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Oklahoma Schools to Celebrate Environmental Achievements at the Fourth Annual Oklahoma Green Schools Summit on September 27

Riverfield Country Day School in Tulsa will host schools from across Oklahoma at the Fourth Annual Oklahoma Green Schools Summit on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The Summit is the largest annual event focused on greening efforts in Oklahoma schools.

118 students representing 13 schools throughout Oklahoma will learn about starting a "Green Team" to make environmental improvements at their school. Riverfield Country Day School will present examples of their school's successful greening efforts. Participating schools are from Broken Arrow, Claremore, Collinsville, Jenks, Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

The Summit will include student presentations, tours of the school's vegetable gardens, compost bins, and recycling programs. Information will be provided by fifteen Oklahoma organizations with resources for schools looking to continue their greening efforts.

This year's keynote speaker is Graham Brannin with the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (M.e.t.). Mr. Brannin will discuss composting and recycling issues in Oklahoma and share information about how schools can incorporate composting and recycling programs. There will also be presentations on renewable energy sources and how trees can provide many environmental benefits to schoolyards.

The Oklahoma Green Schools program is a statewide effort to bring free environmental expertise to schools to make them greener and healthier places to learn while conserving resources and saving money. Green Schools offers hands-on, inquiry based investigations in energy, water, environmental quality, school site, waste and recycling, that turn students into school auditors and leaders. This will then inspire them to take responsibility for improving the environment in their school, home and community.

For additional information or to register, please contact Sara Ivey at 405-702-7122 or go to www.okgreenschools.org/summit. For media inquiries contact Erin Hatfield at 405-437-8468.

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