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Kansas City Environmental Education Network Membership Directory

This directory is a great resource for educators of all types who want to enhance their students’ and children’s interaction with the natural environment. It is designed to give you easy access to the more than 100 Kansas City Environmental Education Network (KCEEN) member organizations and the environmental education programs and resource they offer. If you know of an organization not listed in this guide that you think should be, contact Matt Riggs, 816-701-8313.

One of the best ways to use the directory is to search for keywords. For example, if you’re interested in “hands-on learning” experiences, you can search that term:

1. Hold down the Control and “F” keys simultaneously (Ctrl + F).
2. Type “hands-on learning” into the Find box.
3. Hands-on learning will now be highlighted under the first organization that offers programs and resources on that topic.
4. Click “Next” in the Find box for the next occurrence of hands-on learning, and then repeat as desired.

Sample Search:

Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center

Discovery Center hosts free school field trip programs and outdoor 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.

States Served: MO
Counties Served: Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School / Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Missouri
Cost: Free
Contact: 4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO, 64110, (816) 759-7300, nature.mdc.mo.gov
Keywords: NGSS, Hands-On Learning, Inquiry-Based Learning, Fish, Forestry, Green Building, Native Plants, STEM/STEAM, Water Quality, Wildlife

This directory is produced by the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District with support from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
After The Harvest

After The Harvest rescues nutritious fruits and vegetables from going to waste and donates them to agencies that serve hungry people, primarily in Greater Kansas City. Our volunteers glean after the harvest, picking what’s left in farmers’ fields and picking up already harvested leftover produce. The majority of the funds we raise helps secure semi-truckloads of donated produce that might otherwise end up in landfills.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** aftertheharvestkc.org, 816-921-1903, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 816, Kansas City, MO 64111
- **Keywords:** agriculture, community gardens, food/food recovery, gardening, hands-on learning, health, homeschool, local food, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, urban agriculture/urban farming, gleaning, harvesting, emergency food system, produce recovery, food waste, outdoor

BikeWalkKC

Biking and walking are simple solutions to complex environmental problems. BikeWalkKC.org offers a range of programs and classes for adults and youth to become more confident and comfortable walking and biking for transportation, recreation and fitness.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Platte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One time, Preparatory and Follow-Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** bikewalkkc.org, 816-205-7056, 1106 E. 30th Street, S G, Kansas City, MO 64109
- **Keywords:** active transportation/bike/pedestrian, alternative transportation, climate change/climate resiliency, experiential learning, green schools, professional development, special education/special needs students

Blue River Watershed Association

Blue River Watershed Association (BRWA) provides hands-on, experiential STEM learning with cutting-edge curricula on water quality, stormwater runoff and watersheds. These outdoor programs are typically provided to schools and communities free of charge, as they are underwritten by municipalities and corporate donors. All programs meet current state science learning standards.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Platte, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
BoysGrow

BoysGrow mentors Kansas City's urban youth through agricultural entrepreneurship. Our two-year program instills pride, identity, discipline and an understanding of the business world in our urban youth.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips
- **Program Lengths:** Preparatory & Follow Up
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** boysgrow.com, 773-793-5056, 9301 E. 147th St., Kansas City, MO, 64149
- **Keywords:** agriculture, urban agriculture, organic food, outdoor learning, green building, youth development, sustainable farming, entrepreneurism, mentorship, vocational training

Bridging The Gap

Bridging The Gap (BTG) works to make the Kansas City region sustainable by “connecting environment, economy and community,” and is the premier organization in the area providing environmental education and volunteer action through more than 1,500 volunteers annually. Our programs include Building Efficiency, Green Business Netork, Heartland Tree Alliance, Kansas City Wildlands, Litter, Milkweed for Monarchs, Native Plants, Recycling in Kansas City, and Water Conservation. The Heartland Tree Alliance has created a Trees are Terrific educational program for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. The curriculum meets the Kansas College and Career Ready standards and focuses on hands-on, outdoor learning. Programs can range from 30–60 minutes depending on classroom schedule, and include free in-classroom activities about the importance of trees and the role they play in a healthy community.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** bridgingthegap.org, 816-561-1087, 1427 W. 9th St., Kansas City, MO 64101
- **Keywords:** energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, gardening, internships, land management/land use, litter cleanup, native plants, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, trees, water quality, volunteer
Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center

With over 1,000 acres of land and a variety of hiking trails, Burr Oak Woods offers excellent outdoor experiences. The nature center has a 3,000-gallon freshwater aquarium with native fish, live amphibians and reptiles, and many hands-on exhibits. Programs involve outdoor learning about fish, forests and wildlife resources.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Contact for info.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** nature.mdc.mo.gov, 816-228-3766, 1401 NW Park Road, Blue Springs, MO, 64015
- **Keywords:** animal encounters, early childhood, fish, habitat, native plants, nature play, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, trails, trees, wildlife

Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City

Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City is the local chapter of the National Audubon Society and promotes the appreciation of birds, nature, natural history, education and the conservation of habitat. Burroughs Audubon offers guided field trips, general meetings (that include special programs/speakers), bird walks, citizen science activities such as bird banding, the Great Backyard and Christmas Bird Counts, and in Fleming Park, a bird sanctuary and nature center with a large natural history library.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Children, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** burroughs.org, 816-795-8177, 7300 SW W. Park Road, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- **Keywords:** animal encounters, bird conservation, bird watching, habitat, land management/land use, legislation, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, trees, wildlife

Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District is a nonprofit, agricultural-based business aiming to help local producers with their conservation needs. Assistance can be provided through a technical design process or by supplying on-sight information. Cost-share dollars can be utilized on certain practices if built to our standards and specifications.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Cass
**Cave Spring Interpretive Center**

*Cave Spring* is a 36-acre nature center and historic area located in eastern Kansas City, Missouri. 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, specializing in activities for scouts, school and day care groups.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Contact for info.
- **Program Types:** Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** cavespring.org, 816-659-1945, 8701 E. Gregory, Kansas City, MO 64133
- **Keywords:** camp, habitat, hands-on learning, parks, service learning projects, trails, trees, volunteer, water, wildlife

**Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH) - Toxicology and Environmental Health**

*CMH Toxicology and Environmental Health* works in the community to evaluate homes, schools and daycare facilities to ensure they are safe and healthy for occupants. We also provide a variety of educational and training opportunities for school staff, community health care workers, and industry professionals in addition to providing resources for families and communities in the KC metro and surrounding areas. Finally, CMH Toxicology and Environmental Health also houses the regional Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) which can provide information, resources and expert guidance in more complex health or environmental issues that exist in the community.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes:** Programs service anywhere within 100 miles of Children's Mercy Hospital.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** childrensmercy.org, 816-302-8564, 2401 Gillham Road, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Keywords:** air quality, early childhood, green building, green schools, health, indoor environmental health, pollution, professional development, water quality
Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District

Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District promotes 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.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Jackson, Clay
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources
- **Program Lengths**: One Time
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: mosoilandwater.land/clay, 816-781-5580, 1 Victory Drive, Suite 100, Liberty, MO 64050
- **Keywords**: agriculture, ecology, erosion, native plants, prairie, rivers, soil, water, water quality, wildlife

Conservation Federation of Missouri

The mission of the Conservation Federation of Missouri is to ensure conservation of Missouri wildlife and natural resources and preservation of our state’s rich outdoor heritage through advocacy, education, and partnerships.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes**: Serves entire state of Missouri.
- **Program Types**: Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: confedmo.org, 573-634-2322, 728 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65101
- **Keywords**: fish, forestry, habitat, internships, legislation, service learning projects, soil, water, wildlife, zoonotic disease

Cultivate Kansas City

Cultivate Kansas City grows food, farms, and community in support of a sustainable and healthy local food system for all.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Jackson
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: cultivatekc.org, 913-831-2444, 300 E. 39th St., Suite 4B, Kansas City, MO 64111
Keywords: agriculture, compost, erosion, food/food recovery, gardening, local food, organic food, soil, urban agriculture/urban farming, volunteer

Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead

Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead was established in 1978 to depict a turn of the century farm in Kansas. The Farmstead has nearly 200 animals and birds of prey, vegetable and flower gardens, a one-room schoolhouse, an old-time fishing pond, pony rides and much more. Activities, attractions and programs are provided April through October in a 12-acre educational farm environment that cultivates an appreciation of farm life, wildlife and Kansas Heritage.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: Field Trips, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: opkansas.org, 913-897-2360, 13800 Switzer, Overland Park, KS, 66221
Keywords: agriculture, animal encounters, edutainment/entertainment, fish, habitat, hands-on learning, nature play, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, wildlife

Eco Elvis

Eco Elvis is the environmental Elvis who sings parodies of Elvis songs to “edutain” people about how to take care of the environment, themselves and each other. His 3 Rs show is an interactive experience that combines songs, humor, a trash sort and fashion show all while teaching students about reducing, reusing, and recycling. He’ll get your students singing, laughing, and all shook up!

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Also performs outside Kansas City area.
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: EcoElvisRocks.com, 816- 682-0196, 610 Tam-O-Shanter Drive, Kansas City, MO 64145
Keywords: active transportation/bike/pedestrian, air quality, alternative transportation, compost, edutainment/entertainment, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, soil, trees, water quality
**Eco-Schools USA**

Eco-Schools USA is a national program for grades pre-K-12 combining the effective green management of school grounds, facilities, and curriculum to empower today’s students for a sustainable tomorrow.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes**: Serves all 50 states.
- **Program Types**: Resources
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Contact for info.
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: [nwf.org](http://nwf.org), (800) 822-9919, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston, VA, 20190
- **Keywords**: active transportation/bike/pedestrian, curricula, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, green building, green schools, health, indoor environmental health, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, school gardens

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**Ernie Miller Nature Center**

The Ernie Miller Nature Center provides wildlife and nature exhibits and a wide variety of environmental and historical programming including outreach, field trips and summer camps.

- **States Served**: Kansas
- **Counties Served**: Contact for info.
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities, Entertainer/Edutainment
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Contact for info.
- **Cost**: Contact for info.
- **Contact**: [jcprd.com](http://jcprd.com), 913-826-2800, 909 N. KS state Route 7, Olathe, KS, 66061
- **Keywords**: animal encounters, habitat, native plants, stewardship, summer camp, trails, trees, volunteer, water, wildlife

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**George Owens Nature Park**

The George Owens Nature Park offers programs on wildlife, hiking and service projects for scouts. Programs include: Winter Solstice Hike (seasonal), Environmental program for Jr. Naturalists and Nature Story Time for 3- to-5 year-olds.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Contact for info.
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri

Girl Scouts prepares girls for a lifetime of leadership like no other organization. Research shows that a girl learns best in an all-girl, girl-led and girl-friendly environment. Here she can practice different skills; explore her potential; take on leadership positions; and even feel allowed to fail, dust herself off, get up, and try again.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Serves 47 counties across northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas.
Program Types: Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Fee-based
Contact: gsksmo.org, (800) 728-8750, 8383 Blue Pkwy., Kansas City, MO 64133
Keywords: camp, college and career readiness, day camp, hands-on learning, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), service learning projects, summer camp, volunteer

Giving (The) Grove, Inc.

The Giving Grove’s business model is simple: we grow food where it is needed most— in the neighborhoods. We grow food the way Mother Nature intended, without the use of chemicals. We grow perennial food… fruit, nuts and berries that are harvested year after year. And we require neighborhood leadership.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Also serving Omaha, Nebraska and St Louis, Missouri
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: givinggrove.org, 816-912-0594, 6917 Kensington, Kansas City, MO 64132
Keywords: agriculture, air quality, climate change/climate resiliency, community gardens, compost, ecology, food/food recovery, gardening, green infrastructure, habitat, hands-on learning, land management/land use, organic food, parks, school gardens, soil, steward
Gorman (The Anita B.) Conservation Discovery Center

**Discovery Center** hosts free field trips for Missouri schools. Students can experience the parent-offspring relationship with our Becoming Bears program, explore Missouri habitats with No Place Like Home, dive into watersheds with Exploring Your Watershed and much more. All workshops include ample time outside and hands-on activities. Discovery Center also offers a variety of free public programing on first and third Saturdays, as well as summer camp opportunities for kids and adults.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long-Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** nature.mdc.mo.gov, 816-759-7300, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110
- **Keywords:** NGSS, hands-on learning, inquiry-based learning, fish, forestry, green building, native plants, STEM/STEAM, water quality, wildlife

Grassland Heritage Foundation

**Grassland Heritage Foundation** works to preserve prairie in northeast Kansas through education, stewardship, and land protection. We believe that education enables people of all ages to better appreciate the diverse benefits of prairies and that children and adults derive emotional, creative, and intellectual benefits from visiting and learning about prairies. Grassland Heritage Foundation is happy to provide educational opportunities including classroom presentations, prairie walks and workshops to learners of all ages.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)
- **Service Notes:** Also serves Douglas County, Kansas.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** grasslandheritage.org, 785-840-8104, P.O. Box 394, Shawnee Mission, KS, 66201
- **Keywords:** ecology, gardening, habitat, hands-on learning, land management/land use, native plants, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), prairie, school gardens, volunteer

Green Schools Alliance

**Green Schools Alliance**'s mission is to connect and empower schools worldwide to lead the transformation to a sustainable future. It focuses on a systems-level approach based on whole-school sustainability which centers on the imperative that to be successful, schools need to incorporate sustainable solutions into their physical place, organizational culture, and educational programs. Green Schools Alliance develops innovative tools and programs, in collaboration with schools, to guide sustainability champions toward achieving this goal.
States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: Serves all 50 states.
Program Lengths: Contact for info.
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Contact: greenschoolsalliance.org, 413-749-5267, 154 Grand St. FL 1, New York, NY 10013
Keywords: active transportation/bike/pedestrian, air quality, alternative transportation, arts/environmental art, climate change/climate resiliency, compost, critical thinking, curricula, ecology, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, experiential learning, green building, green schools, hands-on learning, health, indoor environmental health, inquiry-based learning, native plants, nature play, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, problem solving, professional development, project-based learning (PBL), recycling/reuse/waste reduction, school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), service learning projects, special education/special needs students, twenty-first century learning skills, water quality, workforce development

Green Schools National Network
Green Schools National Network provides K-12 teachers, administrators, leaders and professionals with evidence-based resources and tools to maximize financial and natural resources; improve the health and well-being of staff and students; and prepare students with the knowledge and skills for a sustainable future.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: Serves all 50 states.
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: greenschoolsnationalnetwork.org, P.O. Box 14744, Madison, WI
Keywords: active transportation/bike/pedestrian, curricula, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, green building, green schools, health, indoor environmental health, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, school gardens

Green Works in Kansas City
Green Works in Kansas City's goal is to empower youth to care for our environment, contribute to our economy and create healthy communities. We develop future leaders through hands-on environmental science, outdoor experiences, service projects, career exploration, workplace training and internships.

States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Jackson
Service Notes: Serve students living in neighborhoods served by Kansas City Public Schools.
Program Types: Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: Long-term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Missouri
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: greenworkskc.org, 816-304-8400, 607 E. 31st St., Kansas City, MO 64111
- **Keywords**: college and career readiness, ecology, experiential learning, internships, nature play, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, project-based learning (PBL), service learning projects, twenty-first century learning skills, workforce development

**Healthy Rivers Partnership**

Healthy Rivers Partnership connects communities to their rivers and rivers to their communities by hosting river cleanups, education events, festivals and restoration projects.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Platte, Leavenworth, Jackson, Clay, Ray
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Kids & Adults
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Contact for info.
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: healthyriverspartnership.com, Kansas City, MO
- **Keywords**: habitat, litter cleanup, outdoor learning/outdoor classroom, pollution, rivers, stewardship, trash, volunteer, water, water quality

**Heartland All Species Project**

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.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay
- **Program Types**: Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Contact for info.
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: allspecies.org, 816-361-1230, 5644 Charlotte, Kansas City, MO 64110
- **Keywords**: climate change/climate resiliency, compost, gardening, habitat, hands-on learning, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, soil, wildlife
Heartland Conservation Alliance

Access to equitable natural areas should not be a privilege. The Heartland Conservation Alliance works to connect communities to, and protect natural areas in urban spaces for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Johnson (Kansas), Jackson
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** heartlandconservationalliance.org, 816-759-7305 ext. 1148, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110
- **Keywords:** flooding, hands-on learning, land management/land use, litter cleanup, nature play, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, rivers, stewardship, trees, volunteer

Heart of America Council Boy Scouts of America

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Fee-based
- **Contact:** hoac-bsa.org, 816-942-9333, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131
- **Keywords:** camp, day camp, forestry, hands-on learning, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, problem solving, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), summer camp

Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Jackson County Conservation District promotes 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.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Jackson
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Jay & Leslie’s Laughing Matters

Jay & Leslie’s Laughing Matters is a husband and wife duo that use theatricality, humor and circus skills to teach kids about Earth Science and recycling in our program “Juggling the Earth's Resources.” Juggling balls become atoms and molecules to illustrate the water cycle, carbon dioxide buildup, and more. Jay and Leslie have performed in 36 states and seven foreign countries.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes:** Also serves locations outside the Kansas City metro area.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Fee-based
- **Contact:** leslieandjay.com, 913-660-3162, P.O. Box 131, Mission, KS, 66222
- **Keywords:** air quality, climate change/climate resiliency, common core, curricula, edutainment/entertainment, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), trash, water

Jerry Litton Visitor Center

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.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** nwk.usace.army.mil, 816-532-0174, 16311 County Road DD, Smithville, MO 64089
- **Keywords:** habitat, water, water safety, wildlife
Johnson County Conservation District

The Johnson County Conservation District wants to help you understand why you want to take care of your natural resources.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Johnson (Kansas)
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** agriculture.ks.gov, 913-715-7022, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Ste. 1500, Olathe, KS, 66061
- **Keywords:** agriculture, ecology, erosion, flooding, hands-on learning, land management/land use, soil, stewardship, urban agriculture/urban farming, water quality

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment

The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment offers a wide range of education and outreach services including classroom presentations, free business consultations and much more.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Johnson (Kansas)
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** jocogov.org, 913-715-6907, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS, 66061
- **Keywords:** compost, internships, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, solid waste, trash

Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) provides high-quality environmental education professional development and resources for pre-K-12 in Kansas. Join the Kansas Green Schools Network to connect and collaborate with schools leading the way in going green!

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Johnson (Kansas), Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte
- **Service Notes:** Serves the entire state of Kansas.
- **Program Types:** Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas // Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** kacee.org, 785-532-3322, 2610 Claflin, Manhattan, KS 66502
- **Keywords:** green STEM, professional development, green schools, outdoor learning/classrooms, environmental education, school gardens, pre-K-12, curricula, informal education, problem-solving
Kansas Association of Teachers of Science

The premier place for Science Education in Kansas: [KATS.org](https://kats.org). As the only general science organization in the state, the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science bridges all sciences. We strive for professional learning and networking.

- **States Served**: Kansas
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)
- **Service Notes**: Serves all Kansas counties.
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths**: One Time
- **Target Age Groups**: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Kansas
- **Cost**: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact**: kats.org, P.O. Box 780899, Wichita, KS 67278
- **Keywords**: agriculture, climate change/climate resiliency, computer science, ecology, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, professional development, project-based learning (PBL), Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM)

Kansas City Community Gardens

[Kansas City Community Gardens](https://kccg.org) provides opportunities for families, community groups and schools to grow their own food and to learn all the skills needed to successfully create and grow gardens. School opportunities include garden support and guidance in creating gardens on school grounds, and field trip opportunities at the Beanstalk Children's Garden to experience the wonders of a garden in Swope Park.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Platte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost**: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact**: kccg.org, 816-931-3877, 6917 Kensington Ave., Kansas City, MO 64132
- **Keywords**: community gardens, early childhood, green schools, hands-on learning, health, local food, organic food, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, project-based learning (PBL), school gardens

Kansas City Zoo

Explore the [Kansas City Zoo](https://kansascityzoo.org) as your outdoor learning lab. We offer guided and unguided field trips, conservation education programs both on- and off-site, and much more!

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult

Meet State Education Standards: Missouri

Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.

Contact: kansascityzoo.org, 816-595-1234, 6800 Zoo Drive, Kansas City, MO 64132

Keywords: ACA accredited animal encounters, camp, climate change/climate resiliency, college and career readiness, common core, curricula, day camp, early childhood, edutainment/entertainment, experiential learning, funding, green building, habitat, hands-on learning

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The mission of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is to protect and improve the health and environment of all Kansans.

States Served: Kansas

Counties Served: Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)

Service Notes: Serves the entire state of Kansas

Program Types: Contact for info.

Program Lengths: Contact for info.

Target Age Groups: Contact for info.

Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.

Cost: Contact for info.

Contact: kdhe.ks.gov, 785-296-1600, 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612

Keywords: compost, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, solid waste, trash

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism - Prairie Center

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism Prairie Center is a free resource for educators providing tailored education assistance through education materials, funding assistance and opportunities to apply classroom learning in real-life, outdoor applications.

States Served: Kansas

Counties Served: Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)

Service Notes: Serves entire state of Kansas.

Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities

Program Lengths: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing

Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult

Meet State Education Standards: Kansas

Cost: Free

Contact: ksoutdoors.com, 913-209-0207, 26325 W. 135th St., Olathe, KS 66061

Keywords: ecology, fish, grants, habitat, land management/land use, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, prairie, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), service learning projects, wildlife
**Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom**

*Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom* is about connecting classrooms to Kansas agriculture; project-based learning; professional development opportunities to use agriculture as a teaching tool for science, math, language arts and social studies; and connection to agriculture, food and natural resources career pathways.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson
- **Service Notes:** Serves entire state of Kansas.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Service Learning
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** [ksagclassroom.org](http://ksagclassroom.org), 785-320-4350, 1990 Kimball Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502
- **Keywords:** agriculture, animal encounters, climate change/climate resiliency, college and career readiness, common core, community gardens, critical thinking, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, erosion, experiential learning, food/food recovery, gardening

**Kansas State University - Olathe**

*Kansas State University Olathe* will work with you to create innovative classroom ideas. We can provide guest speakers and classroom presentations, field experiences, campus tours, and professional development for teachers.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Johnson (Kansas)
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources
- **Program Lengths:** Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** [olathe.k-state.edu](http://olathe.k-state.edu), 913-307-7321, 22201 W. Innovation Drive, Olathe, KS 66061
- **Keywords:** agriculture, biosecurity, hands-on learning, inquiry-based learning, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), one health, professional development, summer camp, urban agriculture/urban farming, zoonotic disease

**KC Edventures**

The mission of *KC Edventures* is to strengthen a child's passion for learning and interaction by providing support to adults through a comprehensive website that highlights hands-on experiences that are fun for all ages. Edventures are learning opportunities that encourage kids to discover new places, learn new things and connect with others. We believe the best way for kids to learn is when they use their curiosity, creativity and connections with others.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
KC Food Circle

The KC Food Circle is a non-profit connecting eaters with local, organic, free-range farmers to promote a sustainable food system in the Kansas City region. Our primary purpose remains to support farmers in our region who strive to produce delicious, nourishing food, use environmentally-sound, organic methods that restore and preserve the health of the land, and who treat their animals humanely.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** kcfoodcircle.org, 816-895-2462, P.O. Box 20181, Kansas City, MO 64195
- **Keywords:** community gardens, compost, gardening, health, land management/land use, local food, organic food, school gardens, soil, urban agriculture/urban farming

KC Healthy Kids

KC Healthy Kids rallies the people in our communities to improve access to affordable fresh food and safe places to walk and play. When our neighborhoods support healthy habits, we are less likely to suffer from obesity, which is linked to Type 2 diabetes, heart disease and poor mental health. To make a lasting impact, we shape policies that improve our food system and physical surroundings, and ultimately, the places where we live, work, learn and play.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info. // **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** kchealthykids.org, 816-523-5353, 650 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101
- **Keywords:** active transportation/bike/pedestrian, health, legislation, local food, nature play, organic food, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, parks, school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM)
**KC STEM Alliance**

The **KC STEM Alliance** is the host for STEM Learning Ecosystem resources including community event calendar and resources for educators and students. Collaborative partner for STEM education resources utilizing two best practice programs: Project Lead The Way and FIRST Robotics.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Platte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** kcstem.org, 816-235-2871, 4825 Troost Ave., Room 108, Kansas City, MO 64110
- **Keywords:** Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM)

**KC Water**

Protecting and improving water quality in the Kansas City metro takes action, involvement and understanding at all ages. **KC Water** offers programs for ages pre-K through adult to teach how all water is connected and every stream becomes drinking water.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** kcwaterservices.org, 816-513-1313, 4800 E. 63rd St., Kansas City, MO 64130
- **Keywords:** erosion, flooding, litter cleanup, macroinvertebrates, pollution, rivers, stewardship, trash, water, water quality

**KCK Organic Teaching Gardens**

The **KCK Organic Teaching Gardens** aims to make connections with students and teachers in Kansas City, Kansas classrooms with living, breathing gardens on their school grounds, using science, math, culture, nutrition, health, careers, history and literature.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
Kemper Outdoor Education Center

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.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Contact for info.
- **Contact:** makeyourdayhere.com, 816-229-8980, 8201 Jasper Bell, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- **Keywords:** habitat, humane education, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, soil, water, wildlife

K-State Research & Extension Johnson County

K-State Research and Extension Johnson County provides educational resources on composting, integrated pest management, water quality and other environmental issues associated with the home and gardening. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Johnson
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations
- **Program Lengths:** Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** johnson.k-state.edu, 913-715-7050, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Ste. 1500, Olathe, KS 66061
- **Keywords:** gardening, habitat, water, wildlife
K-State Research & Extension Leavenworth County

K-State Research & Extension Leavenworth County provides educational resources on composting, integrated pest management, water quality and other environmental issues associated with the home and gardening. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Leavenworth
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations
- **Program Lengths:** Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** leavenworth.k-state.edu, 913-364-5700, 613 Holiday Plaza, Lansing, KS 66043
- **Keywords:** gardening, habitat, water, wildlife

K-State Research & Extension Marais des Cygnes District

K-State Research & Extension Marais des Cygnes District provides educational resources on composting, integrated pest management, water quality and other environmental issues associated with the home and gardening. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Miami, Linn
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** maraisdescygnes.k-state.edu, 913-294-4306, 104 S. Brayman St., Paola, KS 66071
- **Keywords:** agriculture, community gardens, erosion, forestry, gardening, land management/land use, native plants, school gardens, soil, trees, water, water quality, wildlife
K-State Research & Extension Wyandotte County

K-State Research & Extension Wyandotte County provides educational resources on composting, integrated pest management, water quality and other environmental issues associated with the home and gardening. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** wyandotte.k-state.edu, 913-299-9300, 1216 N. 79th St., Kansas City, KS 66112
- **Keywords:** community gardens, food/food recovery, forestry, gardening, hands-on learning, health, native plants, soil, trees, learning/outdoor classrooms

Lakeside Nature Center

Experience the wild world of nature in the heart of Kansas City. Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park exhibits wildlife native to the area, offers educational programs, coordinates community conservation projects and is one of Missouri’s largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** lakesidenaturecenter.org, 816-513-8960, 4701 E. Gregory Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64132
- **Keywords:** animal encounters, ecology, habitat, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, trails, volunteer, wildlife

Lean Lab Education

Lean Lab Education seeks to bring innovative solutions to close the achievement gap in K-12 schools. By listening to parents, teachers, students and administrators in the Kansas City region, we are able to pinpoint specific problems that hinder students’ achievement. Informed by this data, we find education entrepreneurs with promising innovations and help them develop their product through direct, community feedback. In this way, we lean on the communities we serve, while working to create swift, efficient-lean-change.
Leavenworth County Conservation District

The Leavenworth County Conservation District promotes 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Leavenworth
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** facebook.com/Leavenworth-County-Conservation-District, 913-682-2133, 330 Shawnee St., Leavenworth, KS 66048
- **Keywords:** air quality, soil, water

Little Blue River Watershed Coalition

The Little Blue River Watershed Coalition is a nonprofit, grassroots community organization working to protect and restore the Little Blue River Watershed. 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.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Jackson
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
Mad Science of Greater Kansas City

Mad Science of Greater Kansas City delivers unique, hands-on science experiences for children that are as entertaining as they are educational. Our innovative programs help kids learn about science through our fun after-school programs, preschool programs, in-class workshops, camps, birthday parties and special events. Our approach to teaching science invites children to pursue STEM careers.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths:** One-time
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Call for info.
- **Contact:** madscience.org, 913-888-8877, 11368 Strang Line Road, Lenexa, KS 66215
- **Keywords:** air quality, habitat, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, water, wildlife

Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary

The Martha Lafite 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.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Clay
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** naturesanctuary.com, 816-781-8598, 407 N. La Frenz Road, Liberty, MO 64068
- **Keywords:** bird feeding, ecology, fossils, habitat, hiking, wildflowers, wildlife

Metropolitan Energy Center

The Metropolitan Energy Center is a nonprofit catalyst for environmental, energy, and economic security in Kansas and Missouri. We are a sustainability organization that helps businesses and governments adopt sustainable, efficient energy use in their buildings and vehicles. We provide consulting services, educational outreach and nationwide networking opportunities to communities throughout Kansas and Missouri.
States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contacts: metroenergy.org, 816-531-7283, 31 W. 31st St., Kansas City, MO 64108
Keywords: alternative fuels, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, funding, grants, green building, green infrastructure, green schools, internships, volunteer

Miami County Conservation District

The Miami County Conservation District promotes citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence among soil, water, air, related resources and people. It provides educational materials on conservation and training in resource conservation to all ages.

States Served: Kansas
Counties Served: Miami
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources
Program Lengths: Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas
Cost: Contact for info.
Contact: miamicountycd.com, 913-294-3751, ext. 3, 100 Angela St., Suite 3, Paola, KS 66071
Keywords: habitat, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, soil, water, wildlife

Mid-America Regional Council Environmental Programs

MARC's Environmental Programs 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.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
Program Lengths: One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
Cost: Free
Contact: marc.org, 816-474-4240, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105
Keywords: active transportation/bike/pedestrian, air quality, climate change/climate resiliency, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, trails, trees, water quality
Missouri Department of Natural Resources - Kansas City Regional Office

The mission of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is to protect Missouri’s natural resources while promoting the environmentally-sound operations of businesses, agriculture and industry in our interactions with the public.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes**: Serves the 23-county region of northwest and western Missouri.
- **Program Types**: Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups**: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: dnr.mo.gov, 816-251-0700, 500 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086
- **Keywords**: air quality, parks, pollution, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, solid waste, water quality, drinking water, wastewater, hazardous waste, environmental regulations

Missouri Environmental Education Association

The Missouri Environmental Education Association (MEEA) is a key resource for anyone doing any kind of environmental education in Missouri. We connect formal and non-formal educators with grants, workshops, training, curricula and each other to increase their effectiveness in all ways.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
- **Service Notes**: Serves entire state of Missouri.
- **Program Types**: Resources
- **Program Lengths**: Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups**: Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Missouri
- **Cost**: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact**: meea.org, 573-424-9438, P.O. Box 13, Columbia, MO 65205
- **Keywords**: climate change/climate resiliency, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, green schools, nature play, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, pollution, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, stewardship

Missouri Master Naturalists

Missouri Master Naturalists participate in a community-based, natural resource education and volunteer program. Sometimes they assist with Missouri department of Conservation research or habitat improvement projects. They often serve at education or special event programs.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Platte, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities, Edutainment/Entertainer
**Missouri Parks Association**

The Missouri Parks Association is a group of over 3,000 Missourians and other friends united by our love for and interest in Missouri's state park system. We have two key purposes — we educate public officials and the general public about the values at stake in our state park system, and we defend our parks and historic sites when they are threatened. We are a member-supported organization run entirely by volunteers who enjoy this beloved Missouri institution and aim to keep it a system in which we can all take pride.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
- **Service Notes:** Serves entire state of Missouri.
- **Program Types:** Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups:** Contact for info.
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost:** Contact for info.
- **Contact:** parks.missouri.org, 573-449-4805, P.O. Box 30036, Columbia, MO 65205
- **Keywords:** parks

**Missouri River Relief**

Missouri River Relief's mission is to connect people to the Missouri River. We do this through river cleanups, education programs and outreach events. Based in Columbia, Missouri, we work across the lower section of the Missouri River.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** riverrelief.org, 573-443-0292, P.O. Box 463, Columbia, MO 65205
- **Keywords:** arts/environmental art, experiential learning, hands-on learning, homeschool, inquiry-based learning, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), service learning projects, summer camp, volunteer, water quality
Missouri Stream Team

The Missouri Stream Team program is a partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Conservation Federation of Missouri. Promoting citizen awareness and involvement, Stream Team is a fun, hands-on program for people who want to learn about, care for, and protect local waterways. Stream Teams are made up of citizens across the state with an interest in, and passion for, Missouri streams.

- **States Served**: Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
- **Service Notes**: Serve entire state of Missouri.
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One Time
- **Target Age Groups**: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost**: Free
- **Contact**: mostreamteam.org, 573-522-4115, ext. 3167, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- **Keywords**: litter cleanup, rivers, service learning projects, macroinvertebrates, stewardship, trash, volunteer, water, water quality, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms

Monarchs On The Move

Monarchs on the Move is dedicated to reversing the decline of monarchs and all pollinators through habitat restoration and educating the public.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Contact for info.
- **Cost**: Contact for info.
- **Contact**: facebook.com/monarchsonthemove, 913-515-2641
- **Keywords**: animal encounters, butterflies, gardening, habitat, land management/land use, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), wildlife

Monarch Watch

Monarch Watch strives to provide the public with information about the biology of monarch butterflies, their spectacular migration, and how to use monarchs to further science education in primary and secondary schools. We engage in research on monarch migration biology and monarch population dynamics to better understand how to conserve the monarch migration. We also promote protection of monarch habitats throughout North America.
States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: monarchwatch.org, 785-864-4850, 2021 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS
Keywords: animal encounters, butterflies, community gardens, experiential learning, grants, habitat, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, school gardens, volunteer

Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library

The F.L. Schlagle Library offers hands-on science and nature education for teachers, Scouts, homeschoolers and the general public. Nestled in beautiful Wyandotte County Lake Park, our facility offers a small collection of science and nature books, beautiful nature trails, live animal exhibits and a biofact touch table.

States Served: Kansas
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas
Cost: Free
Contact: kckpl.org, 913-295-8250, 4051 West Drive, Kansas City, KS 66109
Keywords: animal encounters, ecology, hands-on learning, homeschool, parks, summer camp, trails, wildlife

MU Extension in Cass County

MU Extension in Cass County’s programs in agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth development and continuing education tap into university research to respond to Missourians' current needs. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from many different 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.

States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
MU Extension in Clay County

MU Extension in Clay County's programs in agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth development and continuing education tap into university research to respond to Missourians' current needs. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from many different 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.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Clay
- **Program Types:** Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** extension.missouri.edu, 816-407-3490, 1901 NE 48th St., Kansas City, MO 64118
- **Keywords:** arts/environmental art, camp, college and career readiness, community gardens, compost, day camp, food/food recovery, hands-on learning, health, internships, local food, organic food, school gardens, soil, summer camp, workforce development

MU Extension in Jackson County

MU Extension in Jackson County's programs in agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth development and continuing education tap into university research to respond to Missourians' current needs. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from many different 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.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: extension.missouri.edu, 816-482-5850, 105 E. 5th St., Kansas City, MO 64016
Keywords: agriculture, college and career readiness, community gardens, critical thinking, gardening, health, urban agriculture/urban farming, volunteer

MU Extension in Platte County

MU Extension in Platte County’s programs in agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth development and continuing education tap into university research to respond to Missourians’ current needs. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from many different 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.

States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Platte, Jackson, Clay
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: Preparatory & Follow Up, One-time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: extension.missouri.edu, 816-210-2141, 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Kansas City, MO 64153
Keywords: agriculture, college and career readiness, community gardens, compost, day camp, erosion, forestry, gardening, grants, land management/land use, local food, native plants, organic food, school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM)

MU Extension in Ray County

MU Extension in Ray County’s programs in agriculture, community development, human environmental sciences, business development, youth development and continuing education tap into university research to respond to Missourians' current needs. Master Gardeners: 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. 4-H: 4-H is a volunteer-led organization that reaches youth through small groups and classrooms. Members choose from many different 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.

States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Ray
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: extension.missouri.edu, 816-776-6961, 1015 W. Royle St., Richmond, MO 64085
Keywords: agriculture, camp, community gardens, gardening, hands-on learning, land management/land use, school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), urban agriculture/urban farming, volunteer

Nature (The) Conservancy - Kansas Chapter
The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

States Served: Kansas
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Contact for info.
Contact: nature.org, 785-233-4400, 2420 NW Button Road, Topeka, KS 66618
Keywords: erosion, habitat, land management/land use, legislation, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, prairie, rivers, trees, water, wildlife

Nature (The) Conservancy - Missouri Chapter
The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Contact for info.
Contact: nature.org, 314-968-1105, 2816 Sutton Blvd., Ste. 2, St. Louis, MO 63143
Keywords: erosion, habitat, land management/land use, legislation, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, prairie, rivers, trees, water, wildlife

North American Association For Environmental Education
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.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Provides service throughout the world.
Operation Wildlife, Inc.

Operation Wildlife, Inc. provides live bird of prey presentations focusing on behavior, coexistence and adaptations.

- **States Served**: Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served**: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types**: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths**: One Time
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost**: Fee-based
- **Contact**: owl-online.org, 785-542-3625, 23375 Guthrie Road, Linwood, KS 66052
- **Keywords**: animal encounters, curricula, ecology, hands-on learning, homeschool, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, prairie, stewardship, summer camp, wildlife

Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

The 300-acre Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is an educational, recreational and cultural resource for the Kansas City region.

- **States Served**: Kansas
- **Counties Served**: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson (Kansas), Leavenworth, Miami, Platte, Ray, Wyandotte
- **Program Types**: Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths**: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups**: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards**: Kansas
- **Cost**: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact**: opkansas.org, 913-685-3604, 8909 W. 179th St., Overland Park, KS 66013
- **Keywords**: arts/environmental art, ecology, forestry, gardening, native plants, nature play, prairie, soil, trails, trees
Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Parkville Nature Sanctuary is a 115-acre natural area with nearly three miles of hiking trails that connect various habitats. We host a three-day Nature Camp for 8- to 10-year-olds, and offer service learning opportunities for middle school, high school and adult volunteers. Managed as a sanctuary for plants and animals, we do not allow dogs or other pets on the grounds.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** Field Trips, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** parkvillemo.gov, 816-741-7676, MO state Route 9 at 12th St., Parkville, MO 64152
- **Keywords:** animal encounters, day camp, habitat, homeschool, macroinvertebrates, nature play, trails, trees, volunteer, water quality

Platte County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Platte County Conservation District promotes 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.

- **States Served:** MO
- **Counties Served:** Platte
- **Program Types:** Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One-time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 4-6, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** mosoilandwater.land, 816-431-5476, 1209 Branch St., Platte City, MO 64079
- **Keywords:** agriculture, erosion, forestry, land management/land use, soil, stewardship, trees, water quality

Powell Gardens

The mission of Powell Gardens is to be an experience that embraces the Midwest’s spirit of place and inspires an appreciation for the importance of plants in our lives. We strive to engage adults, families and students in learning more about the plants in our collection and the ways they can sustain, enhance and change our lives. Powell Gardens features a landscape of edible plants, a water garden environment, woodland stream environment, a perennial garden, and a collection of dogwood and magnolia trees.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay
- **Service Notes:** Also serves Johnson County, Missouri
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas, Missouri
Cost: Fee-based
Contact: 1609 NW U.S. Highway 50, Kingsville, MO 64061, 816-697-2600, powellgardens.org
Keywords: gardening, native plants, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), organic food, soil, trails, trees, urban agriculture/urban farming, volunteer, botanical garden

Prairie Oak Nature Centre

Prairie Oak Nature Center is a municipally-owned facility that is free to the public. We offer cabins for rent, a challenge course and outdoor activities including hiking, fishing and nature classes.

States Served: Kansas
Counties Served: Johnson (Kansas)
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
Program Lengths: Contact for info.
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Free
Contact: leawood.org, 913-696-7771, 14701 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66224
Keywords: animal encounters, arts/environmental art, camp, compost, day camp, ecology, fish, gardening, habitat, hands-on learning, homeschool, litter cleanup, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, parks, prairie, sleepovers, trails, trash, trees

Project Central

Project Central designs and implements activities and projects related to green schools and sustainability. Ranging from one-time, hands-on classroom activities that teach about the environment to helping a school implement curriculum across subject areas, we work with schools to design a program that best fits their needs. Project Central also helps schools and communities implement programs such as recycling, composting, gardening and outdoor habitats that encourage learning and play. We have a broad range of contacts and resources that bring variety and expertise to every project.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Also serve national and international clients.
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources
Program Lengths: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas, Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: projectcentral.co, 913-269-3022, 4529 Francis St., Kansas City, KS 66103
Keywords: arts/environmental art, climate change/climate resiliency, ecology, green schools, project-based learning (PBL), solid waste, water, biodiversity, green schoolyards, curriculum integration
Ray County Soil and Water Conservation District

The Ray County Soil and Water Conservation District promotes citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence between soil, water, air, related resources and people. They provide educational materials on conservation and training in resource conservation to all ages.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Ray
- **Service Notes:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Types:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** mosoilandwater.land, 816-776-7063, ext. 3, 500 Wollard Blvd., Richmond, MO 64085
- **Keywords:** agriculture, erosion, forestry, land management/land use, soil, stewardship, trees, water quality

Recycle (The) Cycle and The Recycle Show

The Recycle Cycle is created entirely of reclaimed or recycled parts put to the task of educating and entertaining. It is a rolling lesson in the value of the environment and its resources delivered with fun and function. The Recycle Show is a 40-minute demonstration of the ways we can turn trash into a resource for fun and profit.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Edutainment / Entertainer
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Fee-based
- **Contact:** richardrenner.com, 913-634-1711, 408 Indiana St., Lawrence, KS, 66044
- **Keywords:** ecology, edutainment/entertainment, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, experiential learning, maker education, nature play, recycling/reuse/waste reduction

Rosedale Development Association

The Rosedale Development Association works to build a neighborhood characterized by access to healthy food, opportunities for active living and a built environment that supports active transportation.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte
- **Service Notes:** Rosedale neighborhood
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Science City at Union Station

Let curiosity be your guide as you explore this dynamic, hands-on science center! Kids of all ages will experience the amazing world of science first-hand through fun and engaging exhibits and programs. Science City offers everything from free resources and field trips to student programs and professional development for educators. Start or enhance your lifelong love of science, learning and discovery at Kansas City’s Science Center, Science City!

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes:** Will work outside the KC metro area.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** unionstation.org, 816-460-2234, 30 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Keywords:** computer science, early childhood, edutainment/entertainment, experiential learning, hands-on learning, maker education, professional development, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), summer camp, twenty-first century learning skills

Science Teachers of Missouri

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. Our members have assisted with national grant proposals, workshop presentations and revisions of key skills.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** Resources
- **Program Lengths:** Contact for info.
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Contact for info.
- **Cost:** Contact for info.
- **Contact:** scienceteachersofmissouri.wildapricot.org, 5620 Waterfront Drive S., Columbia, MO 65202
- **Keywords:** college and career readiness, experiential learning, hands-on learning, inquiry-based learning, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), problem solving, professional development, project-based learning (PBL), Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM)
Sea Life Aquarium Kansas City

At Sea Life Aquarium Kansas City, encounter a vast array of sea creatures including sharks, rays and tropical fish. Learn how you can make the oceans a better place through our 'Breed. Rescue. Protect.' conservation program. Admire over 20 displays, thousands of sea creatures and hundreds of species in a highly-themed, immersive setting.

- **States Served:** Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Jackson
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths:** One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Fee-based
- **Contact:** visitsealife.com, 816-471-4386, 2475 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64108
- **Keywords:** animal encounters, edutainment/entertainment, fish, food/food recovery, forestry, green building, habitat, hands-on learning, homeschool, litter cleanup, local food, pollution, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, rivers, wildlife

Sierra Club - Kanza Group

The Mission of the Sierra Club is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

- **States Served:** Kansas
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas)
- **Service Notes:** Serves entire state of Kansas.
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Volunteer Opportunities
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- **Cost:** Free
- **Contact:** kansas.sierraclub.org, P.O. Box 8186, Topeka, Kansas
- **Keywords:** air quality, climate change/climate resiliency, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, habitat, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, water, water quality, wildlife

Sierra Club - Thomas Hart Benton Group

The Mission of the Sierra Club is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.
States Served: Missouri
Counties Served: Ray, Platte, Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: sierraclub.org, P.O. Box 32727, Kansas City, MO 64171
Keywords: alternative transportation, climate change/climate resiliency, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, habitat, land management/land use, legislation, pollution, trails, water quality, wildlife

StoneLion Puppet Theatre
StoneLion Puppet Theatre is a professional touring puppet theatre that has focused on environmental education for over 25 years. School assemblies, workshops and festivals are a mainstay of our work. StoneLion has also conducted in-depth teacher training focusing on arts as the vehicle to deliver a message sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the EPA on a global scale.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (KS), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Volunteer Opportunities, Edutainment/Entertainer
Program Lengths: Preparatory & Follow Up, One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas, Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: stonelionpuppets.org, 816-221-5351, P.O. Box 410006, Kansas City, MO
Keywords: arts/environmental art, climate change/climate resiliency, edutainment/entertainment, water quality, wildlife

Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition
The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition encourages, assists, and partners with people of faith and faith groups to preach, teach, model and advocate for sustainable living and ecological justice for all creation.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas) Jackson, Clay, Cass
Service Notes: Serve throughout the United States.
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
Contact: ssckc.org, 816-916-1688, P.O. Box 732, Mission, KS 66210
Keywords: climate change/climate resiliency, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, stewardship
Tall Oak Productions

Stan Slaughter has been educating about the environment in the Heartland for decades. His programs are musical, humorous and fact-filled. He has won literally dozens of awards for his work including an invitation from Prince Charles to speak in England.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources, Edutainment/Entertainer
- **Program Lengths:** Preparatory & Follow Up, One Time
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Fee-based
- **Contact:** compost-education.com, 816-246-6871, 201 SE Bristol Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64063
- **Keywords:** climate change/climate resiliency, community gardens, compost, edutainment/entertainment, food/food recovery, gardening, organic food, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, school gardens, soil

Tower Garden/Prevention Through Nutrition, Inc.

Discover the numerous ways vertical, aeroponic Tower Gardens are being utilized in communities and classrooms around the globe! From food production in an urban garden, to a project-based learning tool, that includes free lesson plans that are aligned with Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. Towers use over 90 percent less space and water than traditional gardens, and yield a beautiful harvest three times faster with 30 percent more abundance!

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Program Types:** School/Classroom Presentations, Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- **Target Age Groups:** Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- **Meet State Education Standards:** Kansas, Missouri
- **Cost:** Both free and fee-based offerings.
- **Contact:** towergarden.com, 913-579-3733, 14300 Wedd St., Overland Park, KS 66221
- **Keywords:** community gardens, gardening, green schools, local food, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), project-based learning (PBL), school gardens, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)/(STEAM), special education/special needs students, urban agriculture

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Region 7

EPA Region 7 protects human health and the environment in our nation’s Heartland.

- **States Served:** Kansas and Missouri
- **Counties Served:** Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- **Service Notes:** Region 7 also serves Iowa and Nebraska.
- **Program Types:** Resources
- **Program Lengths:** One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info. // Cost: Free
Contact: epa.gov, 913-551-7003, 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219
Keywords: energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, food/food recovery, pollution, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, solid waste

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service aims to reach new audiences through the National Wildlife Refuge Urban Partnership Program. The Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge is increasing programming to meet the needs of the community and connect people to nature adjacent to urban areas. Contact us to learn more and to schedule a program!

- States Served: Kansas and Missouri
- Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- Program Lengths: One Time, Long Term/Ongoing
- Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- Meet State Education Standards: Kansas, Missouri // Cost: Free
- Contact: fws.gov, 913-352-8956, 24141 KS state Route 52, Pleasanton, KS 66075
- Keywords: arts/environmental art, community gardens, ecology, fish, forestry, habitat, land management/land use, native plants, prairie, wildlife

U.S. Green Building Council - Central Plains Chapter
The U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a sustainable, prosperous future through LEED, the leading program for green buildings and communities worldwide.

- States Served: Kansas and Missouri
- Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
- Program Types: Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities
- Program Lengths: One Time
- Target Age Groups: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
- Meet State Education Standards: Neither Kansas nor Missouri
- Cost: Both free and fee-based offerings.
- Contact: usgbc.org, 913-735-7533, P.O. Box 410476, Kansas City, MO 64141
- Keywords: college and career readiness, green building, green infrastructure, green schools, indoor environmental health, legislation, professional development, project-based learning (PBL), recycling/reuse/waste reduction, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)

Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City
The Water Garden Society of Greater Kansas City’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 water garden plant exchange in spring and provides teaching materials with information about garden maintenance and the plants and animals that live in the garden.
States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Ray, Platte, Miami, Leavenworth, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Clay, Cass
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Resources
Program Lengths: One Time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12
Meet State Education Standards: Contact for info.
Cost: Contact for info.
Contact: kcwatergarden.com, 4954 Marsh, Kansas City, MO 64129
Keywords: fish, gardening, habitat, native plants, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, school gardens, water, wildlife

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center

Wildwood Outdoor Education Center is waiting for you! Engage students in a hands-on exploration of the natural world where active learning in a fun, fresh-air environment creates renewal and enthusiasm. Wildwood programs achieve positive youth-development outcomes like increased affinity for nature, interest in exploration, teamwork and problem-solving confidence for school-aged kids.

States Served: Kansas and Missouri
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Miami, Johnson (Kansas), Jackson, Cass
Program Types: Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities
Program Lengths: One Time
Target Age Groups: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas, Missouri
Cost: Fee-based
Contact: wildwoodctr.org, 913-757-4500, 7095 W. 399th St., La Cygne, KS 66040
Keywords: ACA accredited, camp, ecology, fish, hands-on learning, nature play, outdoor learning/outdoor classrooms, problem solving, summer camp, twenty-first century learning skills

Wyandotte County Conservation District

The Wyandotte County Conservation District promotes citizen awareness of the vital link and mutual dependence among soil, water, air, related resources and people. It provides conservation educational materials and training in resource conservation to all ages.

States Served: Kansas
Counties Served: Wyandotte
Program Types: School/Classroom Presentations, Field Trips, Resources, Service Learning, Volunteer Opportunities, Edutainment/Entertainer
Program Lengths: One-time, Preparatory & Follow Up, Long Term/Ongoing
Target Age Groups: Preschool, Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Postsecondary, Adult
Meet State Education Standards: Kansas
Cost: Contact for info.
Contact: wyco.conservation@gmail.com, 913-334-6329, 1204 N. 79th St., Kansas City, KS 66112
Keywords: air quality, habitat, energy/energy conservation/renewable energy, recycling/reuse/waste reduction, soil, water, wildlife