

Kansas Green Schools Update #6 (2010-11)



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.



We wish everyone a wonderful summer, and we'll see you at the Green Schools Conference in July!



3rd Annual Kansas Green Schools Conference

Blazing New Trails: Kansas Green Schools on the Move

Friday, 29 July 2011
Goddard High School

Registration is now open!

Conference Highlights:

- NEW! Kansas Green Schools of Excellence Program
- NEW! Kansas School Gardens Initiative
- NEW! National organization for Green Schools
- Environmental projects in Kansas schools
- Ideas for curriculum connections
- Goddard High School's innovative pond aeration project
- And More!



Pre-Conference Workshop at GHS

Trek a New Route in Green Schools!

Projects Learning Tree, WILD, and WET in the City
 Thursday, 28 July 2011
 One-Hour Graduate Credit
 Available for attending Workshop and Conference

**Best Professional Development Value!
 Early Registration only \$15!**

For more information, go to www.kansasgreenschools.org or contact Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org.



Scholarships are Available for the Kansas Green Schools Conference

To apply for a scholarship to the 2011 Kansas Green Schools Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop, please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CK3RRYN>. Up to one scholarship will be given per school, while funds last. Recipients must attend BOTH the workshop on Thursday, 28 July and the conference on Friday, 29 July. The scholarship covers the workshop fee (\$50), conference registration (\$15), and a one-year organizational membership to KACEE for your school (\$50). Scholarships are available for formal educators, administrators, and staff from Kansas schools registered on the Kansas Green Schools Network. The deadline for applications is Friday, 8 July. Recipients will be notified of their scholarships the week of 11 July. If you have questions about the scholarships, please contact Shari L. Wilson at KACEE, swilson@kacee.org, or Jolene Amtower at KACEE, jamtower@kacee.org.



Kansas Green Schools Conference Keynote Speaker

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.



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****KACEE does not necessarily recommend or endorse items and programs on the below items****



GreenWorks! is Project Learning Tree's service-learning, community action program that partners PLT educators, students, and communities in environmental neighborhood improvement projects. *GreenWorks!* blends service activities with the academic curriculum and addresses real community needs as students "learn by doing." Since 1992, PLT has distributed more than \$800,000 to fund nearly 1,000 environmental projects in communities across the country.

In 2011, PLT will award grants to schools and youth organizations across the country for environmental neighborhood improvement projects that involve youth with their community. Grants up to \$1,000 are available. Proposals are due on September 30th.

The grant proposal will be posted to the PLT website in May. Funds will be distributed to awarded projects in December for the completion of environmental service-learning projects throughout the 2012 calendar year. For more information, visit http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/36_124_280.html

Call for Presentations for the Green Schools National Conference February 27-29, 2012 Denver, Colorado



The deadline for presentation proposals is 8 July 2011. Presenters will be notified of acceptance/decline by September 15, 2011. For more information, visit

<http://www.greenschoolsnationalconference.org/index.php>

Schools sending 5 or more teachers/students can receive a lower rate registration fee. Call the Conference Registration services at 1-800-280-6218 and they will facilitate the registration process. These rates are the early early registration rate, which expires on 31 July 2011.

Kansas Green Schools Program is sponsored by Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Corporation Commission/State Energy Office, Kansas Department of Agriculture and Staples Foundation for Learning

CALENDAR

- 1-2 June** Energize Your Students with Environmental Education! workshop in Paola. Graduate Credit is available! Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 2-3 June** Renew, Recharge & Refresh with Environmental Education workshop in Lawrence. Graduate Credit is available! Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 13-14 June** Environmental Education Basics Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 14-15 June** Watershed and Natural Resource Education in Your Classroom & Community workshop in Washington. Graduate Credit is available! Visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule> for more information.
- 28 July** Green Schools Pre-Conference Workshop, Goddard High School
- 29 July** 3rd Annual Kansas Green Schools Conference, Goddard High School
- 3 November** Kansas EE Conference Workshop, Great Bend
- 4-5 November** Kansas Environmental Education Conference, Highland Hotel, Great Bend

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