



# EnviroKids' Club

Winter 2007

**EnviroKids' Club** is a way for you to team up with other kids in Spokane County -- exploring all aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage & recycling, plants & animals, and you & your environment. Check out: [http://www.scapca.org/clean\\_air\\_kids\\_club.asp](http://www.scapca.org/clean_air_kids_club.asp)



**EnviroKids' Club** members will receive an activity in the mail four times a year. Complete the activity, and return it to the Club Headquarters (address and Registration Form below) and you will earn points towards a special prize. Information about the new point system and the prizes will be sent in the spring.

The **EnviroKids' Club** is for children in grades K-6, who live in Spokane County. **EnviroKids'** is a program of the American Lung Association of Washington, Gonzaga Environmental Outreach, National Weather Service (NWS), Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority (SCAPCA), Spokane County Water Resources, Spokane Regional Solid Waste System, WA Dept. of Ecology, and West Valley Outdoor Learning Center. **EnviroKids' Club** is an expansion of SCAPCA's former **Clean Air Kids' Club**.

## Now let's learn a little more about some of the topics you will be exploring.....

**A**ir isn't something that you may think about all of the time. But air is a precious resource. Did you know that you can live about 3 weeks without food, 3 days without water, but only 3 minutes without air! Kids club members will explore what air is, what makes it dirty, and things you can do to help keep it clean.

**G**arbage & Recycling - There is no such thing as throwing garbage away...each of us makes about 5 pounds of it everyday. You can help to have less by remembering the **3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**



**P**lants & Animals share the Earth with humans. With the Kids Club activities, we'll explore the forests, mountains, oceans and cities where different plants and animals live.

**W**ater - We assume water will come out of the faucet every time we turn it on. What if no water flowed out of the faucet or it was really dirty? We need clean water to live and we like clean water for playing - swimming, squirt guns, and running through sprinklers. We need to make sure we do things to protect our water.

**W**eather is always changing, and it affects our lives every day. Whether it be snow, rain or shine, weather determines what we wear, how we get to school, and how we spend our time outdoors.



**Y**ou & Your Environment - Learn how the environment affects your health, your community, and what you can do to make Spokane County a great place to live and play!

COMPLETE the information below and activity on the back of this page, and mail to Club Headquarters, Spokane County Air Pollution Control Authority, 1101 W. College, #403, Spokane, WA 99201, by March 1, 2007, and you'll start earning EnviroKids' points towards a neat **EnviroKids'** prize!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to participate in **EnviroKids' Club** activities & to have name/picture used in ads.

Parent Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Winter Weather & Air Quality

Did you know that weather can help make our air clean? Light winds, and precipitation (rain, snow) help disperse air pollution. But, weather can also help make our air dirty by causing the buildup of air pollutants? Have fun finding the winter weather and air quality words in this word search.



A M W O Q Z I N S N C L E A N A I R E L  
 D Y R L B H U N G O Q J Z K H I T T S Z  
 C S X O M S O Z B I H T O Q B H T V F T  
 W G E T T W S P P S Y R D C O W T W Q Q  
 U Z Y E F S X M Z R P F G E G Z R I T Z  
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 N K K J A A A J Q N S X B Q E O L R L J  
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 P E D U Y D L Y D Q C B O D P H C O C D  
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AIR  
 BLIZZARD  
 CALM  
 CLEAN AIR  
 CLEAR  
 CLOUD  
 COLD  
 FREEZE  
 FROST  
 HAIL  
 ICE  
 INVERSION  
 POLLUTION  
 SLEET  
 SNOW  
 SNOWFLAKE  
 STORM  
 WIND  
 WOODSMOKE



## Recycling Diary

For one week, keep track of the items your family recycles in the blue bin:



	Tally	Final #
Old Newspaper	_____	_____
Magazines	_____	_____
Corrugated Boxes & Brown Paper Bags	_____	_____
Telephone Books	_____	_____
Glass Bottles	_____	_____
Aluminum Cans	_____	_____
Steel or Tin Cans	_____	_____
Plastic  Bottles 	_____	_____
Batteries/Cell Phone	_____	_____
List anything else you recycle:		

## Winter Bird Count

Help the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center count how many House Finches and House Sparrows are in our area this winter. With this information we can help biologists understand how bird populations have changed over time. The information will also help with conservation efforts. Put some bird seed out in your backyard, or go for a walk in the park, and count the birds.

### House Sparrow



1. How many did you see? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Were they flying, perched or on the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Viewers name and date: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address where sighted: \_\_\_\_\_

### House Finch



1. How many did you see? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Were they flying, perched or on the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Viewers name and date: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address where sighted: \_\_\_\_\_