

North Dundas District High School Wins 2006 S.D. & G. Regional Envirothon Competition!

This past Friday, seven teams from six local schools came together to compete for the 2006 Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regional Envirothon title. North Dundas District High School entered two teams into the competition and ended up winning first and second place! Cornwall Collegiate Vocational School's team won a very close third place.

S.D.&G. Envirothon is organized by the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences with support from the S.D.&G. Resource Stewardship Council, and the Ontario Forestry Association, among others. It is a hands-on, environmental education program for high school students designed to complement the Ontario school curriculum while promoting teamwork, problem solving skills, and general environmental knowledge.

Participants of Envirothon were able to increase their environmental expertise by attending regional workshops held throughout the 2005-2006 school year. Workshops were presented by local experts on topics including forestry, soils, wildlife and aquatics.

After all workshops were presented, students competed as school teams in the SD&G regional competition held at Cooper Marsh in South Lancaster. The competition challenged the students by testing their skills on species identification, use of various sampling equipment, as well as other environmental knowledge relating to forestry, soils, wildlife, and aquatics.

The teams also had a chance to present their solutions to a case study which highlighted this year's theme: "Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate". All presentations were evaluated by an expert panel with backgrounds in environmental issues and practices.

North Dundas District High School will represent the S.D.&G. region at the Provincial Envirothon competition held in Sudbury, Ontario next week.

Congratulations to North Dundas District High School and good luck at the provincials!

The River Institute was established in 1994 as a unique community partnership involving government, education, business and industry, and the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Its mandate is environmental research and education with a focus on the Great Lakes / St. Lawrence River ecosystem. It has earned an international reputation for its fresh water ecosystem research projects.

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