



KANSAS GREEN SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

It's Easy Being Green: Innovation, Inspiration, Implementation



Kick off the new school year by coming to the first-ever Kansas Green Schools Conference! We will focus on all aspects of healthy, sustainable learning environments: green infrastructure, projects for the classroom, environmental education curriculum, teaching students about green careers, and more! Dynamic speaker Robert J. Kobet will inspire us with his passion for children, knowledge of green schools around the world, and experience in green design. Panelists from Kansas schools that have received Green Schools Grants will give you plenty of ideas for your own projects. Representatives from the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE), Wind for Schools, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, StoneLion Puppet Theatre, U.S. Green Building Council, State Energy Office, and others will answer questions and give you tips on how to write successful grants, plan an environmental festival, incorporate environmental education into your curriculum, and get kids outdoors! **Join us for this fun and informative day.**

When: Friday, 31 July 2009 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Where: Sedgwick County Zoo, 5555 Zoo Blvd., Wichita 67212

Who: Teachers, administrators, parents, and all educators working with children pre-K through 12th grade

Cost: Just **\$15** per participant **prior to 31 May**, \$20 after that date – includes lunch and materials

Tentative Schedule:

8 a.m.	Registration, coffee/rolls, networking, exhibits	
8:30 a.m.	Opening Session: Robert Kobet School Sharing:	
9 a.m.	Panel Session: Green School Grantees talk about their projects	
10 a.m.	Roundtables with Panelists and Organization Representatives	
11 a.m.	Breakout Sessions: Project Learning Tree/Project WET with a Green Schools Twist (part 1), Grant Workshop, Event/Festival Training	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Share Fair (Green Schools sharing information about their projects)	
1:30 p.m.	Performance by StoneLion Puppet Theatre	
2 p.m.	Breakout Sessions: Project Learning Tree/Project WET with a Green Schools Twist (part 2), Elements of a Green and Healthy School, Green Jobs and Career Paths	
3:30 p.m.	Robert Kobet will help us wrap up the day	
4 p.m.	Optional tour of Sedgwick County Zoo (check out parts of the zoo you don't normally get to see!) or brand-new "green" Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary School!	
5 p.m.	Head home	

For more information, contact Shari L. Wilson at KACEE, swilson@kacee.org or 913-287-6879 or Jolene Amtower at jamtower@kacee.org or 785-532-1902. To register, fill out the form on the next page and mail or fax to the contact information on the form.

KACEE would like to thank KDHE, the Greater Kansas City chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, Start-Thinking, StoneLion Puppet Theatre, and Diamond Solar Solutions for helping to sponsor the conference.





Keynote Speaker Robert J. Kobet, AIA, LEED-AP

Conference keynoter Bob Kobet has traveled around the world working on green design projects. He is well known for his expertise in allergy-free, non-toxic design for people with multiple chemical sensitivities, a part of his practice which is particularly applicable to high performance green schools. Bob is the Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Schools Initiative. He has lectured internationally on the topics of green design and environmental education and has contributed to scores of articles and book chapters on the subject. For his lifelong dedication to sustainable design and development, Bob was selected Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's first Green Champion in 2005. When not working, Bob can be found on Biscayne Bay or the Atlantic sailing *Puffin*.

Bring a fellow teacher or two to the conference and share all of the great information presented in the breakout sessions!

Join the Green Schools Share Fair! Bring pictures, drawings, signs, or other items describing a "green" project at your school to share with others. Tables to display the items will be provided during lunch.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday, 30 July, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2041 N. Bradley Fair Pkwy (21st & Rock Road) in Wichita. It is located about 15 minutes from the Zoo. The room rate is \$99 plus tax, double or single occupancy. Go to <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/ICTWHGI-KEE-20090730/index.jhtml> or call 316-219-4444 to reserve. Please mention KACEE-Green Schools when making your reservation. The room block will be released on 16 July, and there is a major baseball tournament the weekend of the conference, so make your reservations early!

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To register, please send or fax form to:

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Registration fees will not be refunded after Friday, 17 July. If you find that you cannot attend after that date, please send someone in your place.

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Name: _____

School/Organization: _____

USD _____ District _____

Year-Round Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Year-Round Email: _____

Grade Level: _____ Total Number of Students in the School _____

My School is Registered on the Kansas Green Schools Network yes no, not yet

Please list any dietary restrictions: _____

Payment Included (\$15 prior to 31 May, \$20 after that date) Invoice Me
(Payments made to KACEE)

