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Kansas Green Schools Update #2



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.

Hello again! And welcome to the new schools on the Kansas Green Schools Network! The seasons are changing and holidays are upon us, but we wanted to touch base with you before things get too hectic. There's a lot to catch up on!

Green Schools Conference Calls

Mark your calendars to participate in a 30-minute conference call for Green Schools next Thursday, 11 December, at either 7:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. We'd like to talk with you about your hopes for the Green Schools Program, projects you are working on, and some exciting events that are coming up. To register, e-mail the following information to swilson@kacee.org:

- Contact name
- School District name
- School name
- E-mail address
- Indicate whether you will participate on the 7:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. call (Very Important!)



That's it! **Please register no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 10 December.** Call-in instructions will be sent to you by e-mail that afternoon. THE CALL IS FREE. A limited number of phone lines are available, so register soon.

Take a Look at this Video!

We're all concerned about finding ways to increase the amount of time our kids are spending outside, right? This video is a good one to share with your colleagues and friends:

<http://wcco.com/video/?id=50823@wcco.dayport.com>

For more information, check out our website at www.kansasgreenschools.org or contact Shari L. Wilson
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Air Quality and Water Grant Funds Still Available

Grants of up to \$4,500 per school are still available. Projects may include energy audits, renewable energy (wind, solar, etc.), professional development for educators, water monitoring projects, mini water celebrations, and field trips to learn about water quality. Check the Kansas Green Schools website for more information!

Nominate Your School for the Kansas Green School of the Year Award!

New this year! Any Kansas public or private school registered on the Kansas Green Schools Network is eligible. For award criteria and online nomination form, go to www.kacee.org and click on "2009 Awards for Excellence" on the right hand side. Awards will be given for an elementary school and a middle/high school. Nominations are due by 6 January 2009! Awards will be presented at the KACEE Awards Celebration in Topeka on 3 April 2009.

Join KACEE on Facebook!

KACEE now has a group on Facebook. Join us to stay updated on KACEE events, and post your own happenings, photos, web links, and video! To find us, go to www.facebook.com, sign in, and search for Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education.

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More Grants!

Watershed Information and Education Small Grants Program

Small grant funding (up to \$5,000) is available for preK-12 student water-related information and education to assist WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) initiatives. This funding can be accessed through your local Conservation District. See www.kswraps.org for more information. Click on "Watershed I & E Grant Application" under "What's New." Examples of eligible programs and projects include but are not limited to water celebrations, environmental field experiences, workshops, educational tours/field days, Ag in the Classroom, brochures or newsletters, etc. Deadlines are 15 January 2009 and 15 July 2009.

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Deadline: 31 December 2008

The Captain Planet Foundation is accepting applications for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on activities, involve students ages 6 to 18, promote interaction and cooperation within a group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation.

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html>



EPA President's Environmental Youth Awards

Since 1971, EPA has sponsored the President's Environmental Youth Awards (PEYA). The program recognizes young people across America for projects which demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Young people in all 50 states and the U.S. territories are invited to participate in the program. The deadline has been extended until 31 December 2008. For more information, go to www.epa.gov/enviroed/peya/index.html.

Calendar



December 2008

11 Thursday
Green Schools Conference Calls (7:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m.)—register by Wednesday, 10 December

31 Wednesday
EPA President's Environmental Youth Awards nominations due

Captain Planet Foundation grant applications due

January 2009

6 Tuesday
Kansas Green School of the Year Award nominations due

15 Thursday
Watershed I and E Small Grants applications due

April 2009

3 Friday
KACEE Awards Celebration, Kansas Museum of History, Topeka

12 – 18 Sunday - Saturday
National Environmental Education Week (more information at www.eeweek.org)

July 2009

15 Wednesday
Watershed I and E Small Grants applications due

31 Friday
Green Schools Mini-Conference (more information coming!)

November 2009

6 – 7 Friday - Saturday
Kansas Environmental Education Conference, Holiday Inn, Lawrence (more information coming!)



HAVE NEWS OR PHOTOS TO SHARE?

Send them to Shari L. Wilson at
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Happy Holidays!

