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Kansas Green Schools Update #5 (2009-10)



The goal of the Kansas Green Schools Program is to provide opportunities for preK-12 schools to increase awareness and understanding of the complex environmental interrelationships that impact public health and the environment, and promote environmental stewardship practices that relate to air quality, climate change, solid waste reduction and recycling, water management, and outdoor wildlife habitat.

2010 Kansas Green Schools of the Year Awards

KACEE congratulates this year's Kansas Green Schools of the Year Award recipients are:

- Centre Elementary School, Lost Springs
- Clifton-Clyde High School
- Goddard High School

The schools will receive their awards at the KACEE Awards Celebration on 9 April in Topeka. Watch the Kansas Green Schools website for the 2011 Awards Nomination Form, which will be available this fall. For more information about this year's awardees, visit www.kacee.org.



2009 Kansas Green School Awardees

Starside Elementary School,
 DeSoto USD 232

Wyandotte High School,
 Kansas City, Kansas,
 USD 500



Buhler High School,
 USD 313



Check Out the NEW Green Schools Website!

www.kansasgreenschools.org

The new Kansas Green Schools website is online and ready for you to use to find the list of schools on the Kansas Green Schools Network, a map showing their locations, and information about grants and classroom resources. We'll be adding a lot more information to the site, including a blog, in the near future, so check back often!

2010 Kansas Green Schools Conference



Registrants participated in a Project Learning Tree activity at last year's Kansas Green Schools in Conference

We're excited to announce that the second Kansas Green Schools Conference will take place on Friday, 30 July, at Clifton-Clyde High School. The conference will feature Kansas experts on Green Schools projects and curriculum, our teachers and students! Also featured is keynoter Kathy McGlaufflin, national director of Project

Learning Tree, an environmental education curriculum with a new module, *Green Schools!* New this year is a pre-conference workshop. Teachers attending both the workshop and conference may receive 1 graduate credit. Registration fees for the conference are \$15 before 31 May, \$20 after that date. Fees for the workshop have not been established. Online registration will be available at www.kansasgreenschools.org after 1 April. Thanks to our sponsors to date, Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks OWLS Program, Clifton-Clyde USD 224, Cloud County Tourism, Kansas State Department of Education, Trane and Pepsi Ice Midwest.

CALENDAR

- 3 & 10 April** WET in the City Workshop in Kansas City. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 7 & 8 May** Discover Your Watershed Workshop in Coyville. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 11 – 17 April** EE Week www.eeweek.org
- 29 July** Kansas Green Schools Pre-Conference Workshop in Clyde. For more information, email Jolene Amtower, jamtower@kacee.org
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The Long Haul Contest

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Contest



Earth Day April 22
 through



America Recycles Day November 15

Compete in one of two categories:

- Green Teams (state, city, or county offices, and businesses)
- Green Schools

Not registered as a Kansas Green Team or a Kansas Green School? Need more information?

See our websites below:

kansasgreenteams.org or **kansasgreenschools.org**
 (after April 5)

sponsored by



KDHE/Bureau of
 Waste Management



EPA Region VII
 WasteWise Program



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From Seed to Seed

From Seed to Seed is a professional development course presented by the National Gardening Association for K-8 teachers who already incorporate botany and gardening (indoors or out) into their science curriculum and for teachers who would like to start doing so. In addition to the core botanical information, activities and experiments that address K-8 national standards in various disciplines are provided. The course content is divided into two parts: *From Seed to Seed* and *Exploring Plant Topics*. The first part follows the life cycle of a plant from seed to seed and lays the foundation for more complex and fascinating topics in plant biology in the second part. Cost is \$60. Learn more at <http://www.kidsgardening.org/course-teacher.html#description>

Grant Opportunity from Sunflower Foundation



The Sunflower Foundation provides grants related to walking or multi-use trails used to promote physical activity by schools and communities. For information about applying, go to

http://www.sunflowerfoundation.org/applying_for_a_grant-the_process.php.
 The next Sunflower Trails Grant deadline is 29 April 2010. Additional deadlines occur later in the year.

Get Involved in a Kansas Earthworm Research Project!



Bruce Snyder, an instructor in K-State's Division of Biology, is calling on middle and high school students and teachers to dig up a few earthworms and send them to him. Snyder said a third of earthworm species found in the U.S. come from other continents. For information about how to get involved, go to www.k-state.edu/earthworm or contact Mr. Snyder at basnyder@k-state.edu.

For more information, check out our website at www.kansasgreenschools.org or contact **Shari L. Wilson**
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HAVE NEWS OR PHOTOS TO SHARE?
 Send them to Shari L. Wilson at swilson@kacee.org

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Garbage Dreams Film



Garbage Dreams, directed by Mai Iskander, addresses garbage and consumption in an innovative way. In the world's largest garbage village located on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt, the Zaballeen (Arabic for garbage people) recycle 80 percent of the trash they

collect-far more than other recycling initiatives. Garbage Dreams can be a great resource paired with our Changing Consumption Patterns and Paper Trails curricula at <http://www.cloudinstitute.org/bookstore/curriculum.php>

Find out where Garbage Dreams, www.garbagedreams.com is playing near you today, screenings are starting this week. GARBAGE DREAMS will have its broadcast premiere in April 2010 on the PBS series Independent Lens.

Special Offers for Registered EE Week Participants

Register today to take advantage of these discounts

EE Week aims to connect educators with environmental resources to promote K-12 students' understanding of the environment. EE Week resources are free; however some lesson plans require materials at a cost. Registered participants of EE Week 2010 can take advantage of these special discounts on hands-on, standards-based educational materials from our generous partners.

Acorn Naturalists www.acornnaturalists.com

is an online provider of science and nature resources for the trail and classroom. Registered EE Week participants receive **\$10 off** a purchase of \$50 or more.

Kilowatt Ours www.kilowattours.org

is an award-winning film featuring a timely, solutions-oriented look at one of America's most pressing environmental challenges: energy. Registered EE Week participants may order the DVD at **half price**.

Nature-Watch <http://nature-watch.com>

provides educational products and craft activity kits designed to teach children about nature. Registered EE Week participants receive a **10 percent discount** on purchases.

Great Environmental Books and DVDs!

Download a list of books and DVDs with environment-related themes at

<http://www.ceee.uni.edu/Home/Programs/Education/Education/WasteReductionEducation/BooksVideos.aspx>

The list is sorted by age and includes summaries. Thanks to Susan Salterberg at the University of Iowa Center for Energy & Environmental Education for sharing this resource!

Air & Waste Management Association High School Essay Contest



The theme for this year's A&WMA essay contest is "Energy and the Environment: Changing Our Communities, Our Schools, and Our World." The contest provides students in grades 9-12 the chance to share their thoughts on environmental issues. Deadline for submission is Earth Day: 22

April 2010. Students will compete for prize money and the opportunity to be recognized for their work at the honors and awards ceremony at A&WMA's conference in Calgary, Canada, in June. For more information, go to http://www.awma.org/enviro_edu/earth_week_2008.html or contact Elgina McCoy at elgina.mccoy@basf.com or 734-324-6206.

Classroom Earth

By joining this program, high school educators become part of a nationwide community of educators teaching about the environment. To sign up, go to <http://classroomearth.org/node/740>.



Toyota International Teacher Program



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The Toyota International Teacher Program offers fully-funded, international, professional development opportunities for U.S. educator. Funded by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., the program

aims to advance environmental stewardship and global connectedness in U.S. schools and communities through creative, interdisciplinary, and solution-based teaching methods. Application deadline is May 26, 2010. To apply, visit <http://www.toyota4education.com/pmwiki.php?n=Main.HowToApply>