



Enviro Web

Newsletter of the Manitoba Envirothon

Mark your calendar!!
May 24th to 26th, 2007

Coordinator's Corner by Andrea Swain

Time flies when you are having fun! It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of 2006. This was a busy year for Envirothon. We celebrated our tenth year by hosting the 2006 Canon Envirothon in July. The support we received from funders, volunteers, and partnering organizations recharged our enthusiasm for the Envirothon program in Manitoba.

I have had a busy fall getting settled into my new role as Coordinator. It looks like 2007 is shaping up to be another exciting year for Envirothon and we look forward to having even more schools involved with the program. There is still plenty of time to register before the deadline on January 31, 2007. The Resource Packages (study materials) are complete so you will receive them as soon as you register.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?



A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Happy studying and happy holidays!

Meet the Competition

Since the November issue, 15 teams have registered for the 2007 Manitoba Envirothon bringing the total to 19 teams. Meet the latest teams to register.

Collège Silver Heights Collegiate – Winnipeg, MB

Collège Silver Heights has registered for a second year with the Manitoba Envirothon. This team must have had so much fun last year at the Peace Gardens that are returning for another year!

Fairholme Colony School – Prairie la Prairie, MB

Fairholme Colony started with the Envirothon family back in 2000 and have been competing ever since. In 2005, Fairholme won the Manitoba Envirothon. They have placed third in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006. Watch out for this team, they're a tough competitor!

Deloraine School – Deloraine, MB

Deloraine School is new to the Manitoba Envirothon this year. The Turtle Mountain Conservation District has helped support this new team. We would like to welcome Deloraine School to the Manitoba Envirothon.

Springfield Collegiate – Oakbank, MB

Another new school is Springfield Collegiate. Springfield's advisor is well experienced in the Manitoba Envirothon. She has participated in the Manitoba Envirothon since 2000 with her teams representing Morris School. We are happy to see Linda McPherson continues to be involved with the Manitoba Envirothon. We like this opportunity to welcome the students of Springfield Collegiate to Envirothon.

Sequoia Energy Team – Nellie McClung Collegiate, Manitou, MB

This is the second year that Nellie McClung has registered a second team sponsored by Sequoia Energy Inc. It's great to see a team get sponsorship from a company which produces Renewable and Alternative Energy, just like this year's theme. The Envirothon teams from Nellie McClung Collegiate volunteered at the Wind Energy Conference in Winnipeg in October 2006.

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Meet the Competition Continued

Lord Selkirk School Team #1 and #2 – Selkirk, MB

Lord Selkirk School has been sending teams to the Manitoba Envirothon since 2001. Since 2004 the school has been sending 2 teams to participate. The Lord Selkirk Envirothon teams volunteered at the Woodlot Association of Manitoba field day in September 2006. They performed a demonstration on forestry tool use, helped with the set up prior to the event, and helped out at a number of activities throughout the day.

Neepawa & Area Collegiate Institute – Neepawa, MB

Neepawa & Area Collegiate have been involved with the Manitoba Envirothon since the last time we hosted it in Brandon in 2004. We are excited to see Neepawa return again this year.

Thompson Treehuggers #1 & #2 — R.D. Parker Collegiate, Thompson, MB

This is the third year that R. D. Parker Collegiate has been involved in the Manitoba Envirothon. They started in 2005, bringing one team and last year they brought 2 teams. This year they are bringing 2 teams again. We are happy to see that the advisor and students of northern Manitoba are dedicated to this program.

Enviro Club Green Team – Gimli High School, Gimli, MB

We would like to recognize Gimli High School's 10th year with the Manitoba Envirothon. They began competing in 1998 at the 2nd annual competition and have continued with the competition ever since. In 2005 and 2006, Gimli High School has sent 2 teams to the competition.

Portage Collegiate Institute – Portage la Prairie, MB

Portage Collegiate Institute is another new school to the Manitoba Envirothon. The advisor has been involved in the past with another school from Portage la Prairie. Andrea Kalinowich brought teams representing Arthur Meighen High School in 2004 and 2005. Welcome back Andrea and a warm welcome to the students from Portage Collegiate Institute.

Vincent Massey Collegiate Team #2 — Winnipeg, MB

Vincent Massey Collegiate was introduced in the last edition of the newsletter. This school has produced a number of competitive teams and they have done very well over the past ten years. In 2004, Vincent Massey Collegiate started bringing a second team to the Envirothon. We are happy to see the tradition continuing!

Swan Valley Regional Secondary School – Swan River, MB

Swan Valley is the fourth of our original four founding teams. 2007 is Swan Valley's eleventh Envirothon competition. Swan Valley has been Envirothon Champions in 1999, 2002 and 2004. They placed second in 1997, 1998 and 2005. They received recognition for their EcoAction 2000 community project in 2001. The team from Swan Valley is tough to beat!

Northwest Soil Management Association —Swan River, MB

Northwest Soil Management Association has sponsored a team of students from Swan Valley Regional Secondary School since 2002. They have been past Manitoba Envirothon Champions in 2003 and 2006. They placed second in 2002. Watch out, this team is a tough competitor!

Has your Envirothon team taken an interesting field trip, volunteered at a community event, or taken action on an environmental issue? If your team is doing something unique and want us to mention it to the rest of the Envirothon schools, please contact us!

There is still time to register for Envirothon!

Exciting New Program for Manitoba High School Science, Environment and Geography teachers and students

An exciting opportunity is currently available for Manitoba high schools this school year through participation in the **Canada Youth Eco-Parliament program (CYEP)**, a Canada-wide competitive project for high school students and their teachers. As part of our role to provide waste minimization and other green learning resources for Manitoba schools, Green Manitoba is participating in the YEP program as a regional sponsor for Manitoba and will coordinate the involvement of

participating Manitoba high schools, in partnership with national CYEP program coordinators.

Your class or school (or environmental club) may be interested in the CYEP program if you are already addressing environmental issues, such as recycling or other green projects in your school and community. The Youth Eco Parliament presents an opportunity to get your students involved in creating a more sustainable lifestyle. YEP is a great project that gets students *thinking*

about how they live and how they can minimize their impact on the environment, it also prompts them to *share* their discoveries with peers across the country on the YEP website. The program is designed to be flexible allowing you to integrate activities into the curriculum where applicable.

Participating schools will:

- Measure their Ecological Footprint

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- Develop and Implement a local Eco project
- Host" their own project page on the YEP website
- Chat with school groups across the country about the environment

Be eligible for national and provincial prizes: ten students will win a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia to attend a national stewardship conference, and there is \$3,750 available in prizes and project implementation funds exclusively for participating Manitoba schools

Last year, thirteen secondary schools from across Canada participated in the pilot Youth Eco Parliament (YEP) program. This year Manitoba joins the program with 12 schools registered to

date. Sign up now before December 22 to improve your chances of winning a trip to Vancouver and eligibility to gain access to project funding from Green Manitoba.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM AND TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL with the Youth Eco Parliament Program go to: www.yep-canada.ca



After you register more information will be sent to you on the program and next steps.

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2007 Resources Materials

Are you ready to start studying?! The 2007 Resource Materials (formerly known as "binders") have been mailed to all registered teams. Please watch for your resource package to arrive before Christmas break.

We would like to thank all of the committee members who work so hard on assembling these materials. We would also like to thank Jeff Cottes who created the theme resource guide and all of those who reviewed the document and provided comments.

Please Note: All of the resource materials are digital, except for a few hardcopy documents. Each team will receive 6 CDs. One is an advisor's copy which contains all five subject area resource materials and the other 5 CDs each contain one subject area.

Upcoming Events

The deadline to register for Envirothon is January 31, 2007. There is still time to form a team and receive your study materials!

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The Manitoba Forestry Association and the Manitoba Envirothon Steering Committee would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.