

Georgia Envirothon NEWS



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RABUN GAP NACOOCHEE GREEN TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE AT 2006 GEORGIA STATE ENVIROTHON

ATHENS, GA, April 6, 2006-- A team of students from the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School Green Team took first place out of 13 teams competing at the 2006 Georgia State Envirothon held March 24 and 25, at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center near Eatonton, GA.

The team accumulated 389 out of a potential 500 points. Their closest rival was second-place winner Ware Magnet School of Manor, GA with 372 points. Third place went to Rockdale 4-H. Other winners are below:

Rabun Gap Nacoochee School Gold team - 4th place
Greater Atlanta Christian - 5th place and Rookie Award
Rockdale 4-H - Top 4-H Team
Ware Magnet - 1st place FFA Team
Greenbrier - 2nd place FFA Team

Individual station winners:

Wildlife - Greater Atlanta Christian
Current Environmental Issue (Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate) -
Greenbrier
Soils - Rabun Gap Nacoochee (Green)
Forestry - Rockdale 4H
Water - Ware Magnet

“The Georgia Envirothon is an outstanding resource for high school students - the leaders of tomorrow - to develop real solutions to address environmental issues,” said Lee Carmon, Chair of the Georgia Envirothon.

The Envirothon is designed to give students an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate their knowledge of environmental resources and their connection to each other and human activities. The students are challenged in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and a current environmental issue.

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The State Envirothon is the culminating event of four regional Envirothons. Teams of students take exams on various aspects of the environment and give an oral presentation before a panel of judges. The event is open to students in grades 9 through 12.

The Rabun Gap Nacoochee School Green Team will represent Georgia in the Canon Envirothon, where they will compete for more than \$75,000 in prizes and scholarships.

The Envirothon is North America's premier educational competition for high school students. Competitors receive classroom instruction and hands-on experience in the field before competing in regional and state competitions.

Sponsors of the Georgia Envirothon are: Georgia Forestry Commission; Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center; River Basin Center, Institute of Ecology, The University of Georgia; Trout Unlimited, Georgia Council; USDA Forest Service; USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service; Warnell School of Forest Resources, University of Georgia; and the Wildlife Resource Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

To find out more about the Georgia Envirothon or how to help ensure the statewide competition continues, call Lee Carmon at 706-369-5650x323 or visit www.georgiaenvirothon.org.