Contacting Local Schools Roundtable:

**What have you currently done?**

**IUK**

- Looked up counties
- Contacted local schools – high schools
- Printed info sheets
- Open to ANY teacher – keep open to all classes
- Tie into other standards

**IPFW**

- Went back and faculty advisor has contacted schools for interest in presentation.

**IUS**

- Not much – but has database of local schools.

**IUN**

- No contacts yet – not sure where to start.

**DePauw**

- Series of networking
- Roommate connections to local schools

**Suggestions:**

- Outreach in a box – NCWIT – could be easily adapted.
- Make really clear what the schools will get out of it.
- Ask kids to identify teachers who might be willing to host a presentation.
- Form a relationship with one teacher; that gives you the right to fail or succeed (pilot place).
- Regional Program after you’ve been to schools.
- Draw kids together for programs during the summer.

**Discussion:**

- Reach out through libraries.
- Don’t feel like you have to have a perfect product to go out – start and then revise.
- However, you must have a product that they want, something applicable.
• [www.doe.state.in.us](http://www.doe.state.in.us) – print labels and get contact info. Contact Mindy Hard (mhart@cs.purdue.edu) if you have questions about this.
• Know the school schedule – August to September is not a good time because of ISTEP testing. Ask teachers if it is a good time to contact them.
• Schools don’t always respond well if there is not a current relationship.
• Always offer something for them to get out of it (food, flash drive, programs, etc)

**PTA meetings:**

• Offer to be there and do a sample presentation.
• Offer to have a hands on night – cs unplugged, alice
• Outreach in a box

**Teacher Workshops/resources:**

• Image editing
• Bananaslug.com = randomized searching
• Audio edit – audacity download
• Gimp.com – photo editing