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Building a Better Tomorrow



NCDEA



5th Annual KACDE Convention

I hope many of you had opportunity to attend the 5th Annual KACDE Convention. This entire week was filled with Hands-On Activities for all District Employees.

Some of the highlights for the week included outdoor activities concerning Outdoor Classrooms, building and designing man-made habitat for wildlife, teaching others to identify birds and their habitat, and how to manage and install food plots to attract wildlife native to Kentucky.

Educational sessions offered consisted of Quicken and/or QuickBooks training (taught by Linda Smith, Leslie Fourqurean, and Wanda Gilbert); and a Conservation Education Roundtable session (facilitated by Jennifer Hardwick).

That afternoon, a session on the importance of rain barrels was offered. PRIDE representatives Mark Davis and Jennifer Johnson discussed Rainbarrels, *and how to construct them!* Several attendees took those home to share in their own Districts! Reports were also given from partner agencies including KACD, the KY Division of Conservation, NRCS, and NACD. Officers from SECDEA and NCDEA also attended to report on recent activities affecting District Employees in Kentucky.

Other sessions were offered to give us new ideas and information to take back and Implement in our own Districts. As you can tell, it was a very exciting convention! Please make plans today to join us next year for this exciting training workshop!

Brian D. Hacker

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KACDE's Vision is to promote our natural resources through education and to encourage professionalism of all Conservation District Employees



5th Annual KACDE Convention Highlights

Make plans to attend the SECDEA Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN Nov. 10th - 12th See back cover for details

Tentative KACDE Board Meeting Schedule

October 24th
Caldwell County

November 10th
SECDEA Conference
8:00 PM (EST)

December 11th
Jefferson County

January 13th-14th
Jabez, KY





Awards Committee Reports

According to Ms. Wanda Gilbert, Awards Committee Chair, we have had the following nominations for Kentucky Shine Awards throughout the entire year.

Congratulations to each award winner!

October— Tom Wagner from Christian Co.

April—Jennifer Hardwick from Russell Co.

November— Shelby Kelly from Todd Co.

May—Sharon Hunt from Fleming Co.

December— Charlotte Lawson from Meade Co.

June—Sandy Gay from Lee/Owsley Co.

January— Stephanie Young from Boyd Co.

July—Terri Shaw from Franklin Co.

February— Mary Kathryn Dickerson from Boone/Kenton County

Aug—Leslie Fourqurean from Christian Co.

March—Valorie Tipton from Bourbon Co.

Sep—Shelley Isenberg from Allen Co.

Congratulations!

Make plans to join Regional Training for all District Employees.

Princeton Research Center

9:30 AM

Free Lunch included with RSVP— Email your area rep by Oct. 15th!

Kentucky Employee Choice Awards

How exciting for KACDE to have *several* nominations this year for this prestigious award! Nominees included Jeremy Atkinson, Kim Brown, Linda Russell, and Terri Shaw — all being nominated by their peers because of their valuable contributions to their local community, District, and state. Each of these KACDE Members have excelled and have now been recognized for their accomplishments.



During our Annual Convention, Wanda Gilbert (KACDE Awards Committee Chair), presented each nominee an award in recognition of their nomination. Then, a plaque was given to this years Employee Choice Award Winner — Mrs. Linda Russell, KACDE Secretary from Taylor County. Linda's application will now proceed to SECDEA where it will be considered for regional competition.

Congratulations to all nominees — but, especially to Linda Russell, the Kentucky Employee Choice Award Winner for 2009!

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Contact

Stephanie Young today!

See more information on our great fundraisers — visit our website www.kacde.org

Keep the following in your thoughts and prayers!

Cindy Badder Sandy Gay Cindy King Linda Russell
Marsha Marklin Stephanie & Ronnie Young



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SECDEA Annual Conference

November 10th - 12th, 2009

Make plans to attend the
SECDEA Annual Conference this year
in Pigeon Forge, TN!

This year we will be participating in an
Educational Tour of historic Cades Cove!

Hear from nationally known conservationist,
Chad Pregracke from Living Lands & Waters.

Haven't sent in your registration?

Haven't made reservations?



Check out the website at
<http://se.ncdea.org/Convention.htm>
or Contact Martha Newby or Brian Hacker
SECDEA Representatives

Bought those tickets yet?

What about your dues?



KACDE Governing Board

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Sandy Gay, Area 9