

# "Go Green Leadership Week"



*For High School students entering grades 9-12*

*Conservancy Eco-Adventure Camp August 1-5, 2011; Alvernia College & Angelica Creek Park*



Based upon the *State of the Environment Report* in Berks study in 2009 and updated community priorities issue from 2010; "Go Green Leadership week" will introduce High School students to indicators about land, water, waste, air and energy in their own Berks County communities and how they can be a part of the conversation and action to help things improve. (See both reports at [www.greenberks.com](http://www.greenberks.com))



*This is a camp that has something for everyone* –hands on outdoor science, communication, debate, research, geography, mapping, technology, and sustainable agriculture, a mix of outdoor hands on experiences, arts and crafts and creative energy. Students do not have to be science oriented. This session is perfect for students who think of themselves as leaders or potential leaders and would like to learn more about what conservation and environmental needs Berks County (and beyond) has and how they might as citizens, address those issues.

## Students will:

- Learn about community character, civic responsibility and the conservation of natural resources.
- Investigate through Geographic Information Science (GIS) and maps, the geography of Berks County, top conservation areas and the efforts that are underway to preserve those special places.
- Will learn about water resources in Berks County and the issues facing our water quality. They will participate in activities to study, test and conserve water.
- Learn about sustainable agriculture and our "foodshed" and the importance of buying local; including, environmental implications on local farming and our food supply.
- Learn the skills needed to put together a presentation to a governing body such as a school board or municipal officials regarding an environmentally friendly project they would like to advocate for. (ie: trail around the school, a more comprehensive recycling program in their community).
- Work together to design a service project (s) that can be implemented in their community or school.
- Participate in a "mock public meeting" to advance their idea among "community members".
- Learn how land use decisions are made in Pennsylvania and Berks County and experience activities on zoning and conservation sensitive development.
- Experience nature.
- Enjoy the support of the Conservancy and other partners throughout the year for the implementation of their eco-friendly projects if appropriate.
- Have fun, make new friends and learn to advocate for our environment!



*Visit [www.ecoadventurecamp.com](http://www.ecoadventurecamp.com) to learn more and register.*

*Visit us on April 3 and/or May 22 for Open House at Alvernia University Upland Center; 2-4 p.m.*