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KEEC is hiring an interim Environmental Education Specialist

KEEC is looking for an interim Environmental Education Specialist to administer grant-funded projects. For a complete job description and to fill out an application, go to "Search & Apply" at careers.ky.gov, choose the Career Opportunities System (COS) Application, and click "Search Openings." **The application deadline is November 10, 2016.**

KEEC has been awarded a \$91,000 federal grant for water education

KEEC has been awarded a \$91,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant to train teachers about water-quality education and fund student water stewardship projects in the state through the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools (KGHS) program. The grant will support teacher training in scientific concepts about water. It will also allow the KGHS program to offer competitive grant funding to its network of more than 200 schools for the design and implementation of student-led projects to improve water quality and/or conservation in schools and local communities. For more information, see the [complete press release](#).

Call for Facilitators: Now Accepting Applications

The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education is seeking new formal and nonformal facilitators to conduct workshops in their various curricula programs. Limited spots are available. See application information below.

Past facilitators who wish to renew their certification are welcome to apply to renew their status as well. In order to become certified, you will be asked to sign the KAEE Facilitator Agreement.

Project WET and Underground Optional Educator Certification on December 8th (required to become a facilitator if you have not already attended a training in BOTH curricula. Includes curriculum guides. Lodging and meals are on your own)

Project Underground and Project WET: December 9-10, 2016 at Hidden River Cave in Horse Cave, KY. Cost: FREE, \$100 Substitute stipends available! Includes a cave tour. Lodging and meals are on your own. *There is a \$50 reservation fee that will be refunded at the conclusion of the workshop. If interested, please fill out an application to reserve your spot by November 15th at: <http://www.kaee.org/machform/view.php?id=30048>.

Project Learning Tree and Project WILD Optional Educator Certification on February 2 (required to become a facilitator if you have not already attended a training in BOTH curricula. Includes curriculum guides and lunch. Lodging is on your own)

Project Learning Tree and Project WILD: Feb 3-4, 2017 at Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm in Frankfort, KY. Cost: FREE, \$100 Substitute stipends available! Lunch is provided. Lodging and all other meals are on your own. *There is a \$50 reservation fee that will be refunded at the conclusion of the workshop. If interested, please fill out an application to reserve your spot by January 15th at: <http://www.kaee.org/machform/view.php?id=29232>.

Talk to your school leaders about funding environmental education through the Every Student Succeeds Act

Environmental education is eligible for federal funding through the Every Students Succeeds Act (which replaced No Child Left Behind). In Kentucky, individual school districts will decide how this money is spent on a variety of programs, but some district leaders may not even know that environmental education is eligible. Talk to school leaders such as superintendents and school board members to let them know about this opportunity. For more information about how environmental education can benefit your school district, contact wesley.bullock@ky.gov.

Register for the Children's Environmental Health Summit on December 1

Registration is now open for the Kentucky Children's Environmental Health Summit being held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 9am-4pm EST at the Boone County Library main branch (1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005). [Click here to register today!](#) Space is limited, so please only register if you are sure you can attend.

This event is being held FREE of charge for all participants and contact hours will be included for the following disciplines:

- Registered Sanitarian (RS) -approved 6 hours
- Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)–pending
- Early Care & Education Professional (ECE-TRIS) -approved 5 hours
- Nursing Contact Hours -pending
- EILA/ Effective Instructional Leadership Act -approved 6 hours

Please select the ticket type based on CE credits for your profession or select ENV Summit - no CE if this does not apply.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from national and local speakers regarding risks to our most vulnerable population in Kentucky, our children.

The Children's Environmental Health Summit is a collaborative effort between the EnviroHealthLink, Kentucky's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network housed at the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the Kentucky Population Health Institute, and the Northern Kentucky Health Department.

The target audience includes: administrators, teachers, childcare personnel, pediatricians, nurses, academia, and state and local public health staff who help assure a safe school, home, play, preschool and community environment for children. Topics that will be covered include: lead, pesticides, injury, asthma, healthy homes, built environment, blue and green spaces affecting adolescent depression, tobacco free schools, green and healthy schools and childcare centers, and more.

For more information about the summit, contact Janie Cambron at janie.cambron@ky.gov.

Children's Environmental Health Summit Poster Contest

What: EnviroHealthLink, Kentucky's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network located at the Kentucky Department for Public Health encourages you to participate in the 2016 Environmental Superhero Poster Contest. The theme of the poster contest is "How does the environment affect health?" and students will be judged on creativity, poster theme, and originality. Submissions for the poster can include any of the following: crayon, marker, watercolor, tempera, acrylic, collage, or original photograph. Poster size should be 12" X 18" or 8.5" X 11". Submissions accepted in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Child name, grade, teacher, school, and teacher contact information (address, phone, and email) must be included on the back of the artwork.

When: Submissions will be accepted from Monday, October 24 to Friday, November 18, 2016 and should be scanned and emailed to CHFS.KYEPHTN@ky.gov. Submissions can also be mailed to: Kentucky Department for Public Health, 275 E. Main Street, HS1E-B, Attention Janie Cambron (Poster Contest), Frankfort, KY 40621. Winners will be contacted via email or phone on or before November 21, 2016.

Where: Winning posters will be displayed at the Kentucky Children's Environmental Health Summit being held on December 1, 2016. Entering the contest allows us to use artwork with artist credit on social media and website.

Who: Participation can be through a public, private, or home-school classroom, or a sponsoring club (such as art, science, Girl/Boy Scouts or 4-H).

Prizes: There will be one winner from each grade that will receive a Superhero Certificate and be entered into a drawing for Visa gift cards ranging between \$25-\$100. There is also a drawing for 3 \$25 Visa gift cards that will be drawn from all who participate, so everyone is encouraged to submit a poster!

Why: We want children to understand how the environment affects health and visualize some ways they can be an Environmental Superhero and work towards a better environment for their health! Some ideas for the poster include:

- What is environmental health?
- What are some ways that the environment affect us?
- What are some ways that we affect the environment?

For more information about the poster contest, contact Janie Cambron at janie.cambron@ky.gov.

It's not too late to apply for recertification through the pilot Reinstatement Course

KEEC has rolled out a Reinstatement Course pilot for Professional Environmental Educator Certification (PEEC) course graduates whose certification has lapsed. The goal of the course is to engage our highly qualified community of graduates in contributing to the needs in the field of environmental education. In addition to completing your annual renewal requirements, you will spend 20 hours working on evaluating an EE program or implementing a component of Kentucky's five-year EE master plan. The application is available under the "Lapsed Certification" heading at keec.ky.gov/EECertification/Pages/CER.aspx. Seven graduates have already enrolled.

During the pilot in 2016, all graduates of the PEEC course will be eligible for reinstatement. The Reinstatement Course fee is \$25. After January 31, 2017, only graduates whose certification has lapsed for three years or less will be eligible for reinstatement. At that time, the Reinstatement Course fee will be \$25 for those whose certification has been lapsed for one year, \$50 for two years, and \$75 for three years.

The deadline for completing the Reinstatement Course is January 31, 2017, so apply now to get started. Contact wesley.bullock@ky.gov for more information.

Grant opportunities for environmental educators

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) compiles an approximately 20-page email newsletter, including grants and other resources for science educators and environmental educators, called the "Information Exchange for Marine Educators." You can subscribe to the newsletter by contacting phyllis.dermer@noaa.gov. The list often includes opportunities that close in the upcoming month, so please note the imminent deadline dates.

Post your environmental education events and resources on EEinKentucky.org

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 others' posts. 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.

Follow KEEC and KAEE on Facebook and Twitter

Keep up with the latest news from KEEC by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/kyeecouncil) and Twitter (twitter.com/kyeecouncil).

You can also learn about the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE), Kentucky's statewide EE nonprofit organization, by following KAEE at facebook.com/KY4EnvEd and twitter.com/KY4EnvEd.

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