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Palm Beach County Students Compete in Envirothon

SFWMD and partners host local level of major environmental education competition

WHAT:

For the 19th consecutive year, hundreds of Palm Beach County high school students, teachers and volunteers will be participating in North America's largest environmental education competition. The yearly Envirothon competition is a problem-solving, natural resource education program in which students work together in teams of five to develop answers to oral and written questions and conduct hands-on activities on environmental issues.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with the Palm Beach Soil and Water Conservation District this year to host the local portion of the competition at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The winning team from the Palm Beach County Envirothon advances to compete at the Florida Envirothon. The 2009 Palm Beach County champion, Jupiter High School, won last year's state competition and finished sixth at the North American event in Asheville, N.C.

WHEN: Thursday, April 8, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

10216 Lee Road

Boynton Beach, FL 33473 Click here for a map.

WHO: High schools competing this year are Forest Hill, G-Star School of the

Arts, Jupiter, Palm Beach Central, Park Vista, St. Andrews, Summit

Christian, Suncoast and Wellington.

About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.