

2008 Envirothon Summary

The 2008 Minnesota State Envirothon was held Wednesday, May 14, at Prairie Wetlands Learning Center near Fergus Falls.

Who won?

First place went to a team from St. John's Prep (Collegeville). Students competing were: Tyler Stone, John Jacobs, Matt Brutger, Dan Kaus, and Ryan Culligan. Total score was 112. Advisor is Mary Ellenbecker Johnson.

Second place went to a team from Mankato East, with a score of 111.17. Team members include: John Zehnder, Haley Bayer, Miranda Hilgers, Melanie Stavenau, and Tahin Sayed. Advisor is Sue Pickus.

Third place went to a team from Breckenridge, with a score of 105.17. Team members include: Stephanie Erlandson, Jerrold Zettel, Isaac Meyer, Chad Olson, and Shane Gilbertson. Advisor is Mike Boldingh.

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

Who participated? At the State event, over 150 students competed. Following were the 30 schools:

2008 State Envirothon Schools and Advisors

Area I

(Lake Agassiz competition)

Grygla High School (2 teams) (Tim Mostrom, advisor)

Tri-County High School, Karlstad (Gary Taylor, advisor)

(Rydell National Wildlife Refuge competition)

Climax-Shelly High School (2 teams) (Karen Thoreson, advisor)

Mahnomen High School (Teresa Perrault, advisor)

Area II

Morris Area High School (2 teams) (Vicky Dosedall, advisor)

Breckenridge High School (Mike Boldingh, advisor)

Area III

(North)

Two Harbors High School (3 teams) (Penny Juenemann, advisor)

(South)

Cromwell High School (Lori Wester, advisor)

Willow River High School (Mick Garrett, advisor)

Area IV

St. John's Preparatory School, Collegeville (Mary Ellenbecker Johnson)
Benilde-St. Margaret's, St. Louis Park (2 teams) (Mark Lex, advisor)
School of Environmental Studies, Apple Valley (Roger Everhart, advisor)

Area V

Worthington High School (2 teams) (Jeff Rogers, advisor)
Marshall Senior High School (Marj Ostgaard, advisor)

Area VI

Mankato East High School (Sue Pickus, advisor)
Martin County West High School, Sherburn (LeeAnn Steen, advisor)
Springfield High School (Amanda Meyer, advisor)

Area VII

John Marshall High School, Rochester (Doug Ondler, advisor)
Rushford Peterson High School (2 teams) (Jordan Donnerbauer, advisor)

Area VIII

Park Rapids High School (2 teams) (Kevin Young, advisor)
Lake of the Woods High School (Jenny Moorman, advisor)

How was participation at the regional events?**Area I (two events)**

Lake Agassiz: 20 teams, 99 students

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge: 16 teams, 85 students

Area II

Luther Crest, Alexandria: 30 teams, 150 students

Area III (two events)

Cloquet Forestry Center (north): 19 teams, 90 students

Camp Heartland, Willow River (south): 22 teams, 113 students

Area IV

U of M Arboretum, Chanhassen: 27 teams, 135 students

Area V

Camden State Park, Lynd: 14 teams, 70 students

Area VI

Lake Hanska Park: 8 teams, 40 students

Area VII

Camp Winnebago: 14 teams, 70 students

Area VIII

Lake Bemidji State Park: 30 teams, 150 students

Over 1,000 students participated in 2008

Who were the oral presentation judges? Thanks to Brian Winter, The Nature Conservancy; Gretchen Mehmel, DNR; Jim Loftness, Conservation Officer, Retired; Julie MacSwain, NRCS; Karen Terry, U of M Extension; Kevin Brennan, PWLC; Melody Webb, DNR; Pete Waller, BWSR; Steve Hofstad, BWSR

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When is the 2008 Canon Envirothon?

The St. John's Preparatory School team represented Minnesota in the Canon Envirothon, at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, July 28 - August 2.

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.