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FINANCIAL REPORT

2011 Budget	\$34,545.00
2011 Total Income	\$21,899.11
2011 Total Expenditures	\$27,960.01
Canon Envirothon Representatives	\$ 2,643.21
Competition	\$ 9,229.92
State Competition	\$ 8,503.74
Scholarships	\$ 5,500.00
Training Workshops	\$ 173.90
Insurance	\$ 785.00
Marketing/Fundraising	\$ 811.26
Dues/Miscellaneous	\$ 312.98
Net Income	(\$ 6,060.90)



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Delaware Envirothon 2011 Annual Report

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Charter School of Wilmington Wins State Challenge

The Blackbird Creek Reserve provided the backdrop for a day of challenging environmental competition for Delaware Envirothon participants. Seventeen teams, comprised of five Delaware high school age students, competed for the big win on April 14.

In addition to giving an oral presentation, teams had to answer questions, review specimens and take measurements in topics dealing with aquatic ecology, forestry, soils/land use, wildlife, the current environmental issue of salt and freshwater estuaries, and Delaware's newly added topic of air quality.

After three hours of testing, Charter School of Wilmington Team A was crowned the 2011 state champion, the tenth consecutive win for the school. Each first place team member was rewarded with a \$500 scholarship from the Delaware Envirothon, a \$3,000 per-year renewable scholarship from Wesley College, and other prizes that were presented during the award ceremony sponsored by Del-One. They also received an additional \$100 team award from the Delaware Forestry Association for the highest forestry score. Charter's Team A also had the highest scores in aquatic ecology, wildlife, and the oral presentations. They tied with their own Team B for the highest score in the current environmental issue.

Charter School of Wilmington Team B placed second in the competition and earned the \$300 Ernest J. Zimmerman Award for use towards the purchase of environmental education supplies for their school in addition to individual prizes. They also received an additional team award of \$250 from the Mid-Atlantic Association of Professional Soil Scientists for achieving the highest soils score.



Polytech High School Team A won third place and received the \$150 Dean C. Belt Award and Polytech FFA received the \$100 Chairman's award for fourth place. A. I. DuPont's Nifty Piedmont Kids, Kent County 4-H, and Team A from Sussex Technical High School placed 5th, 6th, and 7th respectively.

Charter School of Wilmington—Team A came in sixteenth place at the Canon Envirothon competition held in New Brunswick, Canada.

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Charter School of Wilmington—Team A
1st Place



Charter School of Wilmington—Team B
2nd Place



Polytech High School Team A
3rd Place



Polytech High School FFA
4th Place



A. I. DuPont High School—
Nifty Piedmont Kids—5th Place



Kent County 4-H
6th Place



Sussex Technical High School—Team A
7th Place



Sussex Technical High School—
Teams B&C



Smyrna High School



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5 Guys Burgers & Kelp



A.I. DuPont High School—
Halaberton Halibuts



Dover High School

During the last week of July Team A from the Charter School of Wilmington headed to Mt. Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada to represent Delaware in the Canon Envirothon. Competition was fierce at North America's largest environmental competition with teams representing 45 states, eight Canadian provinces, and one Canadian territory competing for a share of more than \$125,000 in scholarship money and Canon products. Team A did really well and finished in sixteenth place.

The Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education program for high school-aged students. It stimulates, reinforces, and enhances students' interest in the environment and our state's natural resources. It affords a unique approach to teaching environmental education, and it is fun!

Delaware Envirothon goals include: promoting environmental awareness and stewardship; developing students' critical thinking, cooperative problem solving, and decision-making skills; presenting balanced options for management of our renewable and non-renewable natural resources; and providing awareness of and accessibility to resource organizations offering assistance in environmental issues.

Outreach Events

Planning committee members donate their time at outreach events to promote participation in and sponsorship of the Envirothon program. The Delaware Envirothon was represented at the following events during 2011: Delaware Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day Celebration, USDA Farm Service Agency's second annual Harvest Festival, the University of Delaware's Ag Day, and the University of Delaware's Coast Day.

Committee members share information about the Envirothon as well as pictures of the competition and training. For visitors who are willing to participate, committee members will test their knowledge by asking them a question similar to one that may be found by one of the students competing in the Delaware Envirothon.



Training Workshops: Attendance is Key

Throughout the school year, the Delaware Envirothon planning committee conducts training workshops for each of the resource areas the students will be tested on as well as public speaking. The workshops are taught by natural resource professionals and it is very advantageous for team members and advisors to attend. All training workshops involve traditional lecture time as well as hands-on activities. When it is possible, training materials in the form of presentations, handouts, and links to useful resources are also placed on the Delaware Envirothon website for use by advisors and students throughout the school year. The Delaware Forest Service hosts the forestry training while the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service hosts the soils/land use training. A variety of natural resource professionals representing many different private and governmental groups help with the other training sessions. A total of 76 students and 27 advisors attended training to prepare for the 2011 Delaware Envirothon competition. Thank you to all the professionals who provided training.



Hodgson Vo-Tech High School—Eagles



Hodgson Vo-Tech High School—FFA



Barn Dance 2011
Silent Auction Table

Thank you



The Kent Conservation District continues to host their annual Barn Dance Fundraiser and donate all of the proceeds to the Delaware Envirothon. The 2011 Barn Dance, attend by 285 guests, contributed a little more than \$11,500 to the Delaware Envirothon, bringing the total amount donated over the past fourteen years to over \$120,000. The Envirothon planning committee, the advisors and the students sincerely appreciate the efforts of the District staff and board and those folks who have generously supported the Barn Dance over the years.