

2018 PA Envirothon held at Susquehanna University & Camp Mt. Luther



Sixty-four (64) teams involving 320 students representing their counties and their schools in Pennsylvania participated at the annual Pennsylvania Envirothon in central Pennsylvania for two days in May 2016.

This year's Envirothon was held at the campus of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove and Camp Mt. Luther west of Mifflinburg on May 22 and 23, 2016. The PA Envirothon tests each team's knowledge on various environmental topics and a current issues topic. This year's current issue topic was is rangelands, grasslands and pastures.

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

On the first day, teams gave oral presentations regarding this year's current issue. The next day, all the teams tested their skills and knowledge on wildlife, forestry, aquatics, soils and rangelands/grasslands/pastures.

This year's state winning team comes from Carmichaels Area High School located in Carmichaels, Green County. The team advances and will compete against other U.S. state and Canadian provincial winners in the NCF-Envirothon on July 22 - 28, at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, USA.

A team from Selinsgrove Area High School represented Snyder County and placed forty-sixth overall.



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:

Columbia County Conservation District: 570-784-1310, x102

Montour County Conservation District: 570-271-1140

Northumberland County Conservation District: 570-495-4665

Snyder County Conservation District: 570-837-3000

Union County Conservation District: 570-524-3860

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

North American 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 Pennsylvania Envirothon educates high school students in natural resource and environmental sciences. 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 Pennsylvania 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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