



## Focusing on the 3 E's: Education, Environment, Envirothon! *Local Students Vie for Provincial Top Spot*

**(St. George, ON) May 1, 2009** – From May 6-9, 2009 high school students will be representing regions from across Ontario, showcasing their environmental smarts at the 2009 provincial Envirothon competition. The winning team will proudly advance to the Canon Envirothon Championships taking place in Asheville, North Carolina from August 2-8, 2009.

The annual provincial competition reaches over 5,000 Ontario students each year, and is part of a broader environment education program encouraging students to get outdoors and experience nature first hand. In addition to raising awareness of the needs of Ontario's forests, Envirothon encourages critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills among participants.

### Find out:

- **Who moves on:** The winning team advances to represent Ontario at the Canon Envirothon Championships taking place from August 2-8, 2009 in Asheville, North Carolina
- **What it takes:** Media is invited to participate in these challenges and experience firsthand what it takes to get to the top

**Who:** Students from the following local schools scheduled to compete:

- West Hill Secondary School, Owen Sound, ON
- District High School, Chesterville, ON
- Waterloo Collegiate Institute, Waterloo, ON
- St. Stephen's Secondary School, Bowmanville, ON
- EL Crossley Secondary School, Fonthill, ON
- University of Toronto Schools, Toronto, ON
- Lakeshore Catholic Highschool, Port Colborne, ON
- FJ McElligott Secondary School, Mattawa, ON
- Parry Sound High School, Parry Sound, ON
- Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Thunder Bay, ON
- Timmins High School, Timmins, ON
- Perth DCI, Perth, ON
- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, Hamilton, ON
- Opeongo High School, Douglas, ON
- Stratford Central Secondary School, Stratford, ON
- PCVS, Peterborough, ON
- Marymount Academy, Sudbury, ON
- Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Mississauga, ON
- Korah Collegiate, Sault St Marie, ON
- St. Mary School, Brockville, ON

**When:** May 6-9, 2009 – Complete schedule of events available on request

*Best opportunity for media interviews:*

**May 8, 2009 – Field Testing**

- 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**May 7, 2009 – Legacy Project**

- 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m

### Where:

**May 7, 2009**

Tim Hortons Onondaga Farms  
Molly Henderson House  
RR #2, 264 Glen Morris Road East  
St. George, Ontario

**May 8, 2009**

Apps Mill Nature Centre  
308 Robinson Road, R. R. 4,  
Brantford, ON

*Ontario Envirothon is a program of the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA), a non-profit, registered charity dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of Ontario's forests, and to developing stewardship of forest ecosystems. Visit [www.oforest.on.ca](http://www.oforest.on.ca) for more information. For more information on the Ontario Envirothon, visit [www.ontarioenvirothon.ca](http://www.ontarioenvirothon.ca)*

Additional information, photo and interview opportunities with participating students and the winning team are available upon request:

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