

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2010 Pennsylvania State Envirothon Results**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania State Envirothon was held at PPL Montour Preserve, Danville, Montour County on Wednesday, May 26. High school students from 66 Pennsylvania counties participated in this year's event.

The Envirothon is designed to give students an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate their knowledge of environmental resources and their connection to each other and human activities. The students are challenged in the areas of soil / land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. The 2010 current environmental issue was protection of groundwater through urban, agricultural, and environmental planning.

Teams participating represent the best and the brightest of the thousands of high school teens who have competed in county Envirothon competitions sponsored by conservation districts across the state. At the state level, the Envirothon is sponsored by Pennsylvania's sixty-six conservation districts, the State Conservation Commission, and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. The program is managed by a board of directors representing those sponsors. Technical expertise is provided by the following agency partners: PA Department of Environmental Protection, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Game Commission, PA Fish & Boat Commission, and the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service. Financial sponsors of the 2010 Envirothon are EXCO Resources, Air Products Foundation, PPL Corporation, Nestle Water North America, Bayer HealthCare, Canon Envirothon, The Hershey Company, PA Fish and Boat Commission, Woodstream Corporation, Don Baker Family, PA Trapper's Association, PA Outdoor Writers Association, and the PA Growing Greener Program. The Hershey Company, Dwight Lewis Lumber, Lewis Lumber Products, and Cargill are "Corporate Station Sponsors."

The 2010 Pennsylvania Envirothon champions will represent the Commonwealth at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Canon Envirothon North American competition planned for August 1 - 6 at California State University, Fresno. Pennsylvania has won the North American event in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2009. More than 46 states and eight Canadian provinces have initiated Envirothon contests based on the program that was originally developed by Pennsylvania's conservation districts.

The 2010 Pennsylvania State Envirothon champions, scoring 474 points of a possible 500, are from Penncrest High School located in Delaware County. The Delaware County team earned the

honor to represent Pennsylvania at the Canon Envirothon being held at California State University, Fresno in August.

Top 10 winners, with scores include:

Second Place – Carmichaels Area High School, Greene County, with a score of 441;

Third Place – North East High School, Erie County, with a score of 433;

Fourth Place – Warren Area High School, Warren County, with a score of 430;

Fifth Place – Homeschoolers, York County, with a score of 426;

Sixth Place – Blue Mountain High School, Schuylkill County, with a score of 415;

Seventh Place – Emmaus High School, Lehigh County, with a score of 406;

Eighth Place – Oley Valley High School, Berks County, with a score of 404;

Ninth Place – Bald Eagle Area High School, Centre County, with a score of 395;

Tenth Place – Littlestown High School, Adams County, with a score of 395.

The Pennsylvania Envirothon awarded scholarships to the first, second, and third place teams. The scholarships were sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the State Conservation Commission. Each of the top ten teams received a plaque and other prizes.

For more information on the Envirothon program, contact your county conservation district or contact the Pennsylvania Envirothon by phone (814) 623-7900 ext. 111, Email [paenvirothon@pennswoods.net](mailto:paenvirothon@pennswoods.net), or visit the website at [www.envirothonpa.org](http://www.envirothonpa.org).

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