

**PENNCREST HIGH SCHOOL TEAM from MEDIA, PENNSYLVANIA TAKES
SECOND PLACE HONORS AT THE 2016 NCF-ENVIROTHON**

*Envirothon teams from 52 states, provinces, plus China, Tested Their Skills at One of
North America's Largest High School Natural Resource Education Competitions*

Bedford, PA August 1, 2016 – A five-member team of high school students from **Penncrest High School** from **Media, PA** earned the second place honor at the 2016 NCF-Envirothon. A week-long North American natural resource education competition, a program of the National Conservation Foundation (NCF), working in partnership with Smithfield Foods, local conservation districts, forestry associations, educators and cooperating natural resources agencies to organize and conduct competitions on the local, regional, state and/or provincial level. The Envirothon is North America's largest high school environmental education competition. The top winning teams were announced on Friday July 28^h, during the award ceremonies at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. A five-member team of high school students from University of Toronto Schools, Ontario won the 2016 NCF-Envirothon. Over four thousand high schools were involved in the 2016 program across North America.



Photo (l to r): Tim Reich (NCF), Dennis Harrsch, Rachel Hughes, Justin Rosenberg, Vy-Linh Gale, Daniel Rosenberger, Rich Duesterhaus (NCF), and Bill Gill (Smithfield Foods).

NCF is very pleased to have Smithfield Foods as a sponsor of the program this year. The cash awards were a part of the support provided by Smithfield Foods this year. Each student on the top three teams will receive a cash award. The first place winners receive \$3,000 each; second place \$2,000 each; and third place \$1,000 each.

The NCF-Envirothon tests teams on their knowledge of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and a current issue (2016 invasive species). Each team's knowledge is tested under the supervision of foresters, soil scientists, wildlife specialists and other natural resource professionals. Teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills are evaluated as each team offers a panel of judges an oral presentation with recommendations for solving the specific challenge that is presented during the competition.

Maryland will host the North American Envirothon in 2017! The dates will be July 23 - 29, 2017.

The top 10 teams of the 2016 NCF-Envirothon include:

Place	High School	State/Province
1st	University of Toronto Schools	Ontario
2nd	Penncrest High School	Pennsylvania
3rd	Palisades Charter High School	California
4th	Pembroke Hill High School	Missouri
5th	Venturing Crew 202	Maryland
6th	West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North	New Jersey
7th	Newton North High School	Massachusetts
8th	LaBrae High School	Ohio
9th	The Mount Academy	New York
10th	Miami Palmetto Senior High	Florida

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