



Enviro Web

Newsletter of the Manitoba Envirothon

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

Welcome to Envirothon 2007!

Manitoba Envirothon 2007 is now underway, and we are looking forward to welcoming back those schools who have participated in the past, and new schools who are joining us for the first time, or returning after an absence.

The Envirothon committees have had some time to rest after hosting the 2006 Canon Envirothon in Winnipeg in July, but we now moving forward and preparing for the 2007 Envirothon. The 2007 Manitoba Envirothon is going

to be held at Brandon University, May 24th – 26th, 2007. The April workshop date and location are still being determined.

We are accepting registrations for the 2007 Manitoba Envirothon. We are only accepting registrations for new teams and first teams from schools until November 30, 2006. On December 1, 2006 we continue accept registrations from new and first teams, but we will start accepting second team registrations. All

registrations must in received before January 31st, 2007. **Full payment must accompany your registration!** You can download the registration form at www.mbforestryassoc.ca.

The registration fees will remain the same as the 2006 prices, \$500 for first teams and \$750 for second teams, these prices include the study materials and competition fee. There will be an additional charge for the spring workshop.

Manitoba Envirothon Coordinator

The Manitoba Forestry Association is excited to announce that we have hired a full coordinator for the Manitoba Envirothon program.

We would like to welcome Andrea Swain as the new Manitoba Envirothon program coordinator. As many of you already know, Andrea has been involved with the Manitoba Envirothon as a volunteer for the past seven years, and she

has just completed the task of being the 2006 Canon Envirothon Coordinator.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Andrea to her new position.

After November 1st, Andrea can be reached by phone at (204) 453-3182 or by email at envirocoordinator@mts.net.

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2007 Theme Topic

The 2007 current theme topic is Renewable /Alternative Energy.

This year the Manitoba Forestry Association has hired Jeff Cottes to write the theme study materials. The theme material is a comprehensive resource document rather than a list of websites like we provided for the 2006 study materials.

Here's a brief introduction to the 2007 theme topic:

“Energy use is a necessary aspect of modern society. The economic and social gains recognized over the last century are due in large part to our ability to extract, transform, distribute, and consume energy. Not only is it a necessary part of the production of goods and services, but without

modern energy sources, our scientific and technological capacity would be far less advanced. The health and welfare of our population would likely be dramatically reduced.

Moreover, our standard of living and quality of life would be much less comfortable. Yet the benefits brought by the increased use of conventional energy sources have associated side effects, such as resource depletion, ecological pollution, and higher risks to human populations. As such, it is necessary to strike a balance between the production of energy and how we consume it.” (written by Jeff Cottes)

For more information on the 2007 theme topic, please check out the Canon Envirothon website at www.envirothon.org.

We ARE Listening

Last year several advisors suggested that we should provide students with a certificate of participation for their portfolios. The steering committee agrees that is this a great idea! This year all participating students and advisors will receive a certificate of participation.

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete an evaluation form. This information is very valuable to our steering committee who work hard to improve the Manitoba Envirothon each year.

Canon Envirothon

The 2006 Canon Envirothon took place July 23rd – 29th at the University of Manitoba. The Canon Envirothon was a very successful event, a special thank you to the work of our planning committee members and dedicated volunteers. Manitoba played host 52 teams, 8 teams from Canada and 44 teams representing the United States.

Congratulations to the Northwest Soil Management Association team from Swan River who placed 7th out of 52 teams at the 2006 Canon Envirothon Competition!

They placed 6th in Aquatics, 6th in the oral competition.

