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Kansas Green Schools Conference Early Registration Extended

The early registration deadline for the Kansas Green Schools Conference has been extended to Friday, 11 June. Registration fees are \$15 per person through that date, and \$20 per person after that through the day of the conference. The conference, "Green Schools from the Ground Up," will take place on Friday, 30 July, at Clifton-Clyde High School in Clyde, Kansas. Clyde is located just east of Concordia in north central Kansas, and is about 2.5 hours' drive from Topeka, Wichita, and Hays. Lunch, field tours, and materials are included in the registration fee.

A pre-conference workshop, "Discover Building Blocks for Your Green School!", will take place on Thursday, 29 July, in Clyde. The cost of the workshop is \$50 and includes materials and lunch. Graduate credit and early childhood clock hours are available for the workshop and conference. Information and online registration are available at www.kansasgreenschools.org/conference, or by contacting Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org or 913-287-6879.

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.

The one-day conference will feature presentations by Kansas teachers and students on their green school projects and curriculum, as well as "A Taste of EE" session highlighting environmental education activities to use in the classroom. Concurrent sessions include the basics of grant writing, starting a school garden, involving the community in green school projects, coordinated school health and green schools, Kansas Green Schools certification, and more! The keynote speaker is Kathy McGlaufflin, National Director for Project Learning Tree, who will introduce the new *Green Schools!* curriculum. Optional tours of Clifton-Clyde's green school projects, LCL Buffalo Ranch, and the Meridian Wind Farm will take place at the end of the day.

The Kansas Green Schools Program combines grants, workshop opportunities for teachers, and technical support for schools to "green" their buildings and grounds and tie the projects to classroom curriculum. The program is a joint effort by the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Kansas Corporation Commission's State Energy Office. More information is available at www.kansasgreenschools.org.