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## **Pennsylvania Envirothon Draws Hundreds of High School Students to State Competition on May 24 and 25**

More than 300 students and teacher-coaches from Pennsylvania's 67 counties are converging on the Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove and Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg to utilize their year-long "Envirothon" experience to vie for the championship title at the Pennsylvania Envirothon.

- WHO:** 67 five-member teams of high school aged students and teachers-coaches  
Envirothon organizers and volunteers
- WHERE:** Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania (May 24)  
Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania (May 25)
- WHAT:** Pennsylvania Envirothon State Competition
- WHEN:** May 24 and 25, 2016

During the two-day competition, teams accept the natural challenge and participate in a series of field-oriented tests that focus on soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current environmental issue. Teams also prepare and deliver oral presentations to panels of judges who evaluate each team on its problem-solving capabilities and presentation skills to help solve the specific environmental challenge posed during the competition. Students compete for a share of more than \$10,000 in educational scholarships and the honor to represent Pennsylvania at the NCF-Envirothon, North America's largest high school natural resource education competition.

While the teams are competing, the teacher-coaches learn more about energy ideas, specifically relating to natural gas, and in turn, help their students understand where energy comes from and how we use energy in everything we do.

Collaborating Pennsylvania agencies include the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Fish and Boat Commission, Game Commission, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Association of Conservation Districts, and State Conservation Commission. Other sponsors and partners include Shell Oil, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Weis, PPL, Southwestern Energy, Chief Oil & Gas, EQT Foundation, Pennsylvania Sea Grant, and NCF-Envirothon.

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