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Is there something in the water?

Stanley High School wins 3rd consecutive Envirothon NB

Team heads to North American Envirothon in Maryland in July

Fredericton, NB May 18, 2017 –The [North American Envirothon](#) is the largest high school environmental education competition available in the US and Canada. Each year, 500,000 people from 4,000 public and private high schools across North America participate. From these, only 250 students are selected to rise to the international level of competition. 16 teams entered [Envirothon NB 2017](#), which took place May 14 & 15. For the 3rd year in a row, Stanley High School emerged as the overall champions.

The Stanley High School Buffleheads will represent New Brunswick in the international Envirothon competition in Emmitsburg, Maryland this July. In 2016, the team competed in the international competition in Peterborough (ON) against teams from 42 US states, 9 provinces and a team from China, winning 1st place in the category of Invasive Species and 3rd place internationally in the mandatory oral competition—ranking them an astounding 11th place overall internationally out of 52 teams. The Stanley High teams are coached by Rebecca Boone, an alumni of the program, “Envirothon has been a significant influence in my life. I’m grateful to provide that influence to these deserving students. I know the hard work and dedication required to get this far. I could not be more proud of this team.” Stanley team member and Grade 11 student, Maddie Carr, is a multi-year participant in the program, “Envirothon has taught me so much over the years, not only about the environment but also about focus, perseverance and teamwork.”

The North American Envirothon program draws teams spanning the length and breadth of North America – from the deserts of the southwestern United States to the frozen tundra near the Arctic Circle in Canada; from the Everglades to the Olympic peninsula. It is a large territory with many different habitats and remarkable biological and cultural diversity. In New Brunswick region, the program is

administered under [Science East Science Centre](#) by Becky Geneau in cooperation with a steering committee comprised of natural resource professionals.

Final provincial team results are:

1st Buffleheads (Stanley High School): Dee Carr, Maddie Carr, Sarah MacFarlane, Emma McArthur, Lesley Spencer.

2nd Freaks of Nature (Oromocto High School): Lauren Gallagher, Katelyn Harquail, Allison Pond, Danielle Roy, Caelin Sullivan

3rd Otterly Environmental (Harbour View High School): David Fox, Hannah Gibson, Emily Mifflin, Abby Murphy, Juliette Poziomka

[Pictured in attached photos:](#)

[Photo 1: Students examining soil and land use at the Killarney Lake test site](#)

[Photo 2: Students measure tree height](#)

About the North American Envirothon Competition and Envirothon NB

Envirothon is North America's largest high school environmental education competition. Each Year, 500,000 people from 4,000 public and private high schools across North America participate. The program was initiated more than [30 years ago](#) in the United States. Envirothon is headquartered in Washington, D.C. In New Brunswick region, the program is administered under Science East Science Centre and a steering committee.

Envirothon is an academically rigorous, hands-on and mentor-based program. Schools / groups can register a team of five students and up to two advisors (teachers, parents, or interested volunteers). Resource materials and professional contacts in associated fields are made available to help teams prepare for the competition. Throughout the year, teams increase their knowledge of soils, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and a fifth topic of environmental concern that changes annually (the 2017 topic selection was Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship) Each year teams compete in participating states and Canadian provinces by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management. The winning team in each state and province win the chance to attend the North American Envirothon.

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