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What is Konza Prairie?

Konza Prairie is an 8,600-acre tallgrass prairie preserve nestled in the Flint Hills of Kansas. It is a world-renowned biological field station dedicated to research, education and conservation of the tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Konza Prairie Biological Station is not public land. It is jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy and Kansas State University, managed by K-State's Division of Biology.

What is Friends of Konza Prairie?

Friends of Konza Prairie (FOKP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of the Konza Prairie, with emphasis on the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP). As a member, your contributions are tax-deductible.

How is my membership contribution used?

Funds from memberships and other fundraising activities are used to support the Konza Environmental Education Program, including contributing to salaries, equipment and infrastructure needs, as approved by the FOKP Board, Konza Director and KEEP Director of Education.

Pride of place

The education program at Konza Prairie works to highlight the wonders of the disappearing tallgrass prairie to the students of the Flint Hills and instill a sense of pride in their amazing environment. Your support will help develop these students into citizens that understand and appreciate the tallgrass ecosystem.

What's in it for me?

- As a member of Friends of Konza Prairie, the primary benefit is knowing you are helping to sustain the education, research and conservation missions of a world-class biological field station.
- You will receive copies of the *Bison & Bluestem* newsletter, which contains articles on happenings at Konza, insight into ongoing research and education programs, historical pieces and others.
- You will be able to join other like-minded prairie devotees at Konza for the annual meeting with barbecue potluck, the annual Cure for Cabin Fever event with tasty soups and other culinary delights, the biennial Konza Visitors' Day, and will be invited to events sponsored by the Prairie Studies Initiative and other collaborators.

Docent program

You can become a trained volunteer docent at Konza Prairie. Docents play a key role in the Konza Environmental Education Program by leading guided tours, assisting with school programs, having fun and most of all, enjoying the prairie and sharing an appreciation for the land with visitors. More than 4,000 people enjoy docent-led tours and science activities each year. For more information on the docent program, visit keep.konza.ksu.edu online, or contact the director of education at 785-587-0381 or konzaed@ksu.edu.

Want to know more?

To learn more about Konza Prairie and the Friends of Konza Prairie or to see our calendar of events, visit the KPBS website at kepbs.konza.ksu.edu or the education program website at keep.konza.ksu.edu or call 785-587-0441.

Directions to Konza Prairie

From I-70: Take exit 307. Travel 4.5 miles north on McDowell Creek Road to the main entrance at Konza Lane, on the right.

From the north: Take Highway K-177 south from Manhattan. Cross the Kansas River Bridge and take an immediate right turn onto McDowell Creek Road (Riley County Road 901). Travel 6 miles to the main entrance at Konza Lane, on the left.

How can I join Friends of Konza Prairie?

Online: Go to keep.konza.ksu.edu. Click on the Friends of Konza Prairie link. Click on the "Become a Member" link. This link can also be used to renew memberships.

By mail: Fill out the membership application on the back of this brochure and mail it to Friends of Konza Prairie, Kansas State University, Division of Biology, 116 Ackert Hall, 1717 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506-4901.

Valerie Wright Legacy Fund

The Valerie Wright Legacy Fund is an endowed reserve to provide additional support to KEEP educational programs, while honoring the initial KEEP director, Dr. Valerie Wright. To contribute to the fund online, go to found.ksu.edu/give/ValerieWright. To receive a mail-in form, call 785-587-0441.

Corporate sponsorships

By partnering with the Konza Prairie, corporations can aid students with financial assistance, receive brand recognition and demonstrate corporate responsibility by investing in longterm ecological research, education and prairie conservation. Please contact Director John Briggs at jbriggs1@ksu.edu to become a corporate sponsor.



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