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20th ANNUAL MANITOBA ENVIROTHON WINNERS

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Winnipeg, Manitoba - The Manitoba Forestry Association is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Manitoba Envirothon. Fifty-five teams of high-school students from across the province have been studying this year's theme of Invasive Species: A Challenge to the Environment, Economy and Society. Grant Park High School took first place overall; Shaftesbury High School took second place, with Westwood Collegiate (11) team in third place, in the event held recently in Pinawa. Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to all the town citizens, facilities and services for contributing to the success of our event!

The MB Envirothon Steering Committee would also like to announce that Angie Liu of Shaftesbury High School has been awarded the first *Jim Potton Environmental Responsibilities Scholarship*, to continue her education.

Friday, May 27 saw the teams running a course of 15 trail test stations (along Pinawa's Ironwood Trail) where they answered a series of questions on core topics; water and aquatic ecology, wildlife, native plants and forestry, soils and land use and the theme topic, invasive species. On Saturday May 28, the teams presented their solutions to an environmental challenge related to invasive species – with an oral presentation of their proposed ideas, before a panel of judges.

The Manitoba Envirothon was first held in 1997 at Birds Hill Park. As Manitoba's oldest environmental education organization, the Manitoba Forestry Association's mission is to educate all Manitobans about wise management of trees and forests, to ensure they remain healthy and productive for today and future generations. Over 2,700 students have participated in the Manitoba Envirothon since the first four teams participated in 1997.

The Grant Park Team will now go on to compete in Peterborough Ontario, at Trent University from July 24 - 29, in the North American Envirothon! Over 55 teams are expected to attend from across the continent. Good Luck folks!

First Overall -Grant Park High School (l-r)



Fiona Lebar

Brett Macfarlane

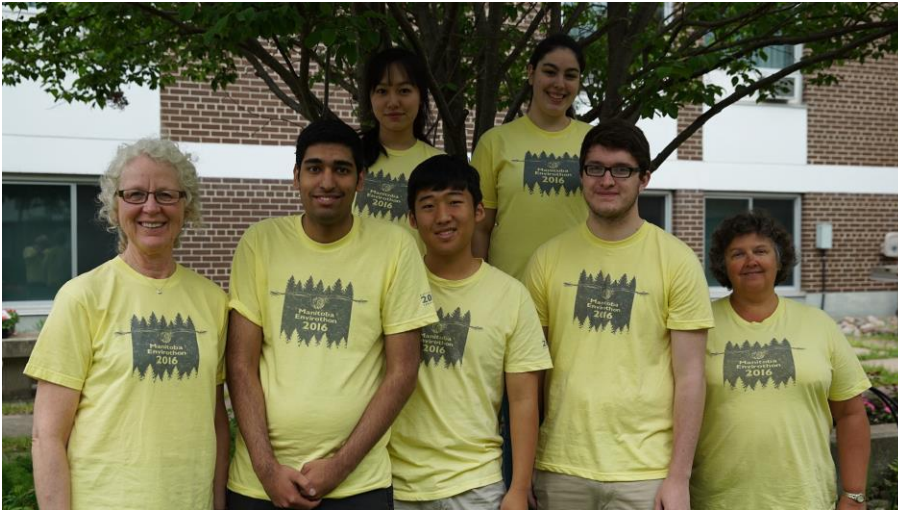
Clair Schon

Jack Osiowy

Katherine Gledson

Advisor: Mike Patenaude

Second Overall - Shaftesbury High School (l-r)



Back Row: Angie Liu

Sarah Steidl

Front Row: Advisor: Christine Johnston

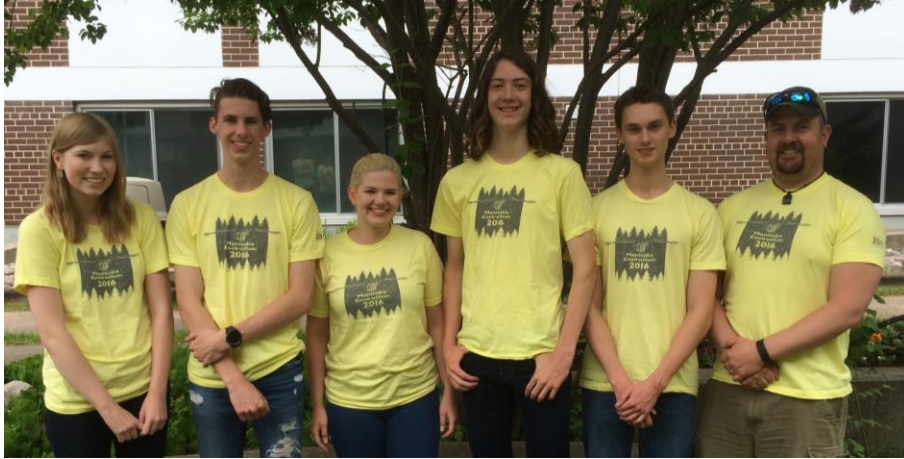
Navjot Garcha

Brian Kim

Mitchell Green

Advisor: Kim Stovel

Third Overall - Westwood Collegiate 11 (l-r)



Alison Matwick

Chase Hornby

Sam Novak

Luke Roffey

Sean Thain

Advisor: Dave Shoesmith

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