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CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
HOLDS ANNUAL ENVIROTHON

Cumberland County, PA - Students from nine area high schools competed in the annual Cumberland County Envirothon on Tuesday, May 5, at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Cooke Township, Cumberland County. The Melting Icecaps from Carlisle Area High School took first place with a score of 328; second place went to The Slimy Sculpins from Cumberland Valley High School with a score of 324; and third place went to The Hellbenders from Cumberland Valley with a score of 323. The Melting Icecaps will represent Cumberland County at the 2015 Pennsylvania Envirothon at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown Campus, on May 19 and 20.

The Cumberland County Envirothon, presented by the Cumberland County Conservation District, is a fun academic event that provides high school students hands-on field experience dealing with environmental issues. Students completed five exams that test their knowledge on aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current issue, which was urban and community forestry. This year 110 students participated and enjoyed the mostly sunny day. Schools participating in the competition included Big Spring, Boiling Springs, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cedar Cliff, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg and Shippensburg.

Representatives from the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Game Commission, the Conservation District, and Natural Resources Conservation Service administered the tests. Once the competition was over, the students enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by the Conservation District. After lunch, the Conservation District handed out awards along with County Commissioner Barb Cross and Jennifer Holtry, Legislative Assistant from PA State Representative Will Tallman's office. The awards, made from Pennsylvania hardwood, were presented to the top three teams at each station and the top three teams overall. All participating students and advisors received an Envirothon t-shirt sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative.

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