



Backgrounder: **2008 Ontario Envirothon Championships**

The following teams have won at the regional level and will advance to the Ontario Envirothon Championships to be held May 7 to 10 at Tim Horton Onondaga Farms in St. George. The top team from the Ontario Championships will be announced on May 10 and will go on to represent our province at the Canon Envirothon where they will compete for educational scholarships.

Participating Schools

Parry Sound High School
West Hill Secondary School
F.J. McElligott Secondary School
Waterloo Collegiate Institute
Grand River Collegiate Institute
University of Toronto Schools
Mackenzie High School
St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School
St. Michael Catholic High School
Lakeshore Catholic High School
North Dundas District High School
Highland Secondary School
Marymount Academy
Courtice Secondary School
Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School
Temiskaming District Composite School
Sir James Dunn Collegiate and Vocational School
Newmarket High School
Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational School
North Hastings High School
St. Joseph's High School
Carleton Place High School
South Huron District High School

Home Town

Parry Sound, ON
Owen Sound, ON
Mattawa, ON
Waterloo, ON
Kitchener, ON
Toronto, ON
Deep River, ON
Barrie, ON
Kemptville, ON
Port Colborne, ON
Chesterville, ON
Dundas, ON
Sudbury, ON
Courtice, ON
Peterborough, ON
Temiskaming, ON
Sault Ste Marie, ON
Newmarket, ON
Thunder Bay, ON
Bancroft, ON
St. Thomas, ON
Carleton Place, ON
Exeter, ON

Ontario Envirothon: **The team sport for environmental smarts**

- Envirothon reaches over 5,000 Ontario students each year.
- Envirothon gets students outdoors to experience nature first hand and hands on.
- Envirothon inspires youth to take an active role in environmental issues.
- Envirothon uses field testing to develop critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills.
- High school students from 22 Regions across Ontario compete in teams of five for top prize in a provincial environmental competition.
- The theme for the 2008 Ontario Envirothon Championship is Leave Only Footprints.
- Top team from the Ontario Envirothon Championships will go on to represent Ontario at the Canon Envirothon, a North American competition to be held in Arizona this July.

2008 Ontario Envirothon Championships: **Highlights**

Event: 2008 Envirothon Opening Ceremonies

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Time: 6:00-6:30 pm

Media Meeting Place: Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, 264 Glen Morris Road East, St. George, ON

The Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources and His Worship Ron Eddy, Mayor of Brant County, will welcome over 100 high school students from across Ontario to the 2008 Ontario Envirothon Championships. The students will be piped into the opening ceremonies at the Tim Hortons Eco-Centre by youth members of the Port Dover Pipe Band.

Event: Legacy Tree Planting and Sign Unveiling

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2008

Time: A 12:00 pm photo opportunity of sign unveiling and ceremonial tree planting.

Media Meeting Place: Beach area at Pinehurst Conservation Area, 489 Pinehurst Road, Ayr, Ontario

Over 100 students from across Ontario will plant native trees and prairie plants to give back to their host community of Brant County. A permanent sign will be unveiled at the Pinehurst Conservation Area to commemorate the 2008 Ontario Envirothon Championships.

Event: Envirothon Eco-Station Testing

Date: Friday, May 9, 2008

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Media Meeting Place: Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, 264 Glen Morris Road East, St. George, ON

Over 100 students from across Ontario will compete in a series of outdoor and hands-on field tests to challenge their environmental smarts. Photo opportunities are available with high school students in an array of forest and wetland landscapes

Event: Youth Presentation Finals with VIP Judges

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Media Meeting Place: Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, 264 Glen Morris Road East, St. George, ON

High school students will present a dynamic and engaging solution to a real day environmental issue facing Ontario. Students have 10 minutes to present their solution to a panel of expert judges in front of their fellow competitors. The top presentation is announced at 4:30 pm.

Event: Closing Ceremonies

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: 7:30-8:30 pm

Media Meeting Place: Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, 264 Glen Morris Road East, St. George, ON

The 2008 Ontario Envirothon Champions are announced along with winners of 12 other categories.

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