

October 5, 2011

Kansans for Children in Nature Conveners' Group
c/o Shari Wilson
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Kansas City, KS 66111-2002

Dear Kansans for Children in Nature,

Thank you for the important work you do on behalf of Kansas children. I am happy to support your efforts to reconnect our young people with nature and the outdoors.

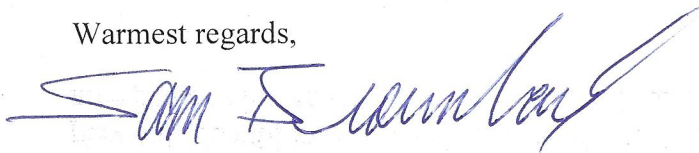
As a parent, I share the concern that our children are spending less and less time outdoors. With so many technology distractions, it is easier for children to spend their time in front of a video monitor than outside in the sunshine and fresh air. Your plan to get our children to learn and play outside will increase physical activity and produce meaningful results. Achieving the Plan's nine goals will mean we have healthier and more energetic children in Kansas.

I agree with the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights that every child should have numerous opportunities to enjoy the outdoors from walking in the footsteps of Kansas history to camping under the stars to exploring nature and more. Kansas is a state blessed with natural beauty and it should be easily accessible to our youth.

It is good to see so many groups supporting the Kansas for Children in Nature Plan. Such a broad coalition of like-minded groups is sure to help the Plan succeed. I especially appreciate your understanding of our difficult budgetary times and commitment to build on existing programs and better coordination of resources.

Again, thank you for all of the hard work your group does on behalf of young Kansans. I am proud to support the Children in Nature Plan.

Warmest regards,



Sam Brownback
Governor