

The 2010 Minnesota State Envirothon was held Monday, May 17, at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest near Deerwood.

Who won?

First place went to Rushford-Peterson (blue team). Students competing were Kevin O'Donnell, Levi Brown, Carl Schiltz, Steven Koenen, and Danielle Christian. Total score was 126.67. Advisor is Craig Colbenson.

Second place went to St. John's Prep (blue team). Students competing were: Ryan Culligan, Matt Fitzgerald, Madeline Franz, Hannah Friedrich and Claire Arnold. Total score was 122.33. Advisor is Mary Ellenbecker Johnson.

Third place went to Rushford-Peterson (red team), with a score of 122.17. Team members include: Justin Larson, Brad Ebner, Jerad Brown, Tyler Johnson, and Nathan Metz. Advisor is Craig Colbenson.

The second-place team from St. John's Prep had the highest score in the oral presentation.

Who participated? At the State event, 155 students competed. The following schools competed:

Area I

(Lake Bronson competition)

Kittson Central (Kim Jones, advisor)

Grygla High School (Isaac Kvasager, advisor)

Tri-County High School (Gary Taylor, advisor)

(Rydell National Wildlife Refuge competition)

Climax-Shelly High School (3 teams) (Karen Thoreson, advisor)

(Prairie Wetlands Learning Center competition)

Underwood High School (2 teams) (Chuck Ross, advisor)

Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton High School (Mike Anderson, advisor)

Area II

Morris Area High School (Dylan Viss and Kevin Pope, advisors)

St. John's Preparatory (2 teams) (Mary Ellenbecker Johnson, advisor)

Area III

(North)

Babbitt-Embarrass (Ellen Pierce, advisor)

Two Harbors High School (2 teams) (Penny Juenemann, advisor)

(South)

Cromwell High School (2 teams)(Lori Wester, advisor)

Willow River High School (Lindsay Emert, advisor)

Area IV

Andover High School (Bob Ameli, advisor)

Hopkins High School (2 teams) (John Sammler, advisor)

Area V

Worthington High School (Colleen Duba, advisor)

Area VI

New Ulm Cathedral High School (Rita Hamann, advisor)

Springfield High School (2 teams) (Amanda Meyer, advisor)

Area VII

Medford High School (Tim Larson, advisor)

Rushford Peterson High School (2 teams) (Craig Colbenson, advisor)

Area VIII

Lake of the Woods High School (Lisa Brien, advisor)

Park Rapids High School (Kevin Young, advisor)

Trek North (Jennifer Roy, advisor)

Who sponsored the State Envirothon?

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Who helped?

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When is the 2010 Canon Envirothon?

Rushford-Peterson High School will represent Minnesota in the Canon Envirothon, at University of California in Fresno, August 1-6, 2010.

What if my school wants to participate in an Area Envirothon? School advisors should contact their local [Soil and Water Conservation District](#) office. Staff in these offices can direct callers to the local Envirothon coordinator.