



Conservation Committee



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The KSDAR Conservation Committee is dedicated to helping advance and bring awareness to issues in conservation. We help to provide resources on how chapters in Kansas can make a difference in their communities and how everything from as small as providing a recycling bin at meetings to organizing community trash clean up days can make a difference in our world.

One of the most pressing issues in our modern day society is how to combat climate change and manage our natural resources. We must be vigilant and conscious on how we can make a difference to protect our environment, including the plants and animals that live there. If we do not take action, our future generations will not be able to enjoy the world and live in it the way we do now. Together, our actions coalesce into a greater impact and I know that as we work toward sustainability, we will all be contributing to the fight against climate change.

2019-2020 Chapter Challenge: "Sea to Shining Sea" Plastic Pollution Awareness, Beyond the Water Bottle

The NSDAR has challenged all chapters to organize local cleanups in their community in 2019. One of the main areas of focus is to clean around waterways. We have many reservoirs, creeks, and rivers in Kansas that are accessible to most all of our chapters. Here is advice from NSDAR on how to plan your chapter's clean up:

Before the cleanup:

- Pick a date and time (and a rain date just in case of bad weather)
- Get approval from local officials
- Spread the word and recruit volunteers-contact local environmental groups and create/share flyers for your event around your community
- Think logistics-create a schedule for your cleanup
- Make it fun! Bring music to play or prizes for volunteers who pick up the most litter

Supplies you'll need:

- Gloves
- Water cooler (for hot days) -fill up at location if possible or remind volunteers to bring reusable water bottles
- Plenty of bags for trash-biodegradable or recycled plastic bags preferred
- Camera

Following the cleanup:

- Document your hard work with photos and notes, great material for the CMR
- Discard trash - Recycle what you can!

Send pictures and a brief report of hours to me at: kschneck1418@gmail.com

DAR Conservation Award



The NSDAR Conservation Medal can be given by any chapter or state organization to a non-DAR member who exemplifies the mission of conservation. Qualification for this award can include, “efforts in wildlife and nature centers; resource management; park establishment; youth leadership; conservation related media; and education on the college, high school, junior high school, middle school, or elementary school level.” Is there someone in your community who you believe qualifies for this? If so, please follow the

steps to nominate them! If you would like assistance in making sure the paperwork is correct, please contact me. This award can be given at any time during the year. Please find the required forms on the DAR website: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/conservation/nsdar-conservation-medal>

Important Conservation Dates

World Water Monitoring Day: September 18, 2019

National Green Week: First week of February, 2020

World Wetlands Day: February 2, 2020

World Wildlife Day: March 3, 2020

Global Recycling Day: March 18, 2020

*Earth Day: April 22, 2020

*Arbor Day: April 24, 2020

*These two events are recognized by the DAR and it is suggested they be observed
