



## Kansas Environmental Education Conference

“Blazing New Trails: Kansas Green Schools on the Move!”

Friday, 29 July 2011

Goddard High School

(15 miles west of downtown Wichita on Highway 54)

### Keynote Speaker:

Herb Broda, Professor of Education, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

Author of *Schoolyard-Enhanced learning: Using the Outdoors as an Instructional Tool*, and  
*Moving the Classroom Outdoors: Schoolyard-Enhanced Learning in Action* (available in May)  
(See bio below)

### *Keynote description:*

#### Moving the Classroom Outdoors: It's Doable; It's Powerful; It's Essential!

Let's explore how to unlock the powerful learning experiences that exist just beyond the classroom door. Current research shows that outdoor learning not only enhances indoor classroom teaching, but also fosters increased academic achievement. We will explore many low cost/ no cost teacher-tested techniques for turning the schoolyard into an outdoor classroom. At a time when children's natural curiosity about the outdoors is eclipsed by the demands of busy schedules and the ever-present glow of video screens, schools and nature centers may be the only places where kids are encouraged to interact with nature!

### *Afternoon session description:*

#### Schoolyard-Enhanced Learning: Tips and Tricks; Gimmicks and Grabbers

This session will focus on practical and specific tips for incorporating the outdoors as a teaching tool. You will experience many examples of outdoor learning activities that cross several content lines and develop a variety of process skills. Join us for a lively session that provides activities to cultivate higher order thinking skills and foster inquiry thinking.

### *Bio:*

**Dr. Herb Broda** is a professor of education at Ashland University in Ohio. He teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. His areas of concentration are middle school education, outdoor/experiential education, environmental education, curriculum development, and instructional design. Herb is a past-president of the Environmental Education Council of Ohio, the state-wide professional organization for persons working in the areas of outdoor/environmental education. He is the author of [Schoolyard-Enhanced Learning: Using the Outdoors as an Instructional Tool](#) (2007) and [Moving the Classroom Outdoors: Schoolyard-Enhanced Learning in Action](#) (May, 2011) both published by Stenhouse, Portland, Maine. His favorite pastime is spending time outdoors with his family, including two grandchildren.