



KRPA to Co-Host Kansas Health Summit: Built Environment and the Outdoors Oct. 6-7 in Wichita

The Kansas Recreation and Park Association will partner with several state agencies, trails advocates and health organizations to host a workshop Oct. 6-7 that will focus on developing healthy lifestyles in communities and getting individuals and families better connected to outdoor opportunities.

The event will be called Kansas Health Summit: Built Environment and the Outdoors and is scheduled for Oct. 6-7 at the Wichita Hyatt Regency and Century II.

Highlighting the two-day event will be a presentation by Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*, during the evening of Oct. 6.

The event marks the second year KRPA has joined forces with other health and outdoor advocates to stage a two-day conference. Last year's workshop was called Kansas Built Environment and Trails Summit and conducted over two days in Lawrence.

This year's event will include four tracks of educational sessions: (1) Trails/Outdoors, (2) Built Environment, (3) Nutrition and (4) Policy/Planning.

Registration for the workshop will be \$50. The presentation by Richard Louv will be free to the public.

Other groups involved with planning and hosting the event include the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Health Foundation, Kansas Trails Council, Kansas Travel and Tourism, Kansas Department of Transportation, Sunflower Recreational Trails and Wichita Parks and Recreation Department.

More detailed information on the programs, speakers and availability of registration will be distributed in the near future.