us in SIG. It will mark the first time we can all witness the fruits of our labor and see the original concept design built out and in its entirety. The Version 3.X product has all of the base components, Grants, Proposals, Scholarships, Workflow, plus the on-line GE API's accessing all of this functionality through Blackbaud's BBNC product. Following the systems walk through we will move into design, build, and timeline discussions for Version 4.X. Your input for all of these issues will drive the development team for the rest of 2008. The final sessions of the agenda will address Support; additional training, installs, patches, major release process's, and phone/on-line support. SIG will have time Friday afternoon for break out meetings and of course, The Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting, sans Fusion and Blackbaud folk.

The conference will be held in the Amphitheater at our newest facility in North Dallas, Park Central IV. We have 2 auditorium's and several break out rooms there. We will send out Hotel contacts shortly, and have reserved the Dallas World Aquarium for our Thursday night event. We will host the reception and dinner in the 5 story Tropical Rain Forest, so bring your most outrageous Hawaiian shirt, Baggies (Panama Shorts), and Huarachi sandals too. As we did at Hoe Down V, there will be a contest to win a Flat Screen LCD WS TV for the person who has the most new Foundation's join us for the conference.

We look forward to seeing you all in April, and as quick as you can let us know your plans for the number of attendees from each Foundation, we can get our head count and finish booking.

Thanks to all of you for your help and support making this product a reality.

COWABUNGA!! (with great respect)