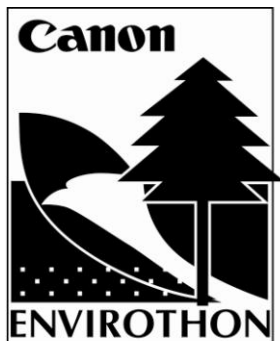


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North Carolina Hosts the CANON ENVIROTHON

The CANON ENVIROTHON, North America's largest high school environmental education competition, was held August 2-8, 2009 on the campus of UNC-Asheville. The "brightest and best" winning teams from forty-five states and seven Canadian provinces competed for Canon prizes

and scholarships. This year, the Canon Envirothon was hosted by a partnership of local soil and water conservation districts, the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

The first part of the week's competition consisted of academic testing. Under the guidance of education specialists, soil scientists, foresters, wildlife specialists and resource professionals, teams participated in field oriented training that culminated in subject testing. The week concluded with teams preparing and delivering oral presentations to a panel of judges who evaluated each team's problem-solving ability, presentation skills and recommendations for solving a specific environmental challenge.

North Carolina's team, *The Sequoias* from West Johnston High School in Benson, finished second. Canon presented each member of their team with a \$4,000 college scholarship.

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One of the top priorities for Cumberland Soil and Water Conservation District is to offer support to educators in the field of conservation education (all grade levels at public, private and home schools).

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

- *Resources for Your Class
- *Lesson Presentations
- *Teacher Workshops
- *Free Loan Library
- *Envirothon Team Training
- *Conservation Contests:
 - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Poster
 - 6th Grade Essay
 - 7th & 8th Grade Speech
- *Student Scholarship to Resource Conservation Workshop at NCSU

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- *Share our information with your principal and colleagues
- *Post our newsletter on a faculty bulletin board
- *Announce our upcoming workshops
- *Encourage your students to participate in the conservation contests
- *Provide feedback. Help us help you! Your comments are welcome.

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