

August 11, 2017

Dear ECO-Meet Coach:

It's time to gear up for the 2017 Wilson Lake ECO-Meet, scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th. Please review the enclosed **Schedule of Events** for the agenda of the day. Scholarships and medals will again be awarded to the top three placing teams (\$100, \$75 & \$50) and to the top two placing individuals (\$75 & \$50) in the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem and Herpetology events in the competition. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the top overall team. The complete ECO-Meet packet is enclosed in this initial mailing.

Highlights for 2017:

1. Ten Regional ECO-Meets are scheduled to be held this year. The top three teams and top two individual winners in the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem and Herpetology events from all ten regional ECO-Meets will qualify for the state meet, to be held at a site to be determined later, on November 2nd. Scholarships in the amount of \$300/student will again be the top team prize at the State event, as well as a traveling trophy and medals. Scholarships and medals will be awarded to second (\$200) and third (\$100) place teams and the top two individual winners (\$200 & \$100) of the Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem and Herpetology test events. Information on the State event is posted on the ECO-Meet web site by late August.
2. For the Wilson Lake ECO-Meet, each school is allowed to bring a maximum of four teams. Students eligible for participation can be in grades **8-12**. **The first 28 teams to register and pay their registration fees will be assured of a space.** Spaces are available only on a first come/first served basis. We will acknowledge receipt of your registration forms and fees by telephone. After 28 teams have paid, registration will be closed. (Coaches, the sooner you send us the completed registration forms along with the registration fees, the better chance you have of being among the first 28 teams. Team roster changes can be made up to the morning of the ECO-Meet.) The registration form is included in this packet. Please mail it to Ellen Rader at the address provided before September 22nd. Please visit the web site: www.kansasecomeet.org for all the new information of 2017.
3. **The registration fee is \$5.00 per student and non-refundable.** All registration fees are deposited directly into the Wilson Lake ECO-Meet scholarship account. Remember to include tee shirt sizes for coaches and participants. Lunch will be provided by the Wilson Lake Area Association.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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