

2010
Twelfth Annual FREE
History & Environmental Fair



Kansas Historical Society

To: Area Schools

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

A History & Environmental Fair is planned for Thursday, April 15, 2010, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. 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 state capital or the 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. The special exhibit at the Kansas Museum of History will be Cars: The Need for Speed. This exhibit considers how cars have affected our food, entertainment, and buildings. It also explores every aspect of racing, sanctioned or non-sanctioned, including dirt track, hot rods, drag racing (NHRA), road racing, and NASCAR. Museum galleries may 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 7, 2010. 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. 415** or Judy at 785-267-5721, ext. 3. Updated information can be found on our web sites. www.sccdistrict.com and www.kshs.org



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