



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 3, 2009

CONTACT INFORMATION
Jennifer Shuey
Executive Director
ClearWater Conservancy
2555 North Atherton Street
State College, PA 16803
(814) 237-0400
jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.com

888 Students Learn About the Environment at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center through ClearWater Conservancy's Spring 2009 "Connections" Program

ClearWater Conservancy awarded over \$7,800 in funding to 15 local schools for spring 2009 field trips to Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, the most the program has awarded in a single semester since the project's inception.

Award recipients include: first graders from Mountain Top, Wingate, and Port Matilda Elementary Schools and fourth graders from the Mountain Top Elementary School in the Bald Eagle School District, the Penns Valley seventh grade, the Bellefonte Middle School sixth grade, fourth graders from the Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, Benner, and Marion-Walker Elementary Schools, first graders from Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Kindergarten and first graders from the State College Friends School, fifth and sixth graders from the Nittany Valley Charter School, Kindergarten through 5th graders from the Kinder Care Learning Center, Kindergarten through sixth graders at Abba's House Daycare.

Altogether, 888 children will have the opportunity to learn about their local environment through ClearWater's long-standing "Students~Communities~Streams~Connections" program, which pays the \$6 per student fee at the Nature Center and the costs of transporting the children to and from the field trip.

Ed Koba, a 7th grade Science Teacher for the Penns Valley Area School District was thankful for the funding from ClearWater Conservancy. "This field trip is going to be so great for the kids. Due to budget cuts, it is the only trip we can take them on this year, so we really appreciate it."

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center offers a variety of programs, events, and activities to the community, in addition to leading school groups through educational field trips. Learn more at www.MyMillbrookMarsh.org.

Thanks to The Hershey Company, the Dominion Foundation, State of the Art, the State College Women's Club, the State College Kiwanis, and the Nittany Valley Lions Club for contributing to the spring field trips, so far.

If you or your business would like to contribute towards this exceptional program, please send your contributions to ClearWater Conservancy, 2555 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803. Please note Connections in the memo line. For a contribution of \$275, you can "adopt" a classroom. Or choose a multiple of \$275, and increase the number of students that you can reach in this meaningful way. When you see their faces on these field trips, you know that this is an experience they will remember for a lifetime.

To become a member of ClearWater Conservancy, people can visit http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org/CWC%20files/Individual_Family%20Membership%20Form.pdf.

###

ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. is a Centre County based land trust and natural resource conservation organization formed in 1980. Our mission is to promote conservation and restoration of natural resources in central Pennsylvania through land conservation, water resource protection and environmental outreach to the community.