

**2009**  
**Eleventh Annual FREE**  
**History & Environmental Fair**

To: Area Schools

Attention: Science, Biology, Earth Science, and History Teachers

**A History & Environmental Fair is planned for Thursday, April 23, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW Sixth Avenue in Topeka.** There's plenty of room so schools may come and go at their convenience but should plan at least two hours at the event and an hour in the museum. We recommend afternoon attendance since most come in the morning. Perhaps the Fair could follow a morning visit to the Kansas State Capitol or the Topeka Zoo.

**Participation in the History & Environmental Fair will help meet the following Kansas science teaching standards for all grade levels.** The event's activities are suitable for students generally in grades four through six.

**6. Science in personal and environmental perspectives.**

**7. History and nature of science.**

**The Fair will feature some 30 different hands-on activities, displays, and a nature trail that will educate students in many aspects of environmental issues.** New this year is a special exhibit at the Kansas Museum of History titled "Lincoln in Kansas." Museum admission will be free during this event.

The Fair is organized such that each exhibitor has a display area. Teachers escort their class to each display where a 10-minute presentation is made. Teachers may go to some or all of the displays of their choosing. Each teacher will receive a packet of information that can be used later in classroom activities. We ask that teachers break up classes into groups of 10-15 students to view the displays and participate in activities. **Please have adult supervision for each group to ensure the safety of all.**

The Shawnee County Conservation District and the Kansas Historical Society are the primary coordinators of the event. We expect over 1500 students from more than 50 schools to attend.

If your school is interested in attending, please complete the enclosed form. **Please mail or FAX the registration form by April 15, 2009.** It would be helpful to us if you would return it as soon as you make the decision to attend. We will send confirmation and an additional information packet with directions, parking instructions and other pertinent information to those that respond. E-mail will be utilized as much as possible.

For questions please call **Joy at 785-272-8681, ext. 431**, or Judy at 785-267-5721, ext. 3. Updated information can be found on our web sites, **sccdistrict.com** and **kshs.org**.



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Registration Form

History & Environmental Fair  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009  
Kansas Museum of History  
6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

FAX number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of teachers attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of other adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Grades attending \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated time your school plans to arrive \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated time your school plans to stay \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be eating lunch at the Museum? (please circle one)      Yes      No

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