GUIDE SYMBOLS:

- Air
- Recycling/Waste Reduction
- Water
- Habitat/Conservation
- Energy
- Other

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Meets state education standards for Kansas

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**WHAT IS KCEEN?**

The Kansas City Environmental Education Network (KCEEN) is a network of environmental education organizations serving pre-K through 12 educators in the Kansas City region. Our mission is to provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas and information regarding environmental education and sustainable schools. Our vision is to improve and expand the integration of environmental education into all subjects in schools throughout the Kansas City region by raising awareness, coordinating resources and providing opportunities for action.

**HOW IS KCEEN UNIQUE?**

- Consists of a wide variety of local organizations that share a common goal and a unified message
- Represents two state environmental education organizations and multiple cities and counties in the metro area
- Focuses on formal educators as a means to educate the public
- Provides specific resources to educators
- Brings a regional environmental focus through coordination by the Mid-America Regional Council
- Serves rural, suburban and urban areas

**WHAT DOES KCEEN DO?**

KCEEN provides:

- **Professional development** opportunities for teachers and non-formal educators.
- **Networking opportunities.** These include several events and the KCEEN Planning Committee which meets regularly to discuss issues, plan events and find ways to provide resources to educators.
- **Greater Kansas City Environmental Education Resource Guide.** A comprehensive overview of programs and resources offered by organizations in our region.
- **Electronic newsletter.** The KCEEN e-newsletter provides information on resources, upcoming events and sustainable schools issues.
- **Funding information.** Information on funding sources for environmental education and sustainable schools projects.
- **A website** that includes information on how to expand environmental education in classrooms.
- **Ongoing initiatives** to expand integration of environmental education into schools throughout the Kansas City region.

**HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

- **Become a member.** Members receive the e-newsletter and special mailings that will keep them up-to-date on the latest events and resources. Membership is free.
- **Join the KCEEN Planning Committee.** This group generally meets monthly.
- **Volunteer.** Volunteer to work and/or provide resources at an event.

For more information about KCEEN, contact Matt Riggs at mrgiggs@marc.org or 816/701-8313.
Where does it come from and where does it go?
If you ask a student where their food comes from, they might say “the store.”
If you ask them where their trash goes, they might say “away.” The following list identifies places that give tours aimed at helping students learn where the resources we use everyday really come from and where they go once we’re done with them.

Always call in advance to schedule a tour. Age and group size limits apply.

Landfills and Material Recovery Facilities
A materials recovery facility or materials reclamation facility (MRF – pronounced “murf”) is a specialized plant that receives, separates and prepares recyclable materials for marketing to end-user manufacturers.

- **Courtney Ridge Landfill**
  2001 N. 291 Highway, Sugar Creek, Mo. 64058 • (816) 257-2185 x25

- **Johnson County Landfill & MRF**
  17955 Holliday Drive, Shawnee, Kan. 66217
  (913) 745-1822 or (913) 745-1823

- **Lee’s Summit Resource Recovery Park & Landfill**
  2101 SE Hamblen Rd., Lee’s Summit, Mo. 64081 • (816) 969-1804

- **Town & Country Disposal MRF**
  22820 S. State Rte. 291, Harrisonville, Mo. 64701 • (816) 380-5595

- **Midwest Shredding Service MRF**
  2900 E. 147th St., Kansas City, Mo., 64147 • (816) 471-6720

- **Pink Hill Acres** (construction and demolition landfill)
  3500 NW 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, Mo., 64014 • (816) 229-6395

Recycling Centers

- **Kansas City, Mo. Community Recycling Centers**
  (816) 561-1087
  - Kansas City North: 400 NW Barry Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64155
  - South Kansas City: 9051 Hillcrest, Kansas City, Mo. 64137

- **Overland Park Recycling Center**
  11921 Hardy, Overland Park, Kan. 66213 • (913) 895-6273

- **Wyandotte County Recycling Center**
  3241 Park Dr., Kansas City, Kan. 66102 • (913) 371–2034
Yard & Food Waste Recycling

- Missouri Organic Recycling, Inc.
  7700 E. 40 Hwy., Kansas City, Mo. 64125 • (816) 483-0908

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facilities

HHW facilities allow residents to safely dispose of items such as paint, lawn and garden chemicals, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides and cleaners.

- Kansas City Missouri Household Hazardous Waste Facility
  4707 Deramus, Kansas City, Mo. 64120 • (816) 513-8401

- Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
  Mission, Kan. • (913) 715-6936

Water Treatment Facilities

- Kansas City Missouri Water Services Water Treatment
  (816) 513-0232

- Johnson County (Kansas) Wastewater
  (913) 715-8500

Dairies

- Shatto Milk Company
  9406 N. Hwy. 33, Osborn, Mo., 64474, (816) 930-3862

Farms

- Kansas City Food Circle
  An all-volunteer, grassroots organization created to promote the development of a permanently sustainable local food system in the region.

  How to find a tour:

  1. Visit www.kcfoodcircle.org
  2. Click on "Member Growers" button
  3. Look for a grower near you
Abitibi Bowater
510 Division Street, Kansas City, KS 66103
Phone: (913) 722-9022
Fax: (913) 722-9060
Contact: Jonna Lounce
Email: Jonna.Lounce@AbiBow.com
Website: www.paperretriever.com

Program topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, landfill topics
Program types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–Postsecondary
Cost: Call for information
Description: The Paper Retriever program is a mixed-paper recycling program designed for schools, churches and not-for-profits. Educational programs are offered to help recycling programs grow, help identify the relationship between consumption and natural resource conservation, demonstrate the cycle of paper recycling, and illustrate water quality protection through proper disposal and landfill design. The program offers a mascot, “Pepper, the Paper Retriever,” as part of its presentation to kids. Also available are a video of the paper recycling process; teacher kits with curriculum; and ideas for classroom activities, games and recycling information. Rebates are paid on tons collected.
Service/volunteer opportunities: Call for more information.

Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center
4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 759-7305
Fax: (816) 759-7333
Contact: Wendy Parrett
Email: wendy.parrett@mdc.mo.gov
Website: www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/kcmetro

Program topics: Water, wildlife / habitat
Program types: Field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program lengths: Preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Program cost: Free
Description: Discovery Center hosts free school field trip programs in their six interactive workshops. "Nature’s Bounty" examines the ethics of hunting and fishing; "Nature’s Garden" features native plantings; "Nature’s Aquarium" explores local watersheds; "Exploring the Outdoors" studies the habitats of Missouri’s animals; "Nature’s Palette" uses art to examine Missouri’s trees; "Woodworking for Wildlife" looks at bird habitats as students build bird feeders or nest boxes. Free public programs are also available on Saturdays.
Service/volunteer opportunities: Volunteer opportunities available. Internship opportunities available for college students.
Blue River Watershed Association
PO Box 7276, Kansas City, MO 66208
(Office: 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64132)
Phone: (816) 309-0980
Contact: Kate Delehunt
Email: kdelehunt@brwa.net
Website: www.brwa.net

Program Topics: Water
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–12
Other: Church and non-profit groups, scouting groups, homes associations
Cost: Free
Description: The Blue River Watershed Association provides watershed education and action opportunities to school groups and community members through water quality monitoring, stream curricula, stream cleanup projects, restoration projects, public outreach, student conferences and learning fairs.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Students may earn service hours by participating in river cleanups and restoration projects. Volunteer mentors accompany students on water field studies. Rain garden and rain barrel presentation given for adult groups.

Botanical Society of America
PO Box 299, St. Louis, MO 63166
Phone: (785) 532-9834
Contact: Teresa Woods, KC area contact
Email: twoods@ksu.edu
Website: www.plantingscience.org

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat, botany
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades 9–12
Cost: Free
Description: PlantingScience is a learning and research resource that brings together students, plant scientists, and teachers from across the nation. Students engage in hands-on plant investigations, working with peers and scientist mentors to improve their understanding of science.
**Bridging The Gap**  
435 Westport Rd. #23, Kansas City, MO 64111  
**Phone:** (816) 561-1087  
**Fax:** (816) 561-1091  
**Contact:** Amy Smith  
**Email:** volunteer@bridgingthegap.org  
**Website:** www.bridgingthegap.org

- **Program Topics:** Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, climate change
- **Program Types:** Volunteer / service learning
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, long-term / ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grade 4–postsecondary
- **Cost:** Free

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Bridging The Gap offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for students including recycling, trees, litter, ecological restoration, environmental education and more.

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**Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center**  
1401 NW Park Rd., Blue Springs, MO 64015  
**Phone:** (816) 228-3766  
**Fax:** (816) 655-6267  
**Contact:** Lisa LaCombe  
**Email:** lisa.lacombe@mdc.mo.gov  
**Website:** www.burroakwoods.org

- **Program Topics:** Wildlife / habitat
- **Program Types:** Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
- **Program Lengths:** One-time program lengths run from one hour to all day. Programs available for ages birth to adult
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool–Postsecondary
- **Cost:** Free

**Description:** With over 1,000 acres of land and five different hiking trails, the center offers a variety of programs for the general public, schools and scouts. Programs are hands-on and involve outdoor learning about fish, forests and wildlife. For scouts, the center offers backpacks that can be checked out by leaders. The center offers naturalist and volunteer-naturalist programs designed to help Girl Scouts work toward patch requirements. The center also has a Missouri Department of Conservation volunteer program for adults. Volunteers assist with interpretive programs and are involved with resource management and research. Burr Oak Woods is open to the public seven days a week. The nature center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The interpretive center has a variety of exhibits including a wildlife observation room and 3,000-gallon fish tank with native Missouri fish on display. A variety of native reptiles and amphibians are also on display.
Cass County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
302 S. Main, Harrisonville, MO 64701
Phone: (816) 380-8460
Fax: (816) 380-8465

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resource, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–Postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children.

4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach subject matter and life-skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.

Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners: Volunteers trained to be Master Gardeners require 20 hours of volunteer service per year for active membership.
4-H: Recognized 4-H volunteers must successfully complete a 4-H volunteer application and screening process.

Contact: Lala Kumar
Email: kumarl@missouri.edu
Website: http://extension.missouri.edu/cass

Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District
1000 W. Wall, Harrisonville, MO 64701
Phone: (816) 884-3391
Fax: (816) 887-5772

Program Topics: Air, water, soil
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resource
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–Postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide conservation educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.

Email: soils@dnr.mo.gov
Website: www.swcd.mo.gov/cass/index.html
Cave Spring Interpretive Center  
8701 E. Gregory, Kansas City, MO 64133  
Contact: Al Maddox  
Email: cavespringkc@aol.com  
Website: www.cavespring.org

Program topics: Wildlife / habitat  
Cost: $1-$6 admission  
Description: Cave Spring is a 36-acre nature center and historic area located in eastern Kansas City, Mo. The area includes an interpretive center building, picnic area and scenic walking trails. Its mission is to provide education on the stewardship of the natural environment and cultural history of the Kansas City area. Educational opportunities include hikes and service projects for groups of 10 or more, specializing in activities for scouts, school and child care groups.  
Service/volunteer opportunities: Assistance with educational programs, building and grounds maintenance, historical research and environmental studies.

Center for Equitable Education (CEED)  
147 Wyandotte St.  
Kansas City, MO 64112  
Phone: (816) 931-4712  
Contact: Diane Y. Swift  
Email: Ceed4chng@aol.com or swiftdia@sbcglobal  
Website: www.centerforequitableeducation.org

Program Topics: Environmental justice and education, environmental art.  
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources  
Program Lengths: One-time, long-term/ongoing  
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 12  
Other: Serves youth up to 16 years old.  
Cost: Free. Training is fee-based.  
Description: The Environmental Justice and Education (EJE) Project is designed for underserved youth (ages 12-16 years-old) who reside in the urban core areas and tribal lands of the Greater Kansas City region. Special programs are also available for the Pre-K—elementary age group. A professional development program for educators is a key component of the EJE Project. Participants will learn about environmental justice and education issues as they pertain to their community. The project takes a multi-disciplinary approach with an emphasis on expanding disciplines in environmental education, activism, and career opportunities. Environmental art programs will be available for all age groups.
Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District
1 Victory Dr., Suite 100, Liberty, MO 64068
Phone: (816) 781-5580
Fax: (816) 407-3490

Program Topics: Air, water, soil
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resource
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–Postsecondary
Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide conservation educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.

Contact: Marlin Bates
Email: soils@dnr.mo.gov
Website: www.swcd.mo.gov/clay/index.html

Clay County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
1901 NE 48th St., Kansas City, MO 64118
Phone: (816) 407-3490
Fax: (816) 407-3491

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resource, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–Postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children. 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach subject matter and life-skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.
Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners: Volunteers trained to be Master Gardeners require 20 hours of volunteer service per year for active membership. 4-H: Recognized 4-H volunteers must successfully complete a 4-H volunteer application and screening process.

Contact: Marlin Bates
Email: batesma@missouri.edu
Website: http://extension.missouri.edu/clay
The Climate Project
2100 West End Ave., Suite 600
Nashville, TN 37203
Phone: (816) 678-6289

Contact: Fred Klafta
Email: kingsvfred@aol.com
Website: www.theclimateproject.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, climate change

Description: The Climate Project consists of 2,600 dedicated volunteers from throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, India, Spain, and the UK, all personally trained by Al Gore to educate the public about climate change. Presentations are based on the slideshow from the Academy Award-winning film An Inconvenient Truth and are available free of charge to any size group or organization. Presentations are personalized by our presenters and continuously updated to include the latest climate science and current effects of climate change.

Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead
13800 Switzer Rd.
Overland Park, KS 66221
Phone: (913) 897-2360, ext. 22
Fax: (913) 897-4948

Contact: Heather Krejci
Email: heather.krejci@opkansas.org
Website: www.opkansas.org/Things-to-See-And-Do/Deanna-Rose-Childrens-Farmstead

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat, other

Program Types: Field trip, volunteer / service learning

Program Lengths: One-time

Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 6

Cost: Mon. - Thur., free; Fri. - Sun., $2 per person; age one and under free. Does not include special events.

Description: Designed to depict a turn-of-the-century family farm, the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead has almost 200 animals and birds of prey, vegetable and flower gardens, a one-room country schoolhouse, an old-time fishing pond, pony rides and more. The farmstead is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 1 to Oct. 31. During the summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day) it is open until 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Daily opportunities for docents and volunteers during the open season. Call (913) 897-2360 ext 23.
Deffenbaugh Recycling
8905 Kaw Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111
Phone: (913) 745-1827
Contact: Delores Walton
Email: sales.team@deffenbaughinc.com
Website: www.deffenbaughindustries.com/school.aspx

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–12
Cost: Call for information
Description: The One Earth, One Chance School Recycling Program is open to any public or private elementary, middle/junior, or high school that desires to raise awareness about recycling and the environment. Parents, students, faculty, and the greater community can easily recycle their used paper, plastic (#1 - #7) and aluminum at your school.

EarthWorks—A Program of The Learning Exchange
8300 NE Underground Dr., Kansas City, MO 64161
Phone: (816) 974-6110
Fax: (816) 454-0557
Contact: Terri Swartz-Shelton
Email: terri@ecew.org
Website: www.lx.org

Program Topics: Air, water, Recycling / waste reduction, wildlife / habitat, energy, soil, conservation, ecology
Program Types: Field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: Earth Explores (pre-K); Young Scientists (grades K-2); EarthWorks Scientists (grades 3-5); customized activities available for all ages.
Cost: Call for information
Description: EarthWorks is an experiential learning program of Exchange City & EarthWorks KC. Programs are available for ages ranging from pre-K to adult. Learning opportunities are available year-round, including school programs, day trips, summer camps, tours and meeting space. During a visit to EarthWorks, students/guests explore five Midwestern habitats during their exploratory experience in the 35,000 sq. ft. underground learning laboratory at Hunt Midwest Subtropolis. The conventional EarthWorks Scientist program prepares teachers of third to fifth graders to implement a 4-to-6-week environmental science curriculum aligned to Kansas and Missouri state curriculum standards in science, math and communication arts. Each habitat puts a team of third, fourth and fifth graders to the test with a simulated natural event—a flood, wildfires, algae bloom or drought—challenging students to work together to restore the habitat to life-sustaining levels. The curriculum includes teacher training sessions, classroom instructional materials, and a memorable on-site experience.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Parents can volunteer for the day students visit. Volunteers willing to help in the office are also welcome.
Eco Elvis
7420 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64114
Phone: (816) 268-8832
Contact: Matt Riggs
Email: amriggs98@gmail.com
Website: www.ecoelvis.com

Program Topics: Air, water, recycling / waste reduction, wildlife / habitat, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adult
Cost: Free on weekdays from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. in the metro area. Contact for evening, weekend and out-of-town pricing.
Description: Eco Elvis, Kansas City's own environmentally friendly Elvis impersonator, uses recycled Elvis songs, humor, and hands-on presentations to educate adults and kids about environmental issues and provide them with ways to take action.

Ernie Miller Nature Center
Johnson County Park & Recreation District
909 N. 7 Hwy., Olathe, KS 66061
Phone: (913) 764-7759
Fax: (816) 764-0109
Contact: Bill McGowan
Email: bill.mcgowan@jocogov.org
Website: www.erniemiller.com

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 6; grades 9–12
Cost: Call for information
Description: The center provides wildlife and nature exhibits and a wide variety of environmental and historical programming including outreach, field trips and summer camps.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Park cleanup days, special events, ongoing projects and trail maintenance.
George Owens Nature Park
1601 S. Speck Rd., Independence, MO 64057
Contact: Matthew Garrett
Phone: (816) 325-7115
Fax: (816) 325-7952
Email: matt.c.garrett@gmail.com
Website: www.georgeowensnaturepark.org

Program topics: Wildlife / habitat
Program types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program lengths: Long term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–12
Program cost: Call for information.
Description: The park offers programs on wildlife, hiking and service projects for scouts. Programs include Winter Solstice Hike (seasonal), Environmental program – Jr. Naturalist, and Nature Story Time for two- to five-year-olds.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Variety of work projects available for youth groups.

Grassland Heritage Foundation
PO Box 394, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201
Contact: Rachel Myslivy
Email: grasslandheritage@gmail.com
Website: www.grasslandheritage.org

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, energy, gardening, prairie conservation
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–12; adults
Cost: Free
Description: The Grassland Heritage Foundation offers programs on prairie habitat, prairie culture and Plains Indians. The 45- to 60-minute bison presentation offers hands-on education to explain the many ways plains tribes used bison. A skin and skull collection demonstrates adaptations of animals to life on the prairie. Books about prairie and native species are available for loan. There are opportunities for volunteers to help lead programs and provide hands-on prairie maintenance.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Opportunities to assist with programs and prairie maintenance.
Green Works in Kansas City
4334 McGee St., Kansas City, MO 64111
Phone 1: (816) 304-8400
Phone 2: (816) 756-3674
Contact: Kate Corwin
Email: kate@greenworkskc.org
Website: www.greenworkskc.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, energy, green building
Program Types: Volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades 9–12
Cost: No cost for students enrolled in the program.
Description: The ECOS program is a 30-week after-school program for urban high school students. The curriculum is science- and math-based and focuses on local environmental issues. It includes hands-on exercises, service-learning projects, field trips, guest speakers, computer simulations and films. Students who complete the program are eligible for paid summer internships with an environmental organization or business.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Assisting with classes and field trips, serving as mentors for student interns.

Heartland All Species Project
5644 Charlotte, Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 361-1230
Contact: Marty Kraft
Email: martyk@allspecies.org
Website: www.allspecies.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, general environmental topics, sustainable gardening
Program Types: Field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Free
Description: The Heartland All Species Project’s mission is to provide interdisciplinary eco-cultural environmental education and community building action projects for cities, neighborhoods and villages. The project integrates youth gardening and horticulture programs, marketing native and food plants to neighbors, permaculture design, classes and other events to build a green neighborhood.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance with gardening, composting and community market.
The Hillsdale Water Quality Project is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization working to improve water quality in Hillsdale Lake in Paola, Kan. Staff and volunteers work with youth, public groups and students to provide educational outreach materials, storm drain stenciling programs and supplies, stream team monitoring, field trips, festivals and presentations. The EnviroScape presentation is offered to younger students, focusing on watersheds and water pollution. The Stream Team program offers training and resources as well as in-class and field assistance to teachers.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Stream cleanups, storm drain stenciling, stream team monitoring (within the Marais des Cygnes Basin and Hillsdale Watershed) and newsletter labeling.
Jackson County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
Blue Springs Office
1106 W. Main St., Blue Springs, MO 64015
Phone: (816) 252-5051
Fax: (816) 252-5575
Contact: Lala Kumar
Email: KumarL@missouri.edu
Website: http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children.

4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups / clubs and through classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach topics and life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.
**Jackson County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H**

**Kansas City Office**
2700 E. 18th Street, Ste. 240  
Kansas City, MO 64127  
Phone: (816) 482-5850  
Fax: (816) 482-5880

**Contact:** Lala Kumar  
**Email:** KumarL@missouri.edu  
**Website:** http://extension.missouri.edu/jackson

**Program Topics:** Water, gardening  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning  
**Program Lengths:** One-time, preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing  
**Target Age Groups:** K–postsecondary  
**Cost:** Free or minimal costs

**Description:** Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children.

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**Service / Volunteer Opportunities:** Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.

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**Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District**

1974 NW Copper Oaks Circle,  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
Phone: (816) 228-1836

**Email:** soils@dnr.mo.gov  
**Website:** www.swcd.mo.gov/jackson/index.html

**Program Topics:** Air, water, soil  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources  
**Program Lengths:** One-time, preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing  
**Target Age Groups:** Preschool–adult

**Description:** Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. Educational materials and training in resource conservation for all ages are available.
Jay and Leslie’s Laughing Matters
PO Box 1312, Mission, KS 66222
Phone: (913) 432-4555

Contact: Jay and Leslie Cady
Email: laughing@leslieandjay.com
Website: www.leslieandjay.com

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, energy
Program Types: Classroom presentation, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: K–grade 6
Cost: Call for information

Description: In their 45-minute school assembly, “Juggling the Earth’s Resources,” Jay and Leslie Cady use juggling and humor to explore cycles in nature and the positive and negative effects humans have on them. They examine the water cycle, the balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and ways we can all recycle. This fun and lively program helps students learn about environmental science and understand their role in protecting the earth.

Jerry Litton Visitor Center
16311 DD Hwy., Smithville, MO 64089
Phone: (816) 532-0174
Fax: (816) 532-4986

Contact: Derek Dorsey
Email: derek.r.dorsey@usace.army.mil
Website: www.nwk.usace.army.mil/sm/

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Free

Description: The Jerry Litton Visitor Center offers displays, videos, a viewing tower, an aquarium and bird viewing. A 60-seat theater provides space for training sessions, hunter and water safety classes and video viewing. An interactive kiosk in the main lobby provides visitors with information on sightseeing and the history and management of Smithville Lake.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Adopt-a-flower bed, trail maintenance and Federal Lands Cleanup Day (Saturday after Labor Day).
**Johnson County Conservation District**

11811 S. Sunset Dr., Suite 1500  
Olathe, KS 66061  
**Phone:** (913) 715-7022  
**Fax:** (913) 715-7005  
**Contact:** Gayla Speer  
**Email:** gayla.speer@jocogov.org  
**Website:** http://scc.ks.gov/  

**Program Topics:** Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation  
**Program Lengths:** One-time, preparatory & follow-up  
**Description:** The Johnson County Conservation District provides the following programs: Enviroscape, which demonstrates pollution issues and solutions; Stream Trailer, an outdoor activity that demonstrates stream movement and reaction to outside influences; and presentations using Project Wet, Project Wild and Project Learning Tree.

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**Johnson County K-State Research & Extension / Master Gardeners / 4-H**

11811 South Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66062  
**Phone:** (913) 715-7050; (913) 715-7000  
**Fax:** (913) 715-7005  
**Contact:** Dennis Patton  
**Email:** dennis.patton@jocogov.org  
**Website:** www.johnson.ksu.edu  

**Program Topics:** Water, gardening  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation  
**Target Age Groups:** K–postsecondary  
**Cost:** Free or minimal costs  
**Description:** Johnson County K-State Research and Extension provides educational resources on composting, integrated pest management, water quality and other environmental issues associated with the home and gardening. Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardener volunteers undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of your county extension agent. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children.

**Service / Volunteer Opportunities:** Master Gardener volunteers receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership.
Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE)
2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502
Phone: (913) 287-6879
Fax: (785) 532-3305

Contact: Shari Wilson
Email: swilson@kacee.org
Website: www.kacee.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, other
Program Types: Teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary; other
Cost: Workshop fees range from $15 to $25
Description: KACEE is a statewide organization that offers teachers and non-formal educators training and certification. Among the program's resources are a newsletter, networking opportunities and an annual conference. Trainings include Project Learning Tree, Project WET, Project WILD, Project WILD Aquatic, Water Festival Coordinator Training and Small Grants, Investigating Your Environment, Community-Based Environmental Issues Forums, advanced workshops on special topics and technical assistance in developing outdoor wildlife learning sites (OWLS).

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Committee work for conference planning, workshop facilitation and assistance with water celebrations.

Kansas Association of Teachers of Science (KATS)
PO Box 1172, Mission, KS 66222-1172
Phone: (620) 227-1611

Contact: Sharon McDonald
Email: smcdonald.kats@gmail.com
Website: www.kats.org

Program Types: General science topics
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Postsecondary; other
Cost: KATS Kamp Conference is approximately $200 for registration, lodging and meals
Description: A state chapter of the National Science Teachers Association, KATS is an organization that educators can join to support each other in their endeavors to teach in all levels and fields of the sciences.
Kansas City Community Gardens
6917 Kennsington, Kansas City, MO 64132
Contact: Mary Roduner
Phone: (816) 931-3877
Fax: (816) 361-4610
Email: beanstalkgarden@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.kccg.org
Program Topics: Gardening
Program Types: Field trip
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adult
Cost: $2.00 per person ages 3 and up
Description: Field trips to the Beanstalk Children's Garden provide lessons about food and how it grows. Children also learn about insects.

Kansas City Environmental Education Network (KCEEN)
600 Broadway, Ste. 200, Kansas City, MO 64105
Contact: Matt Riggs
Phone: (816) 701-8313
Fax: (816) 421-7758
Email: mriggs@marc.org
Website: www.marc.org/KCEEN
Program Topics: Air, water, recycling / waste reduction, wildlife / habitat, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Educator resources, professional development, networking opportunities
Target Age Groups: Teachers and non-formal environmental educators
Cost: Free
Description: KCEEN is a network of environmental education organizations serving pre-K–12 educators in the Kansas City region. KCEEN’s vision is to improve and expand environmental education throughout the Kansas City region.

Kansas City, Mo., Health Department
2400 Troost, Suite 3200, Kansas City, MO 64108
Contact: Pamela Mitchell
Phone: (816) 513-6200
Fax: (816) 513-6290
Email: pamela_mitchell@kcmo.org
Website: www.kcmo.org
Program Topics: Water
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning
Program Length: One-time
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary; other
Cost: Call for information
Description: Environmental Health Services is responsible for education on and regulation of air quality, food service, childhood lead poisoning prevention, lodging, child care and swimming pools.
Kansas City, Mo. Water Services
4800 E. 63 St., Kansas City, MO 64130
Phone: (816) 513-0232
Fax: (816) 513-0175

Contact: Colleen Doctorian
Email: colleen_doctorian@kcmo.org
Website: www.kcmo.org/water

Program Topics: Water
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary; other
Cost: Free
Description: Kansas City, Mo., Water Services will send an expert from their
speakers’ bureau who will give a presentation and use videos geared to the age of
the audience. Presentations provide information on water treatment, wastewater
treatment, stormwater and related environmental issues.

Kansas City Public Television (KCPT)
125 E. 31st St., Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone: (816) 756-3580
Fax: (816) 931-2500

Contact: Gary Brock
Email: gary_brock@kcpt.org
Website: www.kcpt.org/eats

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat,
energy, other
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Grades 5-8
Cost: Free
Description: “E-Eats” is an interactive website that provides information
and challenging activities around a fictional fast food restaurant and four main
topics: food production, consumption, packaging and building construction.
The site focuses on how these human activities impact the environment and
challenges students to become active decision-makers in the process. Each
of the four sections of the website contain interactive activities, lesson plans
for teachers to download and a series of questions that challenge students’
knowledge about each topic.
Kansas City Zoo
6800 Zoo Dr., Kansas City, MO 64132
Phone: (816) 513-5723; (816) 513-5726
Fax: (816) 513-5734
Contact: Kelly Martin
Email: KellyMartin@fotzkc.org
Website: www.kansascityzoo.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, wildlife / habitat, other
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Call for information
Description: The Kansas City Zoo offers a variety of programs focusing upon preservation of species and wildlife management. The zoo's library has a collection of 6,000 publications, accessible by appointment. Other resources include: teaching kits, resource trunks, field trips, teacher workshops and free online activities. Visit “Educational Programs” at www.kansascityzoo.org for more information.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: A variety of volunteer opportunities are available for both youth and adults. Visit “Volunteers” at www.kansascityzoo.org for more information.

Kansas Department of Health & Environment–Bureau of Waste Management
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320, Topeka, KS 66612
Phone: (785) 291-3746
Fax: (785) 296-1592
Contact: Rodney Ferguson
Email: rferguson@kdhe.ks.gov
Website: www.kansasgreenteams.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Call for information
Description: KDHE provides grants, teacher resource guides, an interactive website, student activity books, a newsletter, an “eco-friendly” school entertainer who teaches the three R’s, and custom pilot projects. KDHE also conducts various awareness and education activities.
Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks
Prairie Center, 26325 W. 135th St.
Olathe, KS 66061
Phone: (913) 856-7669  
Fax: (913) 856-4613

Contact: Alaine Neelly Hudlin  
Email: alaine_hudlin@hotmail.com  
Website: www.kdwp.state.ks.us/Other-Services/Education

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat, land use / human impact on wildlife  
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning  
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing  
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary; youth organizations  
Cost: Free  
Description: KDWP Wildlife Education Service conducts formal and informal education programs, trainings, in-services and workshops for youth and adults. All education content incorporates Kansas wildlife, i.e. human impact on wildlife.

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
124 Bluemont Hall, 1100 Mid-Campus Drive
Manhattan, KS 66506
Phone: 1 (866) 759-8031; (785) 532-7946  
Fax: (785) 532-7304

Contact: Cathy Musick  
Email: ksfac@ksu.edu  
Website: www.ksagclassroom.org

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, agriculture and natural resources  
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources  
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing  
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12; teachers of K–12 students and classroom volunteers  
Cost: Most programs are free or have a minimal cost; call for information on specific programs and membership opportunities.  
Description: KFAC seeks to help Kansans of all ages understand the fundamental impact of agriculture on their everyday lives. The foundation helps teachers learn about the state’s leading industry and provides them with direction as they discover new ways to integrate agricultural awareness into their classrooms on a daily basis. By educating teachers and classroom volunteers through innovative programs such as summer graduate courses, in-service trainings, and “Be Ag-Wise” educational workshops and by educating students through hands-on assembly presentations, KFAC is able to share its agricultural literacy lessons with thousands of students.
Kaw Valley Heritage Adventuring
412 East 9th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: (913) 709-9982

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, children’s outdoor activities
Program Types: Field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: Preparatory & follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary, other
Cost: Call for information

Contact: Sandy Sanders
Email: sandysanders@sunflower.com
Website: www2.ljworld.com/marketplace/businesses/kaw-valley-heritage-alliance/

KC Science, Inc.
9875 West 87th St., Overland Park, KS 66212
Phone: (913) 495-2429

Program Topics: General science & environmental topics
Description: KC Science, Inc. is a partnership of public television, libraries and museums focused on promoting science-related events, encouraging interest in science, advocating for science-based careers and inspiring natural curiosity throughout the community.

Contact: Erica Reynolds
Email: reynoldse@jocolibrary.org
Website: www.kcscienceinc.org

Kemper Outdoor Education Center
8201 Jasper Bell, Blue Springs, MO 64105
Phone: (816) 229-8980
Fax: (816) 224-0755

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, soil, humane education
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–6
Cost: Call for information
Description: The Kemper Outdoor Education Center offers guided interpretive programs for classrooms, youth groups and organizations large and small. Choose from programs as simple as a nature hike through the outdoor classroom to an all day multi-station outdoor adventure. The interpretive staff conducts programs on reptiles and amphibians, fishing, composting, pet care, canoeing, nature hikes and more.

Contact: Laura Rush
Email: lrush@jacksongov.org
Website: www.jacksongov.org/content/3279/3840/3878/default.aspx
**Lakeside Nature Center**  
4701 E. Gregory Rd., Kansas City, MO 64132  
**Phone:** (816) 513-8960  
**Fax:** (816) 513-8964  

**Contact:** Susan Bray  
**Email:** Susan_Bray@kcmo.org  
**Website:** www.lakesidenaturecenter.org

**Program Topics:** Wildlife / habitat  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment  
**Program Lengths:** One-time (Program lengths vary from 1 to 4 hours)  
**Target Age Groups:** Preschool–postsecondary  
**Cost:** $4.00 per person for 1 hour in-school or at Lakeside. $5.00 per person for 1 1/2–2 hours, which includes naturalist guided hikes and scout badges. $7.00 per person for 4-hour Outdoor Learning Lab.  
**Description:** Lakeside Nature Center provides environmental education about native Missouri wildlife, habitat conservation, native animal rehabilitation, and a variety of hands-on programs for kids and adults. Certain programs fulfill scout badge requirements. Friends of Lakeside Nature Center offers a traveling Wildlife Education Booth with live animals and a “touch table” available for field days, company picnics, fairs, schools, etc., for an hourly fee.  
**Service / Volunteer Opportunities:** Education Volunteers and Wildlife Care (application and interview required).

**Leavenworth County Conservation District**  
330 Shawnee St., Room 314, PO Box 611  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
**Phone:** (913) 682-2133  
**Fax:** (913) 758-0635

**Contact:** Susan Garrett  
**Email:** susan.garrett@ks.nacdnet.net

**Program Topics:** Air, water, soil  
**Program Types:** Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources  
**Program Lengths:** One-time, long-term/ongoing  
**Target Age Groups:** K–12  
**Cost:** Free  
**Description:** Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence among soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide conservation educational materials and training in resource conservation for all ages.
Program Topics: General environmental topics
Description: The Linda Hall Library is an independent public library of science, engineering and technology which is used extensively by companies, academic institutions and individuals throughout the world.
Little Blue River Watershed Coalition
6103 Noland Road, Kansas City, MO 64133
Phone: (816) 356-4040
Fax: (816) 356-1504

Contact: Larry O’Donnell
Email: info@littleblueriverwc.org
Website: www.littleblueriverwc.org

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, rain gardens and rain barrels
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–12, youth groups, faith-based groups, community groups, and homeowners associations.
Cost: Free; donations accepted
Description: The Little Blue River Watershed Coalition is a nonprofit grassroots community organization working to protect and restore the Little Blue River Watershed. It hosts the annual Missouri River Watershed Festival for students grades 5–8 on the first weekend of October on the banks of the Missouri River. The coalition holds an annual rain barrel art contest for students and sells decorative and plain rain barrels to the public. Watershed education is offered for students and the organization conducts public education and outreach for citizens, businesses and civic organizations. Citizens are encouraged to participate in public hearings and on planning and stormwater committees. The coalition works with developers, cities, counties and residents to implement and enforce erosion and sediment control, and offers technical expertise to policymakers regarding best management practices and measurable goals to satisfy EPA requirements.

Mad Science® of Greater Kansas City
8367 Melrose Dr., Lenexa, KS 66214
Phone: (913) 888-8877

Contact: Dave Smythe
Email: info@madsciencekc.org
Website: www.madscience.org/locations/kansascity

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, entertainer/entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Ages 3-12
Cost: Call for information
Description: Mad Science® is the world’s leading fun science provider, with a 20-year track record of delivering exciting, hands-on and educational science experiences.
Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary
407 N. LaFrenz Rd., Liberty, MO 64068
Phone: (816) 781-8598
Fax: (816) 781-7210

Contact: Ask for educators
Email: info@naturesanctuary.com; michael@naturesanctuary.com
Website: www.naturesanctuary.com

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat, programs for scouts
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Description: The Nature Sanctuary provides habitat for wildlife and offers educational programs for organized groups. Diverse programs include prairie ecology, wildflower identification, bird feeding, hiking and fossils.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Work service days and education program assistance.

Metropolitan Energy Center
3808 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64109
Phone: (816) 531-7283
Fax: (816) 531-4846

Contact: Dustin Jensen
Email: dustin@kcenergy.org
Website: www.kcenergy.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, energy
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–Postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: The Metropolitan Energy Center maintains the efficient use of energy as a centerpiece in its work as an active catalyst for community partnerships focused on neighborhoods, the built environment, environmentally sound transportation options, renewable energy development and the promotion of “green” practices. The Center oversees several programs that provide resources and information on energy efficient practices for homes, businesses and the community.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Call for information.
Miami County Conservation District
100 N. Angela, Suite 3, Paola, KS 66071

Contact: Jenny Jasper
Email: jenny.jasper@ks.nacdnet.net
Website: www.miamicountycd.com

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, soil
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources
Program Lengths: Preparatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adults
Cost: Call for information
Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence among soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide conservation educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.

Miami County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
104 S. Brayman, Paola, KS 66071

Email: mi@ksre.ksu.edu
Website: www.miami.ksu.edu

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preperatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children. 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups / clubs and through classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach topics and life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.
Mid-America Regional Council — Environmental Services Programs
600 Broadway, Ste. 200, Kansas City, MO 64105
Phone: (816) 701-8313
Fax: (816) 701-8313

Contact: Matt Riggs
Email: mriggs@marc.org
Website: www.marc.org/Environment/

Program Topics: Air, water, recycling / waste reduction, public transit, bicycle / pedestrian, trails and greenways
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adults
Cost: Free
Description: MARC’s program areas of air quality, watershed management, solid waste management, energy conservation, transportation and greenway development bring community partners together to address regional environmental issues in a cooperative setting. Each program includes a strong educational component based on the concepts of smart growth and sustainability, with messages directed at a variety of groups and audiences. Presentations and resources on all these topics are available.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Call for information.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources — Kansas City
4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 622-7000
Fax: (816) 759-7317

Contact: Dorothy Franklin
Email: environmental@dnr.mo.gov
Website: www.dnr.mo.gov

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, energy, other
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Most services and materials are free; however, postsecondary courses and some workshops require a small fee.
Description: Housed at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Outreach and Assistance Center staff serve as environmental education consultants to teachers and school districts, provide graduate-level college courses and in-service training on various environmental issues to educators, present environmental information at professional conferences, and disseminate information related to air and water quality, energy, and solid or hazardous wastes.
Missouri Environmental Education Association (MEEA)
PO Box 104505, Jefferson City, MO 65110
Phone: (573) 882-7116
Contact: Jan Weaver
Email: weaverjc@missouri.edu
Website: www.meea.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Membership fees: $15 professional; $7.50 student/retiree; $50 school; $100 organization/agency/business
Description: MEEA is a membership organization for formal and non-formal environmental educators and individuals, organizations, agencies and businesses that support the goal of an environmentally literate citizenry in Missouri. MEEA serves as a clearinghouse for professional development workshops, environmental and outdoor events, curricula, news and other resources related to environmental education throughout the state. The association also oversees a certification program for environmental educators, and organizes the annual Missouri Environmental Education Conference. Members receive a monthly electronic newsletter promoting workshops and events organized by region and date. MEEA’s website has extensive links to regional and statewide resources for educators.

Missouri Master Naturalist of Greater Kansas City
4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 759-7300
Fax: (816) 759-7333
Contact: Stacey Davis
Email: stacey.davis@mdc.mo.gov
Website: http://gkcmn.com

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Free
Description: The Missouri Master Naturalist program is an adult community-based natural resource education and volunteer service program. Master Naturalists promote awareness and citizen stewardship of natural resources through science-based education, community service and educational outreach. Master Naturalists are ordinary citizen volunteers enhancing the quality and diversity of our community through conservation, protection and restoration of our natural resources.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Naturalists complete 40 hours of classroom training, field trips and a capstone project. After completing the initial training, volunteers annually commit to 40 hours of community service and 8 hours of advanced training.
Missouri NASA Education Program
5306 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64110
Phone: (816) 835-2159
Contact: Ollie Bogdon
Email: bogdono@umkc.edu
Website: www2.semo.edu/nasaerc

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resource
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adult; public groups and events
Cost: Most services and materials are free
Description: NASA: more than just space! Free educational resources, teacher workshops and classroom presentations. The primary responsibility of the Missouri NASA Education Specialists is using NASA materials to provide K–12 teachers and students in their regions with an array of teacher- and student-centered presentations, training workshops, classroom experiences, and related activities at local school sites for the enhancement of science, math and technology education.

Missouri Recycling Association (MORA)
PO Box 2144, Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 1 (866) 667-2777
Fax: (573) 491-4255
Contact: Angela Gehlert
Email: angie@mora.org
Website: www.mora.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, general environmental topics
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Description: The Missouri Recycling Association provides resources and links to free downloadable materials aimed at grades K–12. The MORA website offers a downloadable teacher resource guide and student patch activity packet with lessons and activities to help students learn more about waste reduction, reuse and recycling. MORA is also developing resources for college and universities.
Missouri Stream Team
PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: (573) 522-4115 ext. 3169
Fax: (573) 526-0990
Contact: Sherry Fischer
Email: Sherry.Fischer@mdc.mo.gov
Website: www.mostreamteam.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Free
Description: Missouri Stream Team strives to improve and protect the state’s waterways. The Missouri Stream Team program organizes concerned citizens to address stream problems at a local level. Collectively, Stream Team members learn to monitor water quality on a geographic scale far beyond what government agencies can do alone. They also work to plant trees, stabilize stream banks and improve fish and wildlife habitats in or near streams. Each Stream Team attempts to bring together public and private resources to reach the goals of the program.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Individuals of any age, families, groups, clubs, or organizations of any type can be on a Stream Team. Volunteer opportunities include litter pickups, storm drain stenciling, water quality monitoring, habitat improvement, advocacy, greenways and other educational projects. The Stream Team program provides training in several of these areas and has staff to help start programs.

Monarch Watch
University of Kansas, 1200 Sunnyside Ave.
Lawrence, KS 66045
Phone: 1 (888) 824-4464
Contact: Chip Taylor
Email: monarch@ku.edu
Website: www.monarchwatch.org

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 12
Cost: Memberships are $25
Description: Monarch Watch does presentations in classrooms with the focus determined by the teacher — monarch biology or migration, butterfly gardening, etc. Students can also visit the lab for field trips to see the monarch life cycle. Staff can also talk with classrooms via video conferencing (I-Chat). Curriculum guides, books, posters and caterpillars are available for purchase through the website or by calling the toll-free number. Students and teachers may also participate in the tagging program by purchasing a membership. (Membership includes premigration newsletter, season summary, 25 tags and the option to purchase more tags.)
Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, Archery in the Classroom, physics, Starlab, science.

Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment

Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing

Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary, scouts

Cost: Almost all programs are free

Description: The Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle library provides an opportunity for teachers, students and the general public to pursue and research science, nature and the outdoors. Students from elementary age to college can engage in activities and projects related to the environment as well as life, earth and physical sciences. School groups are encouraged to book field trips to the library. Almost all programs are free and correlated to national and state teaching standards and benchmarks. Public programming is offered in Saturday nature-themed activities for all ages. The library provides a variety of databases, links to organizations, government and association websites, circulating reference materials and computers and software technology to support the environmental and scientific mission of the library. The library offers binoculars and field-guide checkout, and an interpretive guide to take on the Stotler Cove Nature Trail that is located near the library.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Activities may include outside maintenance (mulching, gardening, watering plants, filling bird feeders), front desk help, special events help, program presentations and other opportunities.
North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)
2000 P Street NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC 20036
Contact: Brian Day
Phone: (202) 419-0412
Fax: (202) 419-0415
Email: brian@naaee.org
Website: www.naaee.org

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Contact for information
Description: The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) is a network of professionals, students and volunteers working in the field of environmental education throughout North America and in over 55 countries around the world. NAAEE provides support for environmental education and educators through a variety of programs and activities.

One Health Kansas at Kansas State University
18001 West 106th St. Suite 130, Olathe, KS 66061
Contact: Joan Leavens
Phone 1: (913) 748-6690
Phone 2: (785) 532-3788
Fax: (913) 541-1488
Email: leavens@ksu.edu
Website: www.onehealthkansas.k-state.edu

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Grades K–postsecondary, teachers, future health professionals, non-formal education (e.g. 4-H), Scouts
Cost: Free
Description: One Health Kansas promotes awareness and understanding of the interconnections among human, animal and environmental health, focusing on zoonoses (diseases transmitted between animals and humans).
Operation WildLife, Inc.
23375 Guthrie Rd., Linwood, KS 66052
Phone: (785) 542-3625
Fax: (785) 542-5114
Contact: Diane Johnson
Email: opwildlife@aol.com
Website: www.owl-online.org

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: $100 to $600. Bird adoptions cost from $45 to $100.
Description: Operation WildLife, Inc. provides rehabilitation for orphaned, injured and displaced wild animals, educates the public about wildlife issues, and promotes solutions for sustainable coexistence with wildlife. Live bird-of-prey presentations are available. The Adopt-a-Bird Program pays for the bird’s food, vet care, equipment and housing. With each adoption, the adoptive parent receives a 5 x 7” adoptee portrait, an adoption certificate, a biography of the adoptee, and trivia about the species adopted.
Volunteer Opportunities: Age 16 and up. Most volunteer positions require a 4- to 8-hour weekly commitment. Most volunteers get involved with OWL primarily for the hands-on care of wild animals. Volunteers can care for large predatory mammals and raptors at the main facility. This location is also where OWL volunteers may assist with medical treatments and surgeries. After a rigorous training period and a home inspection, some OWL volunteers are selected to become "home rehabbers."

Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
8909 W. 179th St., Overland Park, KS 66085
Phone: (913) 685-3604
Fax: (913) 685-4582
Contact: Karen Kerkhoff
Email: karen.kerkhoff@opkansas.org
Website: www.opkansas.org

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, outdoor classroom
Program Types: Field trip
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 3, adults
Cost: Call for information
Description: The arboretum hosts programs and events to get people excited about enhancing and preserving natural resources and the environment. The Environmental Education Visitors Center showcases innovative and practical environmental building features and technology. It also contains educational displays and is often used for programs and events, serving schools, colleges and other groups interested in the natural sciences and ecology. Free guided tours, including tours for those less-abled (up to 12 people per group), and school tours are available Monday through Friday, by appointment.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Assist Friends of the Arboretum with special events.
Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Call for information
Description: The Parkville Nature Sanctuary participates in the Missouri Stream Team program (water quality monitoring), provides booths for elementary school science fairs, hosts summer nature day camps (ages 8-10), provides multiple hiking opportunities, and provides resources for scout badge requirements.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Work service days, monitoring for Stream Team and assisting with day camp.

PathFinder Science

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, biodiesel development
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: Long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grade 4–postsecondary
Cost: Call for information
Description: PathFinder Science is a virtual community that promotes learning about the world through science. Using a collaborative research community that includes researchers, community mentors, teachers and students, the community has grown to involve over 1,100 classrooms in 29 countries. Environmental research projects include exploring the environmental impacts of sulfur dioxide, monitoring ground-level ozone readings, stream monitoring, global warming, winter bird surveys, monarch studies, and amphibian biomonitoring.
Platte County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
11724 NW Plaza Circle, Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64153
Phone: (816) 270-2141
Fax: (816) 270-2512
Contact: Marlin Bates
Email: batesma@missouri.edu
Website: http://extension.missouri.edu/platte/

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: K–postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children. 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups / clubs and through classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach topics and life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.

Platte County Soil and Water Conservation District
PO Box 1220, Platte City, MO 64079
Phone: (816) 431-5476
Email: soils@dnr.mo.gov
Website: www.swcd.mo.gov/platte/index.html

Program Topics: Air, water, soil
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term/ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.
Powell Gardens
1609 NW US Hwy. 50, Kingsville, MO 64061
Phone: (816) 697-2600, ext. 305 or 306
Fax: (816) 697-3576
Contact: Stephanie Acers
Email: sacers@powellgardens.org
Website: www.powellgardens.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 12
Cost: Student admission $5; adult admission $6
Description: Powell Gardens’ Youth Education offers students hands-on experiences designed to enhance their understanding of the natural environment with an emphasis on gardening, plants and habitats.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Service learning projects available.

Prairie Oak Nature Center
14701 Mission Rd., Leawood, KS 66224
Phone: (913) 681-0902
Fax: (913) 681-0913
Contact: Jeff Peterson
Email: jeffe@leawood.org
Website: www.kcnature.org/prarireoak

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, other
Program Types: Classroom presentation, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 6
Cost: Program fees vary
Description: The Prairie Oak Nature Center offers environmental educational programs for the public, schools K-6, birthday parties and scout groups. Programs focus on wildlife, habitats, conservation, and aquatics. The facilities also include four cabins (can hold 14 people each) available to organized groups and a challenge course for team building activities.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer opportunities available to assist with educational animals, work with kids on nature crafts, and to answer visitor questions.
Ray County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
108 W. North Main, Richmond, MO 64085
Phone: (816) 776-6961
Fax: (816) 776-3955

Contact: Marlin Bates
Email: batesma@missouri.edu
Website: www.extension.missouri.edu/ray

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources,
voluteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K–adult
Cost: Free or minimal costs

Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children. 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups / clubs and through classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach topics and life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.

Ray County Soil and Water Conservation District
500 Wollard Blvd., Richmond, MO 64085
Phone: (816) 776-5861

Email: soils@dnr.mo.gov
Website: www.swcd.mo.gov/ray/index.html

Program Topics: Air, water, soil
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adult

Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.
River of Words Environmental Art & Poetry Contest

Contact: Jillian Hishaw
Email: jhishaw77@yahoo.com
Website: www.mo-row.webs.com

Program Topics: General environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation
Program Lengths: Preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Shipping and handling cost for submission to state coordinator

Description: River of Words (ROW) conducts a free international poetry and art contest geared towards educating youth about their watershed and ecological issues. The contest is open to youth between the ages of 5 and 19 who have not completed high school. Students may enter the contest independently or through their school, youth group, etc. State winners will receive small cash prizes, art supplies and certificates. State winners' art or poetry will be displayed in various venues within the state. All state submissions are automatically entered into the national contest. The national contest winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to receive a medal from the Library of Congress, and the student's art or poetry will be displayed in the National ROW Headquarters Gallery in San Francisco. About 100 poems and artworks from U.S. and international entries are selected as finalists each year.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Teachers and the general public are strongly encouraged to promote the program and recruit students to submit.

RecycleSpot.org
Mid-America Regional Council
600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105
Phone: (816) 474-TEAM (8326)

Contact: Matt Riggs
Email: mriggs@marc.org
Website: www.recyclespot.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction
Description: RecycleSpot.org is the Greater Kansas City region's one-stop spot for information on recycling, reuse and waste diversion information. Users can use the website to search for service providers by material or by location and can find lists of solid waste services in area communities. Learn about waste reduction, reuse and recycling and more.
Science City
Union Station, 30 W. Pershing
Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone: (816) 460-2020

Program Topics: General science topics
Cost: Varies by exhibit or program. Check website for details.
Description: Science City — where play and education go hand-in-hand. Let curiosity be your guide through more than 50 interactive areas, providing some real hands-on fun. Science City educators are also available to attend community- or school-sponsored events to conduct interactive demonstrations.

Science Pioneers
Union Station, 30 W. Pershing, Suite 150
Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone: (816) 460-2261
Fax: (816) 460-2264

Program Topics: Science, technology, engineering and math
Program Types: Teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Free or minimal fee
Description: Science Pioneers provides programs for teachers and students in a broad range of science curricula and hosts the annual Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair which has an environmental education component. Programs also include a series of courses for teachers and a Teacher Resource Day that offers environmental resources, science mentoring, hands-on science for 6th–8th grade girls, and a series of seminars available for students.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Workshop presenters, mentors, and science fair judges.

Science Teachers of Missouri (STOM)
5505 Valley View Dr., Apt V
St. Joseph, MO 64503

Program Topics: General science topics
Description: Science Teachers of Missouri (STOM) is the state chapter of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). As the state chapter, STOM works closely with NSTA on education issues at the national level. STOM serves as a link with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, speaking for teachers on matters related to science education. Members have assisted with national grant proposals, workshop presentations and revisions of key skills.
StoneLion Puppet Theatre
PO Box 410006, Kansas City, MO 64141
Phone: (816) 221-5351
Fax: (816) 221-8583

Contact: Heather Nisbett-Loewenstein
Email: heather@stonelionpuppets.org
Website: www.stonelionpuppets.org

Program Topics: Science, technology, engineering and math
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–grade 6; Can tailor workshops and presentations to high school, college and curriculum development training
Cost: Call for information
Description: Where art and science meet! StoneLion Puppet Theatre is a national leader in engaging and entertaining while bringing an awareness of how we can all help the planet. Giant bug puppets, singing rats, intricate sets and toe-tapping music teach the importance of recycling, a clean water system, building a backyard sanctuary and more. Productions of "Down the Drain," "Backyard Buggin," "It's a Jungle Out There," "Rainforest Crunch," "Starry Starry Night," "Spelunk! Saving Our Springs" and "The Lab Rat Science Experiment" bring the environment and arts to life for pre-school and school age children throughout the region. StoneLion can also run Eco Arts camps and hands-on workshops. StoneLion has more than eighteen years of experience and is a Smithsonian Institute touring partner.

Tall Oak Productions, Inc.
201 SE Bristol Drive, Lee’s Summit, MO 64063
Phone: (816) 246-6871
Fax: (816) 246-6871

Contact: Linda Chubbuck
Email: stan@stanslaughter.com
Website: www.eco-troubadour.com

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool–adult
Cost: Call for information
Description: Stan offers both standard and custom-designed programs on many environmental topics. Popular programs include Green Schools, The Whole Trash Thing, Water All Over the World, Global Worming and many others. Programs feature lively music, appropriate props, charts and an "active lecture" by Stan. The Green Schools program is free to Kansas schools. Stan also offers five CDs of environmental music, songbooks, learning guides, posters and games through his website.
Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time
Target Age Groups: Grades K–8
Cost: Free
Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides volunteer and education opportunities through Federal Lands Clean-Up Day, trail and site maintenance, assisting with managed deer hunts and Eagle Days.

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, energy, general environmental topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary
Cost: Most programs are free
Description: EPA Region 7 offers many environmental education resources including grants, speakers, classroom activities, publications, Environmental Kids Club webpage, and classroom entertainment with Charlie Chipmunk.
Vodvill Entertainment Company
408 Indiana, Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: (913) 648-0011
Fax: (785) 749-6782

Contact: Richard Renner
Email: rrenner@vodvill.com
Website: www.vodvill.com

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction
Program Types: Classroom presentation, entertainer / entertainment
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Call for information

Cost: The Recycle Cycle costs $150 an hour; the Recycle Stage Show costs $350 an hour.

Description: The Recycle Show focuses on reducing, reusing and recycling. Students are led through the world of trash and resources with inventions, circus arts, music and interactive games. Through juggling and magic tricks with trash, special attention is given to the personal choices we make that affect our environment. The Recycle Cycle encourages kids and adults alike to participate in any number of the on-board ecological activities. The presentation also includes a show with juggling, balancing and stunts all using recovered trash and recycled humor. The Recycle Cycle is created entirely of reclaimed or recycled parts put to the task of educating and entertaining.

Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City
4954 Marsh, Kansas City, MO 64129
Phone: (816) 861-3449

Contact: Ted Tschirhart
Email: info@kcwatergardens.com
Website: www.kcwatergardens.com

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Cost: Call for information

Description: The society’s programs focus on water gardens that are part of schools’ outdoor learning environments / labs. The society assists with the construction of ponds, holds a spring water garden plant exchange, and provides a book and teaching materials with information about garden maintenance and the plants and animals that live in the garden.

Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with water garden creation and staffing information booths.
Wildwood Outdoor Education Center
7095 W. 399th St., LaCygne, KS 66040
Phone: (913) 757-4500
Fax: (913) 757-2624
Contact: Robin Cooper-Cornejo
Email: wildwood@peoplestelecom.net
Website: www.wildwoodctr.org

Program Topics: Wildlife / habitat, ecosystem wildlife
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up
Target Age Groups: Grades K–postsecondary
Cost: Call for information
Description: Wildwood Outdoor Education Center is a not-for-profit, educational organization that provides educational and team-building experiences in an outdoor setting. The center provides programs for school groups that involve students in solving problems cooperatively while learning about the natural environment.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Trail maintenance, gardening, landscaping, etc.

Windswept Worm Farm
1110 Main St., Blue Springs, MO 64015
Phone: (816) 224-2956
Contact: Becky Halphin
Email: windsweptwormfarm@yahoo.com
Website: www.windsweptwormfarm.com

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, wildlife / habitat
Cost: $150
Description: Windswept Worm Farm provides the "Take A Worm To Lunch" presentation, a 30-minute, hands-on program that includes a vermicomposting bin, worms, three books and a video.
Wonderscope Children’s Museum of Kansas City
5700 King St., Shawnee, KS 66203  
Phone: (913) 287-8888  
Contact: Kelly Bobbitt  
Email: kbobbitt@wonderscope.org  
Website: www.wonderscope.org

Program Topics: Recycling / waste reduction, general science topics  
Program Types: Field trip, teacher resources, entertainer / entertainment  
Description: Wonderscope Children’s Museum of Kansas City is committed to sparking a lifelong love of learning in children through the power of play. Wonderscope provides fun, interdisciplinary arts and sciences exhibits and programs for children 10 and under, their parents and teachers from across the Kansas City area. The Repurpose, iMagine Create (RMC) center offers a place where arts and crafts materials can be repurposed instead of going in landfills, and to offer low-cost, unique, project materials for teachers, daycare providers, youth group leaders and parents.

Wyandotte County Conservation District
1204 N. 79th St., Kansas City, KS 66112  
Phone: (913) 334-6329  
Fax: (913) 334-6349  
Contact: Cheri Miller  
Email: wyco.conservation@gmail.com  
Website: www.wycocd.com

Program Topics: Air, recycling / waste reduction, water, wildlife / habitat, energy, soil  
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service-learning, entertainer / entertainment  
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing  
Target Age Groups: Preschool–postsecondary; can create unique programs to meet the needs of teachers, civic groups, youth groups, and professionals.  
Description: Conservation districts promote citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.
YouthFriends
1800 Baltimore, Suite NI
Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone: (816) 842-7082
Contact: Karen Grover
Email: grover@youthfriends.org
Website: www.youthfriends.org/index.html

Program Topics: General science topics
Program Types: Classroom presentation, teacher resources, volunteer / service-learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K–12
Description: YouthFriends is a school-based mentoring network that connects caring adult volunteers with young people.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Opportunities include volunteering as a mentor and/or a classroom speaker.

Wyandotte County Extension Offices / Master Gardeners / 4-H
1216 N. 79th St., Kansas City, KS 66112
Email: wy@ksre.ksu.edu
Phone: (913) 299-9300
Fax: (913) 299-5108

Program Topics: Water, wildlife / habitat, gardening
Program Types: Classroom presentation, field trip, teacher resources, volunteer / service learning
Program Lengths: One-time, preparatory and follow-up, long-term / ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grade K–postsecondary
Cost: Free or minimal costs
Description: Master Gardeners is a program of the Kansas and Missouri state university outreach and extension offices. Master Gardeners are volunteers who undergo extensive training and are under the supervision of county extension agents. Area-specific gardening information is provided to the public through plant clinics, classes, workshops, etc. Several projects are geared toward children.
4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches boys and girls through small groups / clubs and through classrooms. Members choose from over 40 projects in which to participate during the 4-H calendar year. Most projects use hands-on learning experiences to teach topics and life skills such as cooperation, leadership, and decision-making.
Service / Volunteer Opportunities: Master Gardeners receive a high level of training; 20 hours of volunteer service per year are required for active membership. 4-H volunteers must successfully complete an application and undergo screening.
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