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"Inspiring Environmental Stewardship in Michigan's High School Students"

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Lake Orion High School Team Wins Michigan Envirothon

A team of students from Lake Orion High School won the Michigan Envirothon state competition held May 14 and 15 at Michigan State University. The team will now represent Michigan at the North American Canon Envirothon held this year in Asheville, North Carolina in August.

The Lake Orion team finished first among 23 teams from across the state that competed against each other on their knowledge and skills of conservation topics. Finishing second in the competition was the FFA Team from Webberville High School followed by a team from Glen Lake High School.

In addition to representing Michigan at the Canon North American Envirothon at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, each winning team member received a \$2,500 scholarship to MSU. The team members include Colin Freeman, Shane Freeman, Adam Gleason, Jake Gleason, Brad James and Tyler Walton.

During the competition on the MSU campus, teams were tested in an outdoors, hands-on setting, on seven conservation topics including, aquatic ecology, energy, forestry, soils/geology, sustainable agriculture, wildlife and recreational impacts on natural resources. Each team also completed a community outreach project prior to the competition that addressed a natural resources concern in their community.

The team from Lake Orion High School, whose team name was Phragadocious, addressed invasive species for their community outreach project. In particular they studied invasive species encroaching their school's tennis courts.

Michigan Envirothon is a non-profit entity administered by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts. High school students from anywhere in Michigan are eligible to compete. For more information about Michigan Envirothon go to www.michiganenvirothon.org or call the Michigan Envirothon coordinator at (517) 324-4421.