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Home School Environmental Education Workshop and Festival Scheduled

Hillsdale Water Quality Project (HWQP) and Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) invite you to participate in a "Home School Environmental Education Workshop and Festival." The event is scheduled for Feb. 4, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Spring Hill Civic Center located at 401 N. Madison St. in Spring Hill, KS.

The adult workshop will consist of two sessions. During the morning session, home school parents will learn educational activities from Project WET and Project Learning Tree to explore ways they can be incorporated into a home school curriculum. During the adult workshop, an education water festival will be held for youths. The festival is a hands-on learning experience for the youth to be educated in water quality, water issues, wildlife, pollution, conservation and more.

During the afternoon session, parents will be spent engaging students in our natural world and the waters around them with the home school parents implementing the learned activities.

Every adult registrant will receive two curriculum guides with over 250 environmental education activities to involve pre-K through grade 12 students in water, sciences and natural resources.

Project WET is an exciting water education program which focuses on water related topics including surface and ground water, water conservation and stewardship, properties of water, watersheds and wetlands.

Project Learning Tree is a "Window on the World" to help your family explore the world in your backyard while learning science, math, social studies and language arts!

Home school educators and students of participating educators are invited to attend. School-aged children (ages 5 and older) will be engaged in a mini water festival while educators learn quality teaching materials for your family of all ages. Parents with students younger than 5 years old and no child care options, please contact Jennie Fyock at 913-829-9414 for possible solutions.

Adult registration is \$10 each and includes books, materials, lunch and refreshments. Youth participation is FREE with paid adult registration! Registration deadline is Jan. 21, 2009. Register early, space is limited to 20 home school educators and 80 youths. Due to limited space, the registration fee is non-refundable.

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For more information or to register, you may visit the Project's website to download a registration form at: www.hwqp.org or contact Jennie Fyock at 913-829-9414 or jfyock@hwqp.org.

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