



Kansas Green Schools Conference

“Green Schools from the Ground Up”

Friday, 30 July 2010

Pre-Conference Workshop Thursday, 29 July 2010

Clifton-Clyde High School

Clyde, Kansas



Tentative Conference Agenda

as of 26 May 2010

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
- KACEE/Kansas Green Schools Program
 - Clifton-Clyde High School Teachers and Students
- 9:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions:
- and --Basics of Grant Writing
- 10:30 a.m. -- Getting Everyone on Board: Engaging the Entire School Community to Go Green
- Coordinating School Health and Going Green
 - New to Green Schools? Project Ideas to Get Your School Started!
 - Kansas Green Schools Certification
 - School Gardens: Get Everybody Outside!
 - Community Involvement: A Key Element to Going Green
- 11:20 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria downstairs so as to have an opportunity to network and talk about their projects)
- 12 noon Networking, Exhibitors, “A Taste of EE”
- During this hour, conference attendees will have an opportunity to network with colleagues, talk with exhibitors, visit the Green Schools Grants Table, and participate in environmental education activities specially tailored to work with Green Schools projects.
- 1 p.m. Keynote Speaker Kathy McGlaufflin, Senior Vice President--Education, American Forest Foundation

Kathy's presentation will introduce Project Learning Tree's new *GreenSchools!* program that is helping communities and schools across the country "go green" . The program provides a blueprint for a school community to teach, learn, and engage each other to create a more green and healthy learning environment. It combines environmental education, service learning, and leadership opportunities for students to help turn their school into a *GreenSchool!* Learn more about the national movement to reduce the ecological footprint of our nation's schools, and how Kansas is helping to lead the way.

1:50 p.m. Break

2 p.m. Whistle Stop Tours of Green School Projects

10-15 minute poster presentations on different Green School projects and curriculum ideas. Participants will visit 4-5 "stations" during this time.

3 p.m. Field Tours: Choose One:

--Alternative Energy

- Clifton-Clyde High School wind and solar energy projects
- Meridian Way Wind Farm

--Composting/Gardening/Plant Sciences

- Clifton-Clyde High School greenhouse, hydroponics system, and aquaculture system; compost tumblers; solar-powered water pumps
- Clyde Arboretum

--Animal Sciences

- Clifton-Clyde High School aquaculture system
- LCL Buffalo Ranch

5 p.m. Conference End

A **pre-conference workshop**, "Discover Building Blocks for Your Green School!", will be held on 29 July at the same location. Enhance your classroom curriculum from the ground up using Green Schools projects that will excite your district, faculty, and students! This workshop will connect your projects to environmental education themes and activities that you can use to engage your learners in hands-on multi-disciplinary education. Participants will receive curriculum & activity guides for Project WET, Project Learning Tree, and Project WILD - including hundreds of activities and ideas to incorporate into green schools projects of all kinds. Green Schools Pre-Conference Registration: \$50 includes lunch, materials, and a full day of professional development. One hour of graduate credit through Baker University is available for an additional \$55 for participants attending both the Green Schools Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop. Early childhood credits are also available.

A **block of rooms** has been set aside at the Holiday Inn Express in Concordia for 29 July. The room rate is \$79 plus tax through 15 July. To make a reservation, call 785-243-2700 and mention the Kansas Green Schools Conference.

Additional information and online registration are available at www.kansasgreenschools.org/conference, or by contacting Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org or 913-287-6879, or Jolene Amtower at jamtower@kacee.org or 785-532-1902.