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Kansas Green Schools Update #6 (2011-12)



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.

Congratulations Brookwood Elementary, Shawnee Mission School District! Kansas Green School of the Year Awardee

Call for Proposals for the 2012 Kansas Green Schools Conference "BUILDING STEAM, GOING GREEN!"

July 27, 2012

Farley Elementary School ~ Topeka, Kansas



2011 Kansas Green Schools
Conference Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Herb Broda, Ashland
University in Ohio

We invite you to submit a proposal for a concurrent session presentation or poster and be a part of this event, which will focus on Green Schools, environmental education best practices, innovative lesson plans, green projects taking place in your schools, ways to get kids outside, and more!

Everyone is an expert when it comes to sharing their projects and programs. Your presentation or poster session will help make the conference informative,

timely, and enjoyable for Kansas educators! To submit your proposal, visit <http://bit.ly/AoJUcY>.
Deadline Date is April 5, 2012



2011 Kansas Green Schools Pre-
Conference Workshop

Applications Now Open for Koch Green Schools Grants

The Kansas Green Schools Program has announced the Koch Green Schools Grants for public and private K-12 schools. A total of \$5,000 in competitive grants is available through the support of Koch Industries, Inc. The grants are intended to encourage schools to develop creative, innovative, effective environmental projects which improve the environment; make schools a healthier place to learn, play, and work; and save money through reduced use of natural resources.

Information and online application are available at <http://www.kansasgreenschools.org/koch-green-school-grants>, or by contacting Laura Downey at ldowney@kacee.org or 785-532-3322.

Calendar

- 23-24 March, 2012 - Dig in to School Gardens! Workshop in Bushton. Graduate Credit will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 28 March, 2012 - Flying WILD! Workshop in Great Bend. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 13 April, 2012 - Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education Awards Celebration, Topeka For more information, visit www.kacee.org
- 14 April, 2012 - Get Outside, Learn Outside: Environmental Education for Early Childhood in Emporia. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 18-19 April, 2012 - Get Going With Green Schools! Workshop in Parsons. Graduate Credit will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 31 May-1 June, 2012 - Get Going With Green Schools! Workshop in Garden City. Graduate Credit will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 7-8 June, 2012 - Get Going With Green Schools! Workshop in Manhattan. Graduate Credit will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 9 June, 2012 - Get Outside, Learn Outside: Environmental Education for Early Childhood in Independence. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 16 June, 2012 - Get Outside, Learn Outside: Environmental Education for Early Childhood in Hays. For more information, visit <http://www.kacee.org/workshop-schedule>
- 27 July, 2012 - Kansas Green Schools Conference in Topeka More information to follow.
- 19-20 October, 2012 - Kansas Environmental Education Conference in Junction City. More information to follow.

For more information, check out our website at www.kansasgreenschools.org or contact
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KACEE does not necessarily recommend or endorse items and programs on the below items

Nominate a Young Environmental Hero for a \$2,500 Barron Prize!

Deadline: April 30, 2012



The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Half of each year's winners are chosen for their work to protect the environment. Visit <http://www.barronprize.org/>

Bright Ideas Grants

Deadline: March 20, 2012

Description: PG&E has expanded its Bright Ideas Grant Program to include new categories that will provide additional learning opportunities for students and teachers while creating energy and money saving programs for school campuses throughout northern and central California. Who Should Apply:

Credentialed teachers, professors, instructors, principals, deans, department heads, district administrators and facilities managers may apply to receive a \$1000, \$2,500, \$5000, or \$10,000 grant to promote environmental stewardship in any of these five categories: Educational Solar Projects, Youth Energy and Environmental Programs, Renewable Energy or Science Related Field Trips, Green Your School Projects, and Professional Development/Service Learning Projects/ Workforce Development Programs. Schools chosen to receive a "Bright Ideas Grant" are asked to designate attendees to attend the training programs provided by the PG&E Solar Schools Program.

Grants: \$1000, \$2,500, \$5000, or \$10,000

More Info: <http://pge.need.org/node/2>



Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Deadline Dates: May 31 and September 30, 2012



Description: The Captain Planet Foundation primarily makes grants 3 times a year to U.S.-based schools and organizations with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million. Grants are for activities that conform to the mission of the Captain Planet Foundation: to promote and support

high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects to improve the environment in their schools and communities. Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, and inspire youth and communities to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities.

Grants: Up to \$2,500. Preferential consideration is given to applicants who have secured at least 50% matching or in-kind funding for their program.

More Info: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Do Something Grants

NO DEADLINE. Weekly Grants Given

Description: There are several Do Something Grants offered to youth each week: 1) Seed Grants are offered to start a community action project or program or take an existing successful project/organization to the next level. \$500 each week. 2) Project Pitch

Grants are offered to take a project or organization to the next level with a strong pitch. Check out their "Do Something U" video, "How to Pitch Your Project," for tips, then upload your best pitch for a chance to win one of five \$250 grants given each month. 3) Do Something Club Grants: Grants help sustain official Do Something Clubs and their community social action projects. Five grants worth \$250 each month.

More Info: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants>



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