

September 2019

# SHESC Messenger

## Safari Edventure Registration Deadline September 16

No “lion,” and you can’t say we hadn’t “toad” you... Safari Edventure Day on Oct. 4 with SHESC and Rolling Hill Zoo is a fun, unique event to teach science and culture!

Better hurry, though—the registration deadline is **Sept. 16**.

Safari Edventure allows students in grades K-7 to explore the zoo and participate in hands-on workshops. This is one of five Safari Edventure days planned at the same time across the state, making it one of Kansas’s largest one-day educational efforts.

For more information and to register, visit [go.smokyhill.org/edventure](http://go.smokyhill.org/edventure) or contact Jaye Ditter at 785-656-2300 or [jditter@smokyhill.org](mailto:jditter@smokyhill.org).



## Continue the Chain Reaction With ‘Awaken the Learner’

All the transformative work with Rachel’s Challenge over the years led the program to start its own chain reaction. After conducting over 5,000 school programs, they developed *Awaken the Learner* to expand upon the Rachel’s Challenge promise. School administrators and educators repeatedly asked for their own how-to blueprint to expand upon and implement locally at their own schools because they are overwhelmed with programs that produce short-term inspiration, with no plan to maintain the mission afterwards. Leaders at Rachel’s



Challenge listened about their need for sustainable tools to change the climates and cultures of their schools, and went to work and created a **program** that is really more of a **process**.

More information is at [go.smokyhill.org/awaken](http://go.smokyhill.org/awaken).

**Darrell  
Scott,**  
co-founder  
of Rachel’s  
Challenge

9 a.m.  
Oct. 14

[go.smokyhill.org/scott](http://go.smokyhill.org/scott)

## Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

**Sept. 9 (Salina)  
Sept. 23 (Hays)  
LETRS Module 8**

**Sept. 10 (Salina)  
Sept. 11 (Hays)  
McREL Teacher Evaluation  
for Teachers**

**Sept. 10 (Salina)  
Project Based Learning I:  
An Introduction to the  
Essential Elements**

**Sept. 11 (Salina)  
Sept. 12 (Hays)  
Principal Forum**

**Sept. 12 (Salina)  
KSDE Counting KIDS  
Workshop**

**Sept. 14 or Sept. 21 (Salina)  
KSHSAA Rule 10 Coaching  
Clinic**

**Sept. 17 (Salina)  
Fall SECD Roadshow**

**Sept. 19 (Zoom)  
Scarcity Book Study**

**Sept. 26 (Hays or Salina)  
Tech Cadre**

**Sept. 26 (Salina)  
History, Government, and  
Social Studies Classroom  
Based Assessment Training**

**Sept. 26 (Hays)  
Teambuilding in the  
Classroom**

**VISIT:** [go.smokyhill.org/workshops](http://go.smokyhill.org/workshops) for more information (detailed descriptions, times and availability of college credit) and [register.smokyhill.org/register](http://register.smokyhill.org/register) to register for these events.



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## Two KSHSAA Rule 10 Coaching Clinics Coming

Two new opportunities for the Rule 10 Coaching Clinic with Tim Klein are planned for Sept. 14 and 21 in Salina.

These Saturday clinics will cover Coaching Principles in the morning, which is for rookie to veteran coaches willing to improve their programs. Sports First Aid in the afternoon is a practical class focusing on the coach as first responder.

For links to both sessions, with more details and online registration, visit <http://go.smokyhill.org/Rule10>.

## [Safe & Supportive Schools Conference](#)

The Fall 2019 Safe and Supportive Schools Conference—on Sept. 23 and 24—is co-sponsored by the Kansas Association of Education Service Agencies and the Kansas State Department of Education and is designed to assist administrators, administrative teams, teachers, counselors, technology directors, school resource officers, and other school employees with the process of implementing the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative.

Maximum 500 participants!

### **Registration and more information:**

<http://register.smokyhill.org/safe>.



*“Education is a continual process. It’s like a bicycle...If you don’t pedal, you don’t go forward.”*

*- George Weah, President of Liberia*

## [Intro. to Energy Workshop Offers Hands-On STEM Activities](#)

If you need to meet Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), provide STEM activities for students, and get kids ready for future careers, then the Intro. to Energy workshop on Nov. 7 is for you. The registration deadline is **Oct. 24**.

This workshop will introduce teachers in grades 4-12 to the science, technology, engineering, & math of energy production and use in our society. We will share a number of activities & lesson plans that are part of Trane’s BTU Crew™ curriculum, which aligns with standards for use as the introductory course for the Energy Pathway in the CTE program. Then take these classroom activities one step further by encouraging your students to compete in the regional & state KidWind Challenges and the NEED Project Youth Awards Program next spring!



Workshop participants will receive a variety of classroom activities to aid in the teaching of energy. To encourage and jumpstart classroom activities, teachers are invited to bring a small group of students, if desired, for no additional fee.

More information is at <http://go.smokyhill.org/energy>.