



Michigan Envirothon

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

MSU Offers Scholarships to Top Envirothon Finishers

EAST LANSING, Jan. 22, 2010 – Members of the top three finishing teams at this year's Michigan Envirothon will receive scholarships to Michigan State University.

"For the second year Michigan State University is offering scholarships to the top finishers at Michigan Envirothon. We are thrilled that these students will have this incentive to continue their education at MSU," said Lori Phalen, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts.

All high school students in Michigan are eligible to compete in the Michigan Envirothon in which teams of five students compete to test their knowledge in selected environmental topics. Students participate in a regional and state competition with the top finishing team advancing to the Canon North American Envirothon. This year's state competition will be held at the Leelanau Outdoor Center in Maple City on May 13 and 14.

MSU will provide one-year scholarships to each member of the top three finishing teams at the state competition. Members of the first-place team will receive \$2,500 scholarships, the second-place team members will receive \$1,500 scholarships and \$500 scholarships will be awarded to members of the third-place team.

Prior to competing in regional competitions, teams will receive training from conservation professionals from government, private and educational organizations. They will then compete in outdoor competitions that feature hands-on learning activities.

To participate in the Michigan Envirothon, students form teams of up to five members and have a teacher or another adult agree to serve as a team advisor. Team registrations will be accepted until Feb. 12, 2010.

The Michigan Envirothon was established in 1994. In 2009, 31 teams, including 180 students, participated in the competition. For more information about the Michigan Envirothon including registration materials call the Michigan Envirothon coordinator by phone at (517) 324-4421, by e-mail at mienvirothon@macd.org or visit www.macd.org/envirothon.html