

2009 National Save for Retirement Week is October 18-24

Congress has designated October 18-24 as *National Save for Retirement Week*. During this time, PERSI urges members to review their finances and consider whether they are on track to meet their personal retirement goals. Regardless of when you plan to retire, this is a good time to evaluate the status of your retirement savings. Even when money is tight, it pays to put something aside for retirement. Your Base Plan and Social Security alone may not provide you with a comfortable retirement. That's why PERSI offers members the opportunity to contribute to a Choice 401(k) Plan account. This is a great supplemental option to help you reach your long-term retirement goals. To learn more about the advantages of participating in the Choice 401(k) Plan, members are invited to take the Web Tour online at <http://www.persi.idaho.gov/choice>.

To further assist members with their retirement, PERSI provides three educational workshops. Whether you're just starting a career in public service or you're almost ready to retire, the educational workshops offered by PERSI provide great insight into the many facets of retirement. PERSI's *Planning for the Beach* workshop reviews the PERSI Base and Choice Plans and includes some financial basics. The second workshop, called *Cruisin' to the Beach*, focuses on getting your financial house in order. Both workshops are conducted on-site at employer locations, making them convenient to attend. For anyone within 5-10 years of retirement, PERSI offers the *Retirement's a Beach* workshop, which is conducted at off-site locations throughout Idaho during the year. These three workshops are available to members at no cost. The first two workshops can be arranged through your human resources or payroll department. The third option requires registration using the PERSI Web site; simply click on the *Education* hot link on the homepage and follow the instructions for viewing the schedule and registering for the workshop that's most convenient for you.

As a PERSI member, you are encouraged to do an annual assessment of your retirement needs to determine what actions can be taken to improve your retirement outlook.

For more information about *National Save for Retirement Week*, follow this link <http://www.retirementweek.org/xp/plans/retirementweek/>.