

*“What we learn with pleasure, we never forget.”*

“I was given that saying by a science teacher who has challenged us to make learning about the environment both fun and educational. That has become the goal of the Touchstone Energy Environmental Education Program. Thanks to our partnership with KAEE, that goal has become a reality.”

*Jeff Hohman, East Kentucky Power*

“KAEE represents the best of the Commonwealth: Kentuckians, from a wide variety of backgrounds, working together to provide effective environmental education for all our citizens. How lucky we are to have this nationally recognized organization in our state.”

*Jane Eller, Kentucky Environmental Education Council*

“Teaching about the environment is not environmental evangelism preached by fanatic environmentalists. Rather, it is a lifelong learning process about how to make wise economic and moral choices, a necessity for every citizen. KAEE and NAAEE represent alliances of individuals who believe in this process.”

*Steve Spencer, Western Kentucky University*

“Kentucky is at a crossroads on several fronts – education, the environment, and economic development. Challenges abound for Kentucky’s leaders...but webs of problems weave a rich fabric of opportunities.”

*This Uncommon Opportunity: An Environmentally Literate Kentucky, August 1989,  
Kentucky Association for Environmental Education*



*Membership in KAEE is open to anyone with an interest in education and the environment.*

*Individual and group memberships are available.*

*Individual Memberships:*

- *Professional*
- *Student*
- *Retired*
- *Life*

*Group Memberships:*

- *Family*
- *Institutional (agencies, schools, and non-profit organizations)*
- *Corporate (business and industry).*

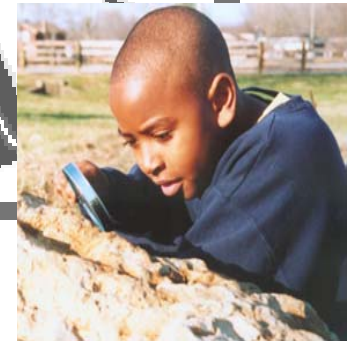
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A portion of your membership fee may be tax deductible.

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# Since 1976, the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education has worked to build a sustainable environment through education.

The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE) relies on the skills and talents of the many dedicated educators of our state to build environmental education into their curricula and programs. The educational principles that KAEE promotes were developed through the *National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education*, sponsored by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE). KAEE advocates for legislation in the Commonwealth so education about the environment will be taught in every classroom in Kentucky.



Environmental Education is learner-centered, providing students with opportunities to construct their own understanding through hands-on, minds-on investigations.



Environmental Education recognizes the importance of investigating the environment within the context of human influences, incorporating an examination of economics, culture, political structure, and social equity as well as natural processes and systems.



Environmental Education is effective education. It increases public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provides the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. Environmental Education does not advocate a particular viewpoint or course of action.

KAEE includes people from all walks of life – teachers, administrators, government and agency personnel, business and industry representatives, and private citizens. KAEE works with members and partners, such as the Kentucky Environmental Education Council, to bring sound environmental education to all citizens of the Commonwealth, both young and old. We work together because we care about education, our environment, and our future.

*"Last year, Kentucky spent millions of dollars to clean up waterways, roads and illegal dumps. Cleaning up illegal dumps alone cost taxpayers \$4.1 million in 1997...It costs much less to teach people how to prevent environmental problems than it does to clean up those problems. The costs to our health and to the quality and the beauty of the land Kentuckians cherish are harder to measure, but they are additional compelling reasons to invest in the environmental literacy of our citizens."*

*Land, Legacy and Learning: Making Education Pay for Kentucky's Environment, 1998*

## KAEE

- **Statewide Organization.** KAEE is the only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to building an environmentally literate citizenry in Kentucky.
- **Regional Network.** To provide local support, the KAEE Board of Directors strives to include two directors from each of the eight Kentucky Department of Education regions.
- **Annual Conference.** The conference features workshops, seminars, field trips, a resource fair and opportunities for learning and networking.
- **Excellence in Environmental Education Awards.** A program to recognize individuals, groups, schools, agencies and businesses that exemplify excellence in environmental education.
- **Professional Development.** Study with experts from many disciplines through special workshops and activities.
- **Newsletter and web site.** The quarterly newsletter, web site, and special alerts keep members informed about activities, programs, materials, and developments in the field of environmental education.
- **2001 Affiliate of the Year.** KAEE is an active member of the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), and was honored as Affiliate of the Year in 2001.
- **Legacy Fund.** Endowment established to secure the future of KAEE and fund special projects.