2018
ANNUAL REPORT

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2018 IMPACT

Environmental Education in Kansas by the Numbers

24,600 students participating in environmental education in Kansas

**Educators Trained in EE**
- 820

**Kansas Green Schools**
- 445 Schools and 19 Districts

**Environmental Education Conference**
- 120 Educators Attended

**Excellence in Environmental Education**
- 8 Educators recognized and 120 people joined the celebration

**National Green Ribbon District**
- 1 USD 383 became Kansas' first ever Green Ribbon District

**Topeka Water Festival**
- 1200 USD 383 became Kansas' first ever Green Ribbon District
2018

Financials

Sources of Funding...

- State Partnerships: 46%
- Grants: 18%
- Donations: 17%
- Events: 11%
- Workshops: 5%
- Other: 3%

Annual Expenses 2018

- EE Workshops: 37%
- Kansas Green Schools: 7%
- EE Projects: 35%
- Operations/Awards: 21%

Thanks to Our Program Sponsors

- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
LEARNING, LEADING, CONNECTING AND COLLABORATING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN KANSAS

LEARNING:
- **Topeka Water Festival**: KACEE Collaborates with the Shawnee County Conservation District to host this annual event engaging over 100 volunteers in engaging over 1000 Topeka area 4th graders in learning about water. The festival is designed to increase student awareness, understanding and knowledge of water. Students participate in hands-on activities and games and explore exhibits that teach about how people use water and how important it is to protect and conserve the natural resource.
- **North American Association for Environmental Education’s Guidelines for Excellence Trainings**: KACEE has staff certified to teach the keystone guidelines materials for environmental educators and has hosted trainings for community partners in the NAAEE Guidelines for Community Engagement. Partners include health/food related organizations, environmental organizations, state agencies, civic engagement groups and zoo/nature centers.

LEADING:
- **WILD Kansas**: WILD Kansas engages students in an FFA-like nature-based program where students learn, experience, lead and provide service nature in Kansas.
- **Annual Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education Awards**: Awards program and annual (Spring) event recognizing educators from across Kansas who demonstrate leadership and excellence in providing quality, hands-on, science-based conservation and environmental education that teaches our children about the richness, diversity and importance of our Kansas natural resources.

CONNECTING:
- **Annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference**: Annual (fall) conference serving all primary audiences with EE information, networking, capacity building and leadership development.
- **Environmental Issues Forums**: Delivery of a deliberative dialogue process to engage high school/adults in productive conversation about controversial issues. Current topics include climate change, water, energy.

COLLABORATING:
- **WRAPS Capacity Building**: a program to address the professional development needs of a group of WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy) Coordinators. These are natural resource professionals who manage a grassroots water quality improvement project in their watersheds. KACEE has been facilitating face-to-face “capacity building forums” to address pressing professional development needs, and provide networking and sharing opportunities for the group since 2006 and the program has recently incorporated additional online learning opportunities to support and more choice in what topics and delivery mechanisms they engage with for professional development.
- **Environmental Leadership Training**: In collaboration with the Climate+Energy Project and the Kansas Leadership Center, KACEEpresented a Foundations of Environmental Education training for environmental leaders in the state.
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