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Hopkins High School Captures First and Second Places at the Minnesota State Envirothon

Teams from Hopkins High School recently captured first and second places at the Minnesota State Envirothon contest. The five-member teams from Hopkins, who were coached by John Sammler, competed against 27 other teams on Monday, May 20, at Oliver Kelley Farm in Elk River. The team from TrekNorth, coached by Jennifer Akre, captured third place. Congratulations to each of these top three teams.

Hopkins High School Purple team will represent Minnesota at the National Envirothon at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC from July 28 to August 2. Visit www.envirothon.org to find out more!

“The Envirothon is a great hands-on experience for high school students, educating youth on the importance of protecting the future of our natural resources,” said Judy Johnston, Minnesota State Envirothon Coordinator from the Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District. “The Envirothon is also a great networking opportunity for students to meet other students from across Minnesota and introduce them to potential career opportunities in the field of natural resource management,” Johnston further added.

This annual outdoor event is an academic competition that tests students’ knowledge of aquatics, forestry, soil and land use, wildlife, and a current environmental topic that changes each year. The current issue topic for 2019 was, “Minnesota Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge & Technology to Feed the World.” Students were required to compose and present a 10-minute oral presentation related to the current events issue, and answer questions from a panel of judges. Test questions for each of the five resource stations were prepared by natural resource professionals from various organizations throughout the state.

(See photos of top 3 teams attached)

1st Place  Hopkins High School (purple team)

2nd Place  Hopkins High School (red team)

3rd Place  TrekNorth High School