

Making Connections...

Since 1997, ClearWater Conservancy has been providing students in schools throughout Centre County with the opportunity for hands-on learning through outdoor watershed education. Each year, between 1,000 and 1,500 students have visited places like Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, Bald Eagle State Park, and Fisherman's Paradise for a day packed with information and fun.

This program grew out of the Spring Creek Watershed Community's goal of increasing public awareness of watershed issues through education and communication. By reaching out to the younger generation, we hope to instill a conservation ethic and inspire children to share what they learn with parents and friends. Please encourage them to share their newfound knowledge!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Connections field trips are made possible by the ClearWater Conservancy through grants from foundations, local businesses and civic groups, and other grantors.
- Because of its high-quality environmental education programs, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center was chosen by ClearWater Conservancy for the location of Connections student field trips.
- Current Millbrook Marsh programs for Kindergarten, Primary (grades 1 and 2), and Intermediate (grades 3 and 4) meet applicable PA Academic Standards for Environment and Ecology.
- Funding applications will be evaluated by Jennifer Shuey, ClearWater Conservancy Executive Director and Molly Hetrick, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Recreation Supervisor.
- Eligible expenses include Millbrook Marsh Nature Center program fees, transportation costs, and environmental education materials.



Students Communities Streams Connections

Outdoor Environmental
Education for Students
in Centre County



Project Overview



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Volunteers are always welcome!

Application deadlines: the second Friday in September for fall field trips and the third Friday in February for spring field trips

Call Jennifer Shuey at (814) 237-0400 or email jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org for an application packet today!

Application Process

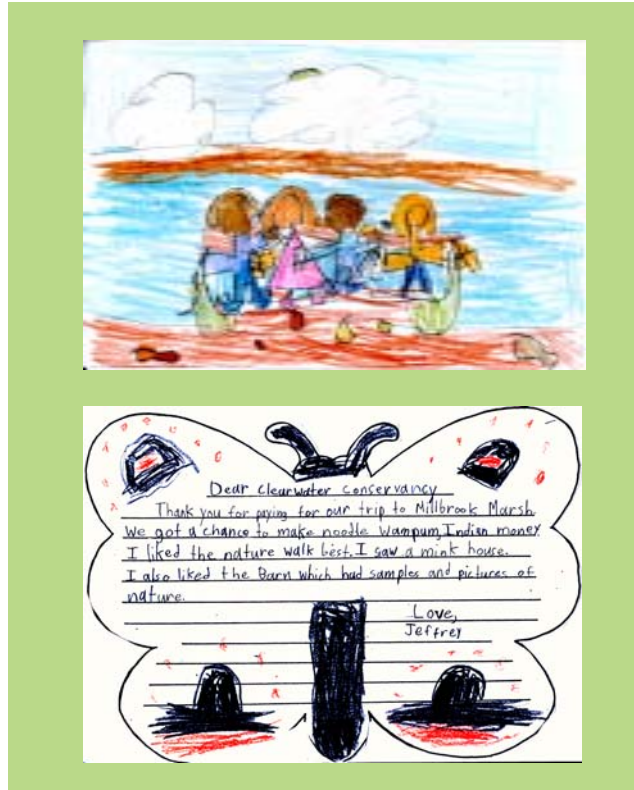
Grant funding for field trips to the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center is available in both spring and fall. Nature Center program fees, bus transportation, and environmental education materials are all eligible for funding through the Connections program.

The Connections program is targeted to the five Centre County school districts--Bald Eagle, Bellefonte, Penns Valley, Philipsburg, and State College--as well as charter and private schools in Centre County. However, other schools beyond Centre County may also apply for funding.

A simple, two-page application and a post-field trip feedback form are available from ClearWater Conservancy by contacting Jennifer Shuey. The application deadline for fall is the second Friday of September and for spring is the third Friday of February. Grant recipients will be announced as soon as possible after the application deadline.

Upon confirmation, teachers may schedule field trips directly with Molly Hetrick, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Recreation Supervisor at mhetrick@crcog.net. The Nature Center is located at 614 Puddintown Road, State College, PA. For more information about the facility, visit <http://www.crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html>.

To receive the awarded funding disbursement, teachers must submit the feedback form and all applicable invoices to ClearWater Conservancy following field trip completion.



Although grant funding is integral to this program, ClearWater Conservancy is a membership-based organization that relies on financial support from the community. Please consider joining us as a member. Visit our website to find out more about our other land conservation, watershed stewardship, and environmental outreach initiatives.

Everyone working together
to conserve natural beauty and the environment
in the heart of Pennsylvania...
that is ClearWater's vision.
Thank you for your support!

Program Praise

"...The program funding has been instrumental in providing this outdoor experience for the State College Area School District elementary children. We have worked with Molly Hetrick, the program coordinator at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, to structure a program to address the PA Academic standards for Environment and Ecology.

My goal is to have Kindergarten children visit Millbrook every year in conjunction with their study of plants in the spring, primary children (grades 1 and 2) visit in the spring with their study of plants and animals and intermediate children (grades 3 and 4) visit in the fall to explore Integrated Pest Management in a marsh environment. With current budget constraints, we will have to rely heavily on money obtained from outside sources to meet this goal."

~ Susan Younkin, Coordinator
Elementary Mathematics and Science
State College Area School District

"Learning in an outdoor environment is great, and the students engaged with the teachers enthusiastically. The nature walk through the marsh was filled with interesting facts, and the students especially enjoyed examining the living things that came from the stream."

~ Anne Houck, Teacher
Mountaintop Elementary School, Snow Shoe



I want to invest...

ClearWater Conservancy Membership

If you or someone you know would like to become a ClearWater member, please fill out the form below and mail to: ClearWater Conservancy, 2555 North Atherton Street, State College, PA, 16803.

Individual/Family	Business/Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Steward \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Visionary \$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Leader \$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Steward \$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Patron \$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$100

A Life Membership option is also available. Call to find out more.

Name/Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Contact person _____

Payment: Check (made payable to ClearWater Conservancy)
 MasterCard Visa

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____
 Name (as it appears on card) _____
 Signature _____

I would like to become a ClearWater volunteer

Contributions may also be made to the Donald W. Hamer Land Conservation Fund. Contributions to the fund honor this past president's conservation vision and are used solely to support ClearWater Conservancy's land trust activities.

The ClearWater Conservancy Fund of the Centre County Community Foundation is another available avenue to support our conservation mission. By contributing to ClearWater's endowment, donors make a lasting difference for Centre County's environment. Visit www.centrecountycf.org to learn more.