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## **Kansas Environmental Education Conference *Building a Stronger EE Community in Kansas* November 3-4, 2017 at Dillon Nature Center in Hutchinson, KS**

Hutchinson, KS - The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference will offer Kansas educators the very best in conservation and environmental education professional development, networking, and exploring the outdoors November 3-4 at Dillon Nature Center in Hutchison. “We are thrilled to host this year’s workshop and conference at the Dillon Nature Center, recently expanded and recognized as an Urban Wildlife Sanctuary.” said Melissa Arthur, KACEE’s Director of Operations. This conference will be a fun and educational experience for both school-based and non-formal/community-based educators alike. All who work to expand opportunities for children and adults to learn about and experience nature are invited to register.

The 2017 conference theme, *Building a Stronger EE Community in Kansas*, will explore opportunities to build stronger and more inclusive networks and programs. The conference theme is inspired by, and will be organized around the North American Association for Environmental Education’s new “Community Engagement Guidelines for Excellence.”

A pre-conference workshop on Friday, November 3, will provide a wealth of activities and tools for educators to incorporate environmental education and the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards into their classrooms and programs while exploring community connections with nature. Educators participating in both the conference and pre-conference workshop will have the option to earn a graduate credit.

The conference program for Saturday, November 4, will include a workshop sessions and environmental education “showcases” highlighting what’s working in environmental education, as well as a virtual keynote address by C. Parker McMullen-Bushman. McMullen-Bushman will discuss the importance of cultural competency and inclusion in environmental education, and introduce principles, skills and qualities that will allow individuals and organizations to work successfully in cross cultural situations.

Arthur summed up the conference experience by saying: “Conference participants can expect a fun and unique learning experience, including meals, evening entertainment and top-notch professional development for a very affordable registration fee. KACEE looks forward to our 18th year of convening this inspiring, hard-working and fun-loving group of professionals and welcoming new faces to join us in celebrating and strengthening environmental education in Kansas.” For more information and to register, go to [www.kacee.org](http://www.kacee.org) or contact Jolene Amtower [jamtower@kacee.org](mailto:jamtower@kacee.org) or 785-532-1902.

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