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Local high school students take top honors at 24th annual Massachusetts Envirothon

CARLISLE, Mass. (May 12, 2011) -- Some 250 Bay State high school students from nearly 40 public and private schools and youth organizations across the commonwealth demonstrated their environmental knowledge as they competed in the 24th annual Massachusetts Envirothon at Great Brook Farm State Park in Carlisle, Mass.

At the outdoor field competition event, teams of five students rotated through four “ecostations” where they answered written questions by performing hands-on activities such as soil analysis, wildlife habitat assessment, tree measurement, and identification of water insects.

Each team also gave a presentation on their research into this year’s designated current environmental issue, “**Wetland Protection**,” before a panel of judges that included environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit organizations, academia and private industry.

This year’s winners are:

Overall Score

1st Place Lexington High School
2nd Place Monson Environmental Action Team
3rd Place Southeastern Regional High School

Forests Ecostation

1st Place Lexington High School
2nd Place Pioneer Valley Regional School
3rd Place Newton North High School
4th Place Quabbin Regional
5th Place Southeastern Regional

Soils Ecostation

1st Place Lexington High School
2nd Place Monson Environmental Action Team
3rd Place Bristol County Agricultural High School
4th Place Weston High School/Land’s Sake
5th Place (tie) Southeastern Regional High School
Old Rochester Regional High School
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

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Water Ecostation

- 1st Place Lexington High School
- 2nd Place Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical School
- 3rd Place Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
- 4th Place Tantasqua Regional High School
- 5th Place Bristol County Agricultural High School

Wildlife Ecostation

- 1st Place Monson Environmental Action Team
- 2nd Place Lexington High School
- 3rd Place Bristol County Agricultural High School
- 4th Place Tantasqua Regional High School
- 5th Place Pioneer Valley Regional School

Wetlands Protection Presentation

- 1st Place Quabbin Regional
- 2nd Place David Prouty High School
- 3rd Place Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
- 4th Place Lexington High School
- 5th Place Monson Environmental Action Team

Teams prepare for the Massachusetts Envirothon throughout the year through field study, community investigations, and workshops. Teams can earn Community Research and Community Action awards by documenting their hard work. The winning team will have the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in the Canon Envirothon, the North American competition. For more information on the Massachusetts Envirothon visit www.maenvirothon.org.

The 2011 Massachusetts Envirothon was made possible through the contributions of partnering agencies and organizations, including financial support from the U.S. Forest Service, the Environmental Business Council of New England, and area land trusts and conservation districts.

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