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# KEEC Legacy

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## Contribute your voice to Kentucky's environmental education master plan this August

Tell us what you want to see in Kentucky's environmental education master plan at one of nine regional town forums across the Commonwealth.

Be part of a collaborative process that will guide the direction and coordination of environmental education delivery throughout Kentucky. "Educators, parents, business and industry representatives, administrators or any other interested parties are invited to attend these public meetings designed to gather your ideas for how we can improve and coordinate environmental education statewide," said KEEC Executive Director Elizabeth Schmitz. KEEC and the Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education will host. The meeting times and locations are listed below.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Michelle Shane at 502-564-5937 or by email to [Michelle.Shane@ky.gov](mailto:Michelle.Shane@ky.gov). People with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations when they RSVP.

The meetings will reference the 2009 Master Plan: [Land, Legacy, and Learning III](#). Follow the discussion on Twitter with [#KyEEMasterPlan](#).

Dates and Locations:

August 12

1 - 4 p.m., Eastern time

Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College

Middlesboro Campus, Room 340

1300 Chichester Ave., Middlesboro, Ky.

August 13

9 a.m. to noon, Eastern time

Hazard Community and Technical College

First Federal Center, Room 123A  
1 Community College Drive, Hazard, Ky.

August 14

1 – 4 p.m., Eastern time  
Gateway Community and Technical College  
Center for Advanced Manufacturing, Room B123  
Boone Campus  
500 Technology Way, Florence, Ky.

August 19

1 – 4 p.m., Eastern time  
Jefferson Community and Technical College  
Downtown Campus  
Health Science Hall, Room 151A  
110 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.

August 21

4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Eastern time  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Perkins Hall: Quads C and D  
Kit Carson Drive, Richmond, Ky.

August 26

4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Eastern time  
Ashland Community and Technical College  
Rocky Adkins Pavilion  
902 Technology Drive, Grayson, Ky.

August 26

4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Central time  
Lost River Cave  
2818 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, Ky.

August 27

5 - 7 p.m.  
Morehead State University  
Combs Building, Room 209  
301 Battson-Oates Drive, Morehead, Ky.

August 28

4 – 7 p.m., Central time  
Murray State University  
Alexander Hall Auditorium, Room 240  
16th Street North, Murray, Ky.

## **Join the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools tour August 20-21 in Scott and Fayette counties**

Join us for the US Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Tour, which will stop in Kentucky on August 20 and 21! This two-day event is the result of a partnership between the Kentucky Environmental Education Council, the US Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky School Boards Association, Kentucky National Energy Education Development Project, Kentucky US Green Building Council, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, and honorees of the US Green Ribbon Schools Program. You are invited to tour one or all of the five participating Green Ribbon Schools in Central Kentucky; no RSVP is required.

Pre-registration is required for the Listening Session, a panel and community discussion about Healthy Schools and High Achieving Students. The Listening Session will be held on August 20 from 2:30 – 4:00 at 2348 Innovation Drive in Lexington. Following the panel discussion (4:00 – 5:00 PM), all are invited on a tour of the headquarters of Big Ass Solutions, which builds large-scale components for high-efficiency schools. After the tour, company leadership and the public will discuss connections between workforce development and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. Register for the Listening Session by emailing [Michelle.Shane@ky.gov](mailto:Michelle.Shane@ky.gov) by August 19.

## Agenda

Wednesday, August 20  
Scott County Schools

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., Tour Northern Elementary School (3600 Cincinnati Rd, Georgetown, KY 40324)  
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tour Georgetown Middle School (730 S Hamilton St, Georgetown, KY 40324)  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Listening Session at Big Ass Solutions HQ in Lexington\* (2348 Innovation Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40511)

\*Please RSVP to [Michelle.Shane@ky.gov](mailto:Michelle.Shane@ky.gov) by August 19

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Headquarters Tour and STEM/workforce development discussion

Thursday, August 21  
Fayette County Schools

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., Tour Rosa Parks Elementary (1251 Beaumont Centre Lane, Lexington, Kentucky 40513)  
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tour Wellington Elementary School (3280 Keithshire Way, Lexington, KY 40503)  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Tour Locust Trace AgriScience Farm (3591 Leestown Road, Lexington, KY 40511)

## Apply for KEEC's Professional Environmental Educator Certification course by September 1

The Kentucky Environmental Education Council is once again offering its Professional Environmental Educator Certification course. Join our bright and experienced instructors, and people from across the Commonwealth who share an interest in environmental education, for this fun and informative course.

A participant from last year's course told us, "I have learned so much! I have an understanding of EE Guidelines, good practices, & clarification of the field. I enjoyed gaining new knowledge & skills that improve my ability to teach environmental issues. I have new resources & an EE network available to me I didn't have before."

The four workshops, held from November 2014 through March 2015, will provide you with great ideas for activities to use in your own work and a thorough understanding of environmental education best practices. The course is based on the Guidelines for the Preparation and Professional Development of Environmental Educators, developed by the North American Association for Environmental Education. The course also relates content to Kentucky Core Academic Standards.

The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, 2014, but enrollment is limited to the first 25 applicants to send complete applications. The admission fee is \$100.

For more information, see [the course overview on the KEEC website](#) or write [Wesley.Bullock@ky.gov](mailto:Wesley.Bullock@ky.gov).

## Meet us at the KAEE Conference in Lexington, September 12-13

Sign up for the 38th Annual Conference of the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE) at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington September 12-13. Stop by the KEEC exhibit booth and attend sessions led by KEEC staff. On Friday morning, Michelle Shane, KEEC Internal Policy Analyst II, will co-lead the session "Project Learning Tree Secondary Modules: Biotechnology and The Places We Live." Elizabeth Schmitz, KEEC Executive Director, will co-lead the session "The Mutualistic Relationship between EE and the New Science Standards" on Friday afternoon.

The focus of this year's KAAE conference will be on the growing sustainability movement and its role in environmental education in Kentucky. It will feature pre-conference workshops, tours of local sustainable practices, a picnic dinner and hike at McConnell Springs Nature Park, Mystery Table, live and silent auctions, over 30 great sessions, and much, much more! Visit [kaee.org/conference](http://kaee.org/conference) for further details and to register.

## **Bring your students to the Environmental Education Center at Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky in Georgetown this school year**

Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky (TMMK) offers a limited number of transportation reimbursements for field trips to TMMK's Environmental Education Center Nature Trail. For more information about this program and to apply for a grant, go to [Toyotageorgetown.com](http://Toyotageorgetown.com) and click on the Environment icon at the top of the page.

## **Save the date for the 2015 Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools and KY NEED Summit**

The 2015 Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools (KGHS) and KY NEED Summit is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern time at the Frankfort Convention Center. The summit offers students the opportunity to network with other students from across the state, share green and healthy ideas, and be recognized for their work in the KGHS program.

KGHS is a project-based and student-centered program that empowers students and staff to move their school toward becoming safer, healthier, and more environmentally sustainable. This inquiry-based program uses the entire school building and grounds as a learning laboratory for students. All grade levels of any public or private schools are invited to join KGHS! To participate, see the [Join page on the KGHS website](#).

## **Post your environmental education events and resources on EEinKentucky.org**

[EEinKentucky.org](http://EEinKentucky.org) is the place to go for environmental education events and resources in Kentucky. Post your upcoming events, grant opportunities, and job openings, and search what others have posted. Events are listed on the homepage calendar. Use the "News" menu to find other resources. For help with using the site, contact [Wesley.Bullock@ky.gov](mailto:Wesley.Bullock@ky.gov).

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