



## **Press Release**

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### **Camp Kestrel Receives Wildlife Council Certification** **Next Camp set Feb. 10; Birdhouse building, wildlife presentations featured**

**Taylor, Pa., Jan. 3, 2007** – Alliance Landfill's Camp Kestrel – which received the Wildlife Habitat Council's Corporate Lands for Learning (CLL) certification in 2006 – will show children how to improve wildlife habitat, conserve resources, and become better recyclers on Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

The camp is presented free of charge and recommended for children 8 years old and older. Reservations are limited and required. Additional information and reservations are available by contacting 562-1600 ext. 244.

Camp Kestrel earned the Council's CLL certification based on how successfully it has provided environmental education programs to the community. About 900 children and their scout leaders, parents and chaperones have participated in Alliance's Camp Kestrel presentations, and received more than 2,300 environmental learning hours, since the program was launched three years ago.

In 2005 Camp Kestrel received a Pennsylvania Waste Watchers Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Education from the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania.

The February camp will use a number of presentations and hands-on exercises to familiarize children with local habitat issues, how they can improve wildlife habitat, and how they can become better recyclers. The program will include a habitat workshop led by Dr. Jerry Skinner, who has taught biology at Keystone College for 27 years. Hope Anwyll and Tom Nelson of the Pennsylvania Raptor & Wildlife Association, Mount Bethel, will use the association's bald eagle, Colonel Morgan, turkey vulture, Harris hawk, barred owl and other live animals to discuss how human activities affect these animals' habitats.

Each camper will help build a songbird house. Some of the birdhouses will be installed at the landfill to improve songbird habitat while others will be made available for placement at scouts camps and office parks. Campers also will take a tour of the landfill where they will learn more about the facility's effort to improve wildlife habitat, its Community Landscape Project, ISO 14001 and Wildlife Habitat Council certification, and the advanced monitoring and technology that is involved in operating the landfill.

To help the campers learn more about recycling, composting and resource conservation, campers will participate in a low-litter lunch that will minimize waste through composting and recycling.