



Greene County 2008 Envirothon

Press Release

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This year marks the 21st annual Greene County Envirothon. An environmental challenge of knowledge between the five area school districts. A total of fourteen teams participated in this year's Envirothon held at Ryerson State Park on May 8, 2008. This contest consists of 5 stations that test the teams on their knowledge of environmental issues and test students on habitat, management principles and identification in each topic. The 5 topics this year were: Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils and Land Use, Forestry, and the special topic: "Recreational Impacts on the Environment". The competition consists of various means of testing the student's knowledge and understanding of their environment.

Carmichaels Team 1- Katrina Lawrence, Lindsay Triola, Ethan Virgili, Jonathan Zack and Joseph Lapkowicz and their advisor Kevin Willis took 1st place this year at the county competition and now will move on to the state competition. Carmichaels team 1 won the competition with 405 out of 500 points total. The 25th Pennsylvania State Envirothon will take place on May 19th and 20th at the Pennsylvania State University, Centre County. Sixty-five teams of high school students are expected to compete at this year's event.

This year's Envirothon was sponsored by a grant received from the Community Foundation of Greene County PA which was funded by Consol Energy. The event is organized each year by the Greene County Conservation District. This year the Conservation District was able to secure funds to award the competition winners each with a college scholarship of \$500 to each team member. The Conservation District would like to thank Foundation Coal for their donation to make this scholarship possible for the students. The Greene County Conservation District would like to thank everyone who participated and made this a successful event and "Good Luck" to the team as they advance to the state competition.

Participants were as follows:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Susan Funka-Petery Department of Retired employee of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, Bill Wentzell
- PA Fish and Boat Commission, Tom Crist, WCO
- PA Game Commission, Rodney Burns, WCO - Randy Crago and Joe Stefko

- Dept of Environmental Protection, Chuck Kubasik
- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks, Ryerson Station State Park, Alan Johnson and staff.

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CARMICHAELS TEAM 1 – First Place



First Place Team: (Left to Right): Tom Headlee, Greene County Conservation District Board Member; Jonathan Zack, Joseph Lapkowicz, Ethan Virgili, Lindsay Triola, Katrina Lawrence Michelle Anderson, Foundation Coal Representative; and Kevin Willis, Team Advisor (Back)

CARMICHAELS TEAM 2 – Second Place



Second Place Team: (Left to Right) Lucas Cumpston, Nathan Roberts, Christine Broadwater, Robert Kowalewski, Jonathan Nighswander. (Back Row) Tom Headlee and Kevin Willis

CARMICHAELS TEAM 3 – Third Place



Third Place Team: (Left to Right) Justin Maurin, Travis Prodan, Marcus Tennant, Shana Huseman, Kody Decker. (Back Row) Tom Headlee and Kevin Willis