

### **Middle School Students Learn about Environment at Local Envirothon**

Thirty (30) teams involving 144 students from various schools in Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia Counties participated at the annual Susquehanna Valley Middle School Envirothon on May 14, 2019. The event, geared towards 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, is a combination outdoor learning experience and a friendly contest of environmental knowledge.

This year's Envirothon was held at the Montour Preserve near Danville and Washingtonville, PA. Participating students learned about and were tested on the following issues: wildlife, forestry, aquatics and soils.

A team from Mifflinburg Area Middle School placed first this year. One of four teams from Selinsgrove Area Middle School placed second overall and placed first in forestry. The top Selinsgrove team consisted of McKenna Parker, Sarah Leason, Ade Leason, Aubryanna Zettlemoyer and Ben Malehorn. (A picture of all Selinsgrove Middle School participants is shown below.) The advisors and staff from the middle school were Amanda Witmer, Niki Sassaman, Jake Stiefel and Jill Raymond.



If you would like more information about or would like to volunteer to help with our local middle school and/or high school Envirothons, state or international educational events, contact your local conservation district office or check these websites listed below:

Columbia County Conservation District: 570-784-1310/570-317-9456

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>

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