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Headliners Wow Audience at Kansas Environmental Education Conference

Attendees at this year’s Kansas Environmental Education Conference experienced a couple of challenges, a little magic, and a global tour as our keynote speakers wowed everyone with their presentations. The conference kicked things off at the Pittsburg State University Overman Student Center. Northern Illinois University professor of environmental education Bora Simmons took the audience through a timeline of environmental education as an international profession. Throwing in a few quiz questions along the way (can you name the first U.S. president to use the term “environmental literacy”? answer at the end), Bora reminded us that increasing environmental education has been an international goal ever since the Belgrade Charter was adopted by a United Nations conference in 1976. She also challenged everyone to work to reduce fragmentation in EE programs. Labette County Schools Superintendent and KACEE board member Dennis Wilson entertained an appreciative audience with magic tricks and a few stories about learning magic as a child. He even taught fellow board member Dolores Daniels the egg trick!

Estella Leopold, Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington, was the luncheon keynoter. Her talk questioned whether children today are growing up with nature the way kids did a generation or two ago. Part of Estella’s presentation related stories of growing up with her father, Aldo Leopold, and times spent at the Shack along the Wisconsin River. Family photos accompanied this part of her discussion, much to the delight of the audience. And how can we reconnect children with nature? Estella challenged conference participants to focus on ecology before biology in science. This will build an enthusiasm for nature within the students, which can then be taken to another level by getting them outdoors. The new Kansas Leopold Education Project will provide another means by which educators can make outdoor experiences meaningful while teaching reading and communication skills at the same time. Kansas LEP will kick off sometime next year. Estella graciously signed books following her talk, with the proceeds benefiting Kansas LEP.

A number of outstanding concurrent sessions were held on Friday, and a session for teachers to share classroom lessons was a new feature this year. KACEE would like to thank presenters and exhibitors for providing such well-received and valuable information to participants.

Saturday’s session featured a keynote and a choice of three field studies. Jacquelyn Borgeson, curator of the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute, started things off in a global way with a dynamic pictorial view of the Johnsons’ conservation efforts in south Asia and Africa. Participants then ended the conference with field studies to Mined Lands Wildlife Area and Big Brutus, Ford Farm Wetlands, and Southeast Kansas Nature Center in Schermerhorn Park.

Many of the presentations from this year’s conference will soon be available on KACEE’s website, www.kacee.org. The 2007 conference will be held November 3 and 4 at the Holiday Inn Hays Hotel & Convention Center in Hays, Kansas. Things to look for next year include an increased emphasis on hands-on presentations, more pre-conference information, and more info on the KACEE website, both before and after the conference. If you have questions or comments on the 2006 or 2007 conferences, please contact Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org.

And the answer to the question above? Richard Nixon, in 1970.

Check out 2006 KEEC highlight pictures on page 9!

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Online EE Community Tips Toolbox

Are you in the hunt for a new job? Would you like to get the word out about a job you need to fill? Check out the Kansas Online EE Community Job Search!

Yes, I'd like to search for jobs on the Online EE Community.

- Go to www.kacee.org and click on Online EE Community.
- Click on Search the Kansas Online EE Community Now
- Click on EE Jobs, about halfway down
- Select the Sort Order you prefer (deadline date, date posted, title, organization, or salary), then click Show Listings
- You can also check out the link to the national job posting website, EE Link.

Yes, I'd like to post a job opening.

- Go to www.kacee.org and click on Online EE Community.
- At the bottom of the page, click on Post a Job.
- This will take you to KACEE's Add a Job page. Fill in the blanks and click Submit at the bottom.
- Your job opening will be listed on the Kansas Online EE Community as well as the national job posting website, EE Link (<http://eelink.net>).

It's that simple!

--Organizational Members: If you haven't logged in to update your programs, events, and contact information lately, now might be a good time. We don't want anyone to miss out on what you are doing!

--If you have questions, contact Shari Wilson at swilson@kacee.org or 913-287-6879 or Melissa Arthur at marthur@kacee.org or 785-597-5452.



Kansas Festival FIELD GUIDE

Introducing the Kansas Festival Field Guide Online Directory!

Funding of this project is from KDHE Watershed Management EPA 319 Fund

The Kansas Festival Field Guide is state-wide online water celebration directory, developed through Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education's Statewide Water Celebrations project, in partnership with Sprout Software.

This online directory connects local organizers, volunteers, supporters, and participants in the over 35 water festival events serving students and communities in over 55 counties across the state. Through showcasing the creativity, ingenuity, and positive community impact of current water festival organizers, the field guide also aims to provide ideas and inspiration for new water education events.

The guide is searchable by festival name and key word, or by using the clickable map or calendar features. Each festival listing includes a wealth of event information, including festival dates, activities, VIP tours, sponsors, partners, organizer contacts, and event photographs.

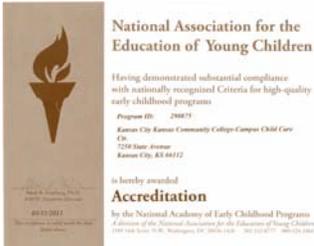
We need your participation to make sure that this resource is as accurate and inclusive as possible! Visit www.kacee.org/festivals today to find a water celebration event in your area or to find out if your festival's listing is complete and up-to-date. Contact Melissa Arthur at marthur@kacee.org or 785-597-5452 with your additions and suggestions.

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education publishes KACEE News quarterly to communicate with environmental educators. KACEE News is a medium of information exchange on a wide range of Environmental Education topics. Inclusion of an item in KACEE News does not indicate an endorsement of an organization's stance on environmental issues.

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EE and Early Childhood Education

Article By: Dolores Daniels



The Kansas City, Kansas Community College Campus Childcare Center (KCKCC-CCC) is an early childhood center that has repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to providing young children with quality environmental education programs. The center, which includes an Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site and a guided forest trail, has a heavy emphasis within their curriculum on helping young children

connect with the outdoors through hands-on investigations and activities.

We are pleased to extend our congratulations to the staff and children at the KCKCC-CCC for their recent attainment of accreditation through the National Association for Young Children. The KCKCC-CCC serves as a model of how early childhood educators can use EE to provide high-quality, relevant and engaging learning opportunities for young children. For more information on programs and activities at the KCKCC-CCC, please contact Dolores Daniels at daniels_dolores@yahoo.com.



Back Row: Nathan Boykin, Dolores Daniels, Camille Short, and Doris Holleman
Front Row: Jackie Agee, Mary Simmonds, Janet Chastain, and Ann Maddox

Pre-Conference Workshop Discover a Watershed!

As I drove up the drive to the Southeast Kansas Nature Center at Schermerhorn Park in Galena, Kansas, I knew it would be a great day. Mother Nature was putting on quite a show for our workshop! The trees were beautiful and so was the weather as 35 participants and presenters "Discovered A Watershed."

The morning session was full of informative presentations and hands-on activities, as well as some time to explore the awesome nature center! In the afternoon, we were guests of local landowner, John Scorse. Mr. Scorse provided a tour of his property, including a look at a solar well and paddock grazing systems, and then hosted our entire group at the streamside – he even brought brownies! With the expert assistance of Phil Balch, Chris Mammoliti, and Gary Keehn with his students Melissa Anderson, Tiffany Bowers, and Sarah Diggs, participants were able to conduct stream assessments, canoe, kayak, seine,



journal, study macroinvertebrates, and so much more! Most importantly, participants received materials, resources, and experiences to enable them to introduce these kinds of experiences and activities to their students.

Several of us were wet (and cold) by the end of the day, but all of us enjoyed the day and learned a lot!

Special thanks to the Watershed Institute for generously sponsoring this workshop. Their financial assistance allowed KACEE to provide this workshop to participants at our traditionally low workshop fees. Presentations by Phil Balch and Chris Mammoliti from the Watershed Institute also provided participants with great information to prepare them to go to the stream!

Thank you to Linda Phipps for her assistance in coordinating this workshop and sharing the nature center location; John Scorse for hosting the afternoon sessions of the workshop; Gary Keehn and his great students for guiding us on the river and leading many of the afternoon's activities; and

to Kansas Streamlink for leading an activity on enviroscares and watershed education.

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Summer in Hillsdale Watershed Mean Festivals, Stream Clean Ups and Monitoring and Fishing Tournament to Provide Community Water Quality Improving Activities

Article By: Troy Wickham, Assistant Information Specialist

Hillsdale Water Quality Project staff and volunteers complete an eventful summer promoting community participation and providing education on water quality. The Project is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization working to improve water quality in Hillsdale Watershed and into the Marais des Cygnes River Basin.

Among some of the activities completed over the past summer include:

Shawnee Mission Park Water Festival

Ernie Miller Nature Center and Outdoor Discovery Camp partnered with Hillsdale Water Quality Project that provided a hands-on educational experience on learning about water quality and improving the environment to about 100 summer camp youths at the Second Annual Shawnee Mission Park Festival on July 26. The water festival included six activities based on water and natural resource topics by different county, city and community organizations. The youths gained knowledge about water quality, watersheds and protecting water.

The event was sponsored through a Johnson County Stormwater Management Advisory Council Water Quality Education Initiative.



Crawford State Park Cleanup



Local volunteers took to the lake July 29 to clean up litter around Crawford State Park and Farlington Lake in Crawford County, Kansas. Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in conjunction with Marais des Cygnes Basin Advisory Committee, and staff and volunteers from the Hillsdale Water Quality Project hosted the event. About 40 volunteers along with staff participated. The Project received youth-sized and adult-sized gloves plus litterbags for the event from the Missouri Stream Team. Afterwards, there were water-related activities, drawings and volunteer appreciation lunch for volunteers.

This event was sponsored through a Section 319 Clean Water Act grant, administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, overseen by Lake Region Resource Conservation and Development Council and in partnership with the Marais des Cygnes Basin Advisory Committee.

Fish for the Lake Tournament

Nearly 100 anglers and volunteers made for a successful fundraising event at the Hillsdale Water Quality Project's Annual Fish for the Lake at Hillsdale Lake, Sept. 9. Johnson County's Cops 'n Bobbers and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at Hillsdale State Park supervised the tournament's check-in, weigh-in, and announcement of winners. Various organizations and community departments provided hands-on water activities and displays for all ages to enjoy and learn about water quality, watersheds and water rescue. Fish for the Lake is the Project's only major fundraiser.

Wheatridge Middle School Stream Monitoring

About 275 Wheatridge Middle School's eighth grade students worked with Hillsdale Water Quality Project staff to learn first-hand about stream health and water quality during three days of monitoring streams in Hillsdale Watershed, Oct. 10 through Oct. 12. This was in conjunction with the World Water Monitoring Day that is a celebration of the Clean Water Act and runs from Sept. 18 to Oct. 18.

Students tested for nonpoint source pollutants. Tests included: fecal coliform; turbidity; phosphorus; nitrate nitrogen; dissolved oxygen; pH levels; total dissolved solid levels; and air and water temperatures. Students' results will be submitted to World Water Monitoring Day's website. In addition, the students performed kick net testing that revealed macroinvertebrates, or small aquatic bugs living in the streams.

The three days of stream monitoring was possible through Hillsdale Water Quality Project's Johnson County Stormwater Management Advisory Council Water Quality Education Initiative. For more information about Hillsdale Water Quality Project, contact Troy Wickham, assistant information specialist, at 913-829-9414 or twickham@hwqp.org, or visit the Project's website at www.hwqp.org.

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Seventh Annual Make A Splash! Topeka Water Festival

The saying goes, "When it rains, it pours!" That was true on Thursday, September 22, 2006, at the Make A Splash Topeka Water Festival. The festival anticipated serving over 1,000 area fourth graders at the water festival. Due to the severe weather, coordinators had to make the very difficult decision to tell educators to keep their students at their schools.

A number of classes were already on their way when the severe weather hit, so we quickly modified the morning's events to take place inside to accommodate the students approximately 400 students that were there. We are so grateful to the presenters, exhibitors, volunteers, and teachers who demonstrated incredible patience and flexibility. It turned out to be a wonderful morning!

Classes that were unable to attend the water festival have been offered an opportunity to have festival volunteers visit their school and lead festival activities. We are very excited about this and have many schools responding! Again, our wonderful presenters and volunteers are working hard!

We always like to include an article about the Make A Splash Topeka Water Festival in the fall newsletter. We were delighted to have the following article submitted for the newsletter. Stacia Williams, a Kansas State University student, attended the water festival and shared her observations and experiences.

A rainy day helped kick off the 7th annual Make A Splash! Topeka Water Festival, sponsored by the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) on September 22, 2006. KACEE is a statewide non-profit association of many public and private agencies, organizations, business and individuals. The mission of the organization is to promote and provide effective, non-biased, science-based conservation and environmental education to all Kansans and Kansas educators.

The water festival is designed to increase students' awareness of water and water quality issues. Approximately 300 fourth grade students from around Topeka and the northeast Kansas region attended the event and represented more than 19 schools, including Rossville—one of Kansas' PRIDE communities involved in the Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities pilot water quality project. Students participated in many hands on activities, visited informative exhibits that show how we use water, and learned how to protect and conserve this valuable natural resource.

"Did you know it takes 115 gallons of water to grow enough wheat to manufacture one loaf of bread?"

This was only one of the messages the Shawnee County Conservation District (SCCD) shared with students just next door to the soil tunnel. The SCCD staff, with help from Jackson Heights High School "Stream Team" students, built a life-size soil tunnel for a truly "down under" experience. Stream Team "miners" equipped with hard hats and flashlights led kids through the tunnel to learn more about plant roots, how deep they go into the ground, how plants and animals live underground, and how water is filtered and stored in soil as underground water supply. The SCCD also manned a booth with interactive exhibits focusing on soil profiles (clay, silt, and sand), natural recycling habits people can develop by reducing and reusing their resources, and a dinosaur fossil search!

The festival included not only valuable information on water management, but also incorporated elements of weather and animals in our Kansas ecosystem. A representative from the National Weather Service taught kids about weather patterns using a "tornado machine" and the Jackson Heights High School students exhibited a handful of critters including several types of snakes, a baby alligator, a bearded dragon, and box turtles. Tegan, a student from Rossville, was working on the exhibit at the K-State conservation booth. "I saw the turtles and now we are learning about water contaminants," he said with a grin. Students were shown how water can be displaced and taught how that applied to erosion by water flow in the soil.

Three fourth-graders from Royal Valley (Mariah, Sierra, and Kenzie) saw the alligator. "I wish it was mine," said one, "I would take it home." Another added, "I would live underground in the soil tunnel with all the animals and bugs. I like worms. I love worms. The soil tunnel was so cool." Spoken like a true fourth-grader.

All in all, the water festival was a success. Students went away with a better understanding of water management in their communities, and a general feel for what is going on in the ecosystem around them.



2006 Topeka Water Festival Sponsors

Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE); the City of Topeka's Water Pollution Control and Water Divisions; Kansas Project WET; Shawnee County Commission and the Shawnee County Recycling Department; the Shawnee County Conservation District and State Conservation Commission; Nestle Waters North America; Mid-America Association of Conservation Districts; Shawnee County Farm Bureau; Educational Credit Union; Independent Insurance Agents of Topeka, Inc; Cavanaugh Porter & Holloman, PA; the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Water; the Westar Energy Green Team; Topeka Audubon Society; and the Kansas Water Office.

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Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education 2006-2007 Awards for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education

Call for Nominations

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) announces the call for nominations for the 2006-2007 Awards for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education. These awards are presented annually by KACEE to recognize those best exemplifying dedication, commitment, and influence in the field of conservation and environmental education (EE).

John K. Strickler Award

Criteria: This award recognizes the lifetime achievements of an individual in the field of EE. The nominee must be a current KACEE member with a minimum of five years' involvement in the field of EE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas. S/he should be known for one or more of the following:

- ◇ Dedicated current and long-term service in the field of EE (e.g., developed curriculum, research, innovations, publications, programs, legislation, etc.)
- ◇ Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

KACEE Award

Criteria: This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations, agencies, community efforts, schools, and businesses in the field of EE. The nominee must have a minimum of five years' involvement in the field of EE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas. The nominee does not have to be a current KACEE member, but should be known for one or more of the following:

- * Dedicated current and long-term service in the field of EE (e.g., developed curriculum, research, innovations, publications, programs, legislation, etc.)
- * Creating a work environment that incorporates EE (e.g., volunteerism by employees, using recycled and environmentally-friendly products, collaboration and/or funding of EE initiatives outside the organization)
- * Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

Nominations for the KACEE Award are in one of the following categories. While nominations in all categories are accepted, awards in all categories may not be given every year.

- * **PreK-16 Education:** School or individual in a formal education setting may be nominated.
- * **Government:** Individual or agency may be nominated.
- * **Community and Non-Profit Organizations:** Individual or organization may be nominated.
- * **Agriculture:** Nominee is an individual or organization that leads/encourages programs that educate about agricultural best management practices.
- * **Business/Corporate Sector:** Individual, business, or corporation may be nominated.

Rising Star KACEE Award

Recognizes individuals who are new to the EE field in Kansas, but are already making an impact. The nominee must have a minimum of two years' and a maximum of seven years' experience in the EE field in Kansas. Current KACEE membership is not required. The nominee should be known for one or more of the following:

- ◇ Developed and/or implemented at least one ongoing EE program in Kansas
- ◇ Innovative and enthusiastic application of EE tools or best practices
- ◇ Shares ideas and techniques with colleagues
- ◇ Collaborates with the greater EE community
- ◇ Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

For more information, please visit www.kacee.org .

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WRAPS Website & Capacity Building Forum

Funding of this project is from KDHE Watershed Management EPA 319 Fund



A Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) is a planning and management framework that engages stakeholders within a particular watershed in a process to: (1) Identify watershed restoration and protection needs and opportunities; (2) Establish management goals for the watershed community; (3) Create a cost-effective action plan to achieve goals; and (4) Implement the action plan. Currently, there are over 40 watershed-based local WRAPS teams working toward these goals in Kansas. This creates a wealth of opportunities for water-related organizations statewide to adapt our services to support locally driven processes to protect and restore Kansas watersheds.

KACEE has recently partnered with Kansas WRAPS to develop a cohesive and coordinated support system for WRAPS coordinators and their local community teams. Our goals for the project include providing assistance in community engagement/outreach processes, leadership development, technical training and support and access to resources that will facilitate local community success in the planning and implementation of WRAPS projects at the local level.

KACEE's expertise lies in facilitating learning and partnerships. This project relies on coordinator's expertise and brings in additional partners as needed to meet WRAPS-specific professional development needs as they are identified by the participants. A steering group of WRAPS coordinators, administrators, and stakeholders was formed and a focus group and survey were conducted over the summer to guide the development of a Kansas WRAPS website and a series of Capacity Building Forums to provide participant-driven professional development & networking opportunities for WRAPS leadership teams.

The WRAPS Website, www.kswraps.org, is scheduled for launch in Mid-January of 2007. The website was developed in partnership with Sprout Software, and will serve as a one stop shop for current and potential WRAPS leaders, service providers, stakeholders, administrators, and interested citizens to learn and share WRAPS-related resources. The website will also feature searchable online directories for WRAPS Partners, Service Providers, and WRAPS Projects statewide. WRAPS Conference online registration, a Watershed Partner online application, and WRAPS Service Provider and WRAPS Project online directory profile forms are available online now. Visit www.kswraps.org today for a sneak peek at the website format, and to list your organization's WRAPS-related services in the online directory.

The first WRAPS Capacity Building Forum was held November 30, 2006 at Rock Springs near Junction City. Winter weather conditions that day presented some challenges for travel, but almost 2/3 of the 60 WRAPS leadership team members & service providers registered were able to attend. Gary Flory from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) started the day with WRAPS-specific communication and facilitation training. The group engaged in a facilitation planning exercise to design the format of our lunch session, a Q & A with Don Snethen, Chief, KDHE Bureau of Water. Dan Zerr from KDHE's Bureau of Water, Watershed Management Section presented an introduction to modeling and mapping technology for WRAPS. The next WRAPS Capacity Building Forum will take place in Spring 2007. Contact Melissa Arthur for details.

Water Celebration Organizers Network in McPherson



The McPherson County Children's Water Festival and the KACEE Statewide Water Celebrations Planning Committee teamed up to host a day of learning and sharing especially for water celebration organizers. Twenty water celebration organizers from across Kansas experienced the McPherson Children's Water Festival VIP Tour, shared a meal and networking, and exchanged festival ideas and resources at the water festival share-a-thon. In addition to putting on a top notch water festival event, Carla Pearson (McPherson Children's Water Festival Chairperson) organized a wonderful day of learning and sharing for our group. Many thanks to Carla and the McPherson Board of Public Utilities for sponsoring and hosting this exciting event!

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Ottawa's Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Workshop

Article by: Keri Harris

On September 16, 2006 20 teachers from Franklin, Osage and Shawnee Counties attended a Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Workshop in Ottawa. Laura Downey presented various lessons and provided the teachers with numerous ideas for incorporating the lessons into their classrooms. The Workshop was hosted by the Franklin County Conservation District, with funds provided by the State Conservation Commission through the Kansas Water Plan Fund.

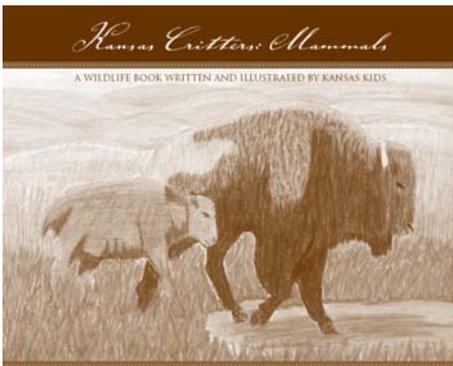
- "It was great, I wish more teachers from our school could have attended the workshop" said Alane Ecord, Osage City Elementary.
- "I attended Project WET years ago, but the new info in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD is wonderful...I can't wait to use it with my kids" Lois Schultz, Berryton Elementary.
- "I am so glad the District and KACEE were able to provide our local teachers with this opportunity...The District is proud to be a part of the great programs KACEE offers and even more excited to help get conservation and environmental education into our schools." Keri Harris, District Manager Franklin County Conservation District.

Teachers will have an opportunity to attend a second session, hosted by the Franklin County Conservation District in which Project WET and WILD Aquatic will be presented on February 24, 2007 in Ottawa.



Children recognized for book on Kansas mammals

Article by: Lorri Beck



Young artists and authors with a penchant for Kansas mammals were the focus of four ceremonies unveiling the book "Kansas Critters: Mammals, A Wildlife Book Written and Illustrated by Kansas Kids," on Saturday, August 26, at the Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita.

"We're excited to show the creativity and enthusiasm Kansas children put into their entries of artwork and text," said Bob Gress, director, Great Plains Nature Center. "We received almost 1,500 pieces, and selected 242 entries from 224 artists and authors for the book. The kids did a fabulous job."

Kansas children in kindergarten through eighth grade submitted up to three entries of original works of art, poetry, or descriptive text for the book. Students featured 26 species of Kansas mammals, including animals such as American bison, bobcat, nine-banded armadillo, and eastern red bat. "Some of the artwork is accurately illustrated; other pieces are downright whimsical," said Gress. Students from 37 schools as diverse as Chase County Elementary School, Saints Peter and Paul School, Kickapoo Nation School, and Hadley Middle School participated. Almost 20 home schools sent entries.

Marcia Scurfield, art teacher at Seltzer and Gardiner Elementary schools (Wichita), shared a story of the excitement one selected artist felt.

"One winner's mother told me that the selection of her daughter's work was a huge source of pride for her daughter. She said that academically this child feels like she lives in the shadow of her older sisters," Scurfield said. "When she got the letter from the GPNC, her daughter called every relative to tell them the news. Six family members attended the celebration on August 26th."

Single copies of the book may be picked up free at the Great Plains Nature Center. Single copies may be mailed for \$4.00 by sending your check to: Kansas Critters, Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N, Wichita, Kansas 67220.

The Lattner Family Foundation provided the grant for the book project.

2006 KEEC Highlights



Kickapoo Nation School Students participating in an activity during a Concurrent Session



Estella Leopold



Dennis Wilson performing his environmental magic!



Bora Simmons



Jackson Heights High School student leading an activity during the Pre-Conference Workshop



Jacquelyn Borgeson



Phil Balch and Chris Mammolita, The Watershed Institute, assisting at the Pre-Conference Workshop



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Conference Sponsors

KACEE would like to thank the following individuals, agencies, and companies for supporting the 2006 Kansas Environmental Education Conference.



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*Partial funding provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund

Congratulations Roland!



Please join us in honoring Roland Stein, Wildlife Education Director with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP), for his many years of service to environmental education in Kansas. Roland, who retired in December 2006, was the state coordinator for Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic since its start here in Kansas and served on the KACEE Board of Directors as an ex-officio representative for the KDWP during this time. We conservatively estimate that Roland has been responsible for providing training to more than 2000 educators around the state and has assisted in coordinating additional training opportunities for educators that number close to 10,000 over the course of his service here in Kansas. These numbers are just a part of the ways in which Roland demonstrated his passion and commitment to providing quality, non-biased and science-based environmental education in Kansas—we commend him for his service and congratulate him on his retirement. Thanks Roland!



Resources

*****KACEE does not necessarily recommend or endorse items and programs on these pages*****

Aldo Leopold Poster Now Available



The Aldo Leopold Foundation and the Leopold Education Project have teamed up to produce a new Aldo Leopold Poster. The Foundation's team wrote and designed the 24" x 36" poster, which provides a beautiful display with a wealth of interesting information regarding Aldo Leopold's life and land ethic philosophy. An illustrated time line across the bottom of the poster traces Leopold's life with a treasure of archival photos from his childhood to current events recognizing and celebrating his philosophy.

Suitable for framing, this poster looks great in an office and would make a wonderful gift for anyone who cares for the land. Educators, naturalists, resource professionals, conservationists and interpreters will be interested in using this poster as an educational tool in classrooms, displays, nature centers, museums, meetings and workshops. We suggest lamination of the poster to make the heavy paper take on a wonderful glow and become a rugged display that could even be used outdoors.

The Leopold Education Project is distributing the poster through its affiliation with Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever. We worked really hard to make the prices reasonable for quantity purchases so that it is possible to provide everyone in a class or workshop with a poster at minimal cost.

The Aldo Leopold Poster can be ordered on line from the LEP website <http://www.lep.org/merchandise.htm>.

NAAEE 36th Annual Conference

Wednesday - Saturday, November 14 - 17, 2007
Virginia Beach, Virginia
(Workshops are on November 14)



NAAEE 4th Annual WW Research Symposium

*Celebrating the Diversity of Our Research Methodologies:
Finding Common Ground*
November 13 (evening reception)
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Calling All Eco Heroes

Deadline: February 28, 2007



Action For Nature has a juried annual contest, for which cash prizes and other gifts are awarded to young people, 8 to 16 years, who have achieved an outstanding environmental success, and whose efforts will inspire others. Guidelines and application form available on the website, <http://www.actionfornature.org/index.html>.

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Chance to Win a \$500 grant for your Classroom!



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Every time you refer a qualified peer, you earn another chance to win the \$500 grant. There is no advertising involved with this survey, and no personal contact information will be shared. Following selection of the grant winner, all contact information will be discarded. To complete the survey go to <http://www.djcase.com/wow.htm>.

The deadline for completing the survey is December 31, 2006

After you have completed the survey, forward this information on to other educators you know. Ask each of them to list your name in the Referred by field at the beginning of the survey. Each time a qualified teacher enters your name on the survey, you earn another chance to win the \$500 grant for your class or program. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Monica Linnenbrink at 574-258-0100.

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- Presenting at a workshop or conference
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