



Watershed Education Opportunities for WRAPS Communities

Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE)

NOTE TO WRAPS LEADERSHIP TEAMS: *This is an overview of what we can do--we are willing to customize a proposal to meet your local WRAPS needs including specific topic focuses based on priority areas, targeted audiences and other local education needs.*

WHO WE ARE:

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) is a private, not-profit, 501(c)(3) association, whose mission is the promotion of effective conservation and environmental education throughout the State of Kansas. Established in 1969, KACEE has more than 250 organizational members and over 300 individual members. More information on KACEE may be found at: www.kacee.org

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS/EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITES:

Introduction to Watershed Education (Adults, WRAPS Leadership

Team, WRAPS Stakeholder Group): A 3 hour workshop that includes a background on the difference between education and information and why it's important to have both in your educational outreach, background on what people know and believe about the environment, best environmental education practices, and examples of educational activities (e.g. water celebrations, school-based watershed education, waterspout gardens, watershed related service learning, water education at community events and activities) that your WRAPS project might include in your WRAPS Education and Outreach Plans. Can include consultation on the development of the education/outreach component of your WRAPS Plan.

COST \$1500 for up to 25 participants

PreK-12 Watershed Education (Formal and Non-formal Educators)

KACEE offers a variety of environmental education workshops. The environmental education materials encompass four core programs which provide professional development for teachers and nonformal educators. KACEE serves as the co-sponsor of these programs in partnership with various state agencies. Each program is nationally acclaimed and delivered through workshops of 6 hours or more in length. The programs are interdisciplinary and designed to supplement classroom curricula. Workshop participants explore and take home an activity guide featuring ready-made lessons and activities for grades pre-K through 12 and beyond. The

Education Offerings:

- INTRODUCTION TO WATERSHED EDUCATION
- PREK-12 WATERSHED EDUCATION
- MAKING A SPLASH IN YOUR COMMUNITY: FOCUS ON FESTIVALS
- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EDUCATION PARTNERS INVOLVED IN LOCAL WRAPS PROJECTS TO ATTEND THE KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

We encourage the WRAPS Leadership Team to be actively involved and engaged in selecting the participants in a way that encourages sustained involvement and participation in local WRAPS efforts. Example: Application process for Educator Workshops that includes asking applicants to write a description of how they will be involved in supporting education and outreach as a part of the overall local WRAPS Plan.



Children doing the "Long Haul" (water conservation activity) at the Topeka Water Festival.

activities are hands-on and focus on developing critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Project offerings include: Project WET, WET in the City, Discover a Watershed, Conserve Water, Project Wild Aquatic, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree (PLT), PLT Secondary Modules, and the Leopold Education Project. KACEE will work with WRAPS groups to customize the workshop based on topics of relevance in the watershed such as sedimentation, non-point source pollution, municipal water infrastructure, source protection, groundwater, water conservation, wildlife and habitat, natural resource management, etc. Can include consultation by KACEE staff on how to make the most impact with your educational outreach, keeping participants involved after the workshop, engaging students in community-based service learning projects and more--customized to meet your WRAPS community needs.

COST \$5000 for up to 25 participants

Workshop Example: Teacher inservice for 20-25 classroom teachers that utilizes Project WET and WET in the City entitled "Water from the River to Your Glass" that provides teachers with hands-on ready to use activities that explore water sources, municipal systems, human interactions, threats to water resources, conservation and community involvement. All participants in this workshop receive curriculum guides for the programs utilized in the workshop.

Making A Splash In Your Community: Focus on Festivals (Community/Adult/Family/Student Watershed Education). Project WET and WILD Aquatic: Focus on Festivals workshops, a 6-8 hour workshop that can be organized for groups of water celebration planners state-wide. These workshops focus on adapting activities for water celebrations, and can be tailored to address local planning needs. Participants receive two activity guides, along with the Kansas water celebration resource guide. Possible participants: Army Corps of Engineers, Parks and Recreation, Wildlife and Parks, local volunteers, conservation districts, Farm Bureau's, municipal employees, etc. Can include consultation by KACEE staff on how to make the most impact with your educational outreach, extending learning beyond your festival, engaging teachers and students in community-based efforts, starting a festival planning committee, recruiting and training volunteers and more--customized to meet your WRAPS community needs.
COST: \$3000 for up to 25 participants.

"This is one of the best training opportunities I have ever attended. It was so helpful to cover all the logistics of an event and then experience a real (and very well planned) water celebration. And the materials and books we received are full of useful information."

- Julie Torseth, Dyck Arboretum

****Cost of workshops include funding for planning time, travel, workshop implementation, consultation and materials and resources. Each workshop participant receives a copy of the curriculum guides featured in the workshop.

Scholarships for education partners involved in local WRAPS Projects to attend the Kansas Environmental Education Conference—an opportunity for those involved in education and outreach efforts within your WRAPS Community to learn about innovative environmental education initiatives, programs and events, while engaging in meaningful networking and resource sharing with others from around the state.
COST: \$350 per person (includes conference registration, meals during the conference, field experiences, networking events and a \$250 Travel Stipend for hotel and mileage).



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