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PA Envirothon held at Susquehanna University, Shikellamy State Park



Sixty-five teams involving approximately 300 students representing sixty-five counties and their schools in Pennsylvania participated at the annual Pennsylvania Envirothon in the central Susquehanna Valley for two days in May 2011.

This year's Envirothon was held at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA and the Shikellamy State Park Overlook near Northumberland, PA on May 24 and 25, 2011. The PA Envirothon tests each team's knowledge on various environmental topics and current issues. This year's current issue topic was estuaries.

In order to participate in the PA Envirothon, teams made up of three to five high school students participated in local Envirothons sponsored by conservation districts throughout the state. Only the top team in each participating county advances to the PA Envirothon.

On May 24, teams gave oral presentations about estuaries at Susquehanna. The next day, all the teams traveled to the Shikellamy State Park Outlook to test their skills and knowledge on wildlife, forestry, aquatics, soils and current issues.

This year's state winning team comes from Penncrest High School in Delaware County. They advance and compete against other U.S. state and Canadian provincial winners at the Canon Envirothon on July 24 - July 29, 2011, at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. (A team from Selinsgrove Area High School represented Snyder County at the PA Envirothon this year.)

The 2012 PA Envirothon and the 2011 Canon Envirothon will be held at Susquehanna University.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help with these local, state or international educational events, contact your local conservation district office. Below are websites links for the following:

PA Envirothon: <http://www.envirothonpa.org>

Canon Envirothon: <http://www.envirothon.org>

Special thanks goes out to various sponsors and businesses who gave donations, as well as cooperating state and federal agencies and conservation district staffs who helped out with this year's PA Envirothon.

From the PA Envirothon Mission Statement: The Envirothon at the local, state and national level educates high school students in natural resource and environmental sciences since its local contest in 1979. The program emphasizes the importance of environmental sensitivity while stressing a need to achieve a social, ecologic and economic balance in life. The learning objectives emphasize awareness, knowledge, attitudes and application. The Envirothon provides future generations with the ability to be better equipped to address the complex natural resource concerns facing today's world as well as the challenges of tomorrow.

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