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ENVIROTHON



An Environmental Education Partnership

Dear Sponsors,

Welcome to the 2009 Envirothon! Once again you have the amazing opportunity to provide our school students with an incredible, hands-on environmental learning experience, right here in York County. For the past month, nearly 100 area teachers and/or parent volunteers have already begun to organize Envirothon teams through their school districts in grades 3-12. As you read this, students are identifying aquatic bugs to determine local stream quality; understanding how forestry harvests benefit our woodlands; learning about PA's otter reintroduction program, and so much more.

Because York County leads all of North America with Envirothon participation, we realize the advantage of offering this unique extra-curricular school program, not just to senior high students (to whom it was originally intended) but from age eight and up. Focusing on the natural world throughout childhood does create an environmentally-aware individual. The winning 2008 senior high team from Northern York saw half its team graduate this year. Each of those graduates is now enrolled in college majoring in environmental science. All of those students had been involved on their school's Envirothon team since grade school. The Envirothon works!

But careers & college are not the only goals of the Envirothon. Our program promotes teamwork, friendship, study skills, appreciation & stewardship of natural resources, and just plain fun.

As a past sponsor, you have helped make all of this possible. We hope you will join us again as we begin our countdown to the 2009 Envirothon events. The York County Conservation District makes a significant contribution to the Envirothon through its own fundraising activities. But we need help from the community and we are counting on you.

Please look over our new sponsorship packet carefully and consider one of our new levels of sponsorship. We are also pleased to offer beautiful artwork courtesy of local artist Dennis Burkhardt. It is our way of saying thank you for your continued commitment to York County's natural resources and the young people who will soon be entrusted with its care.

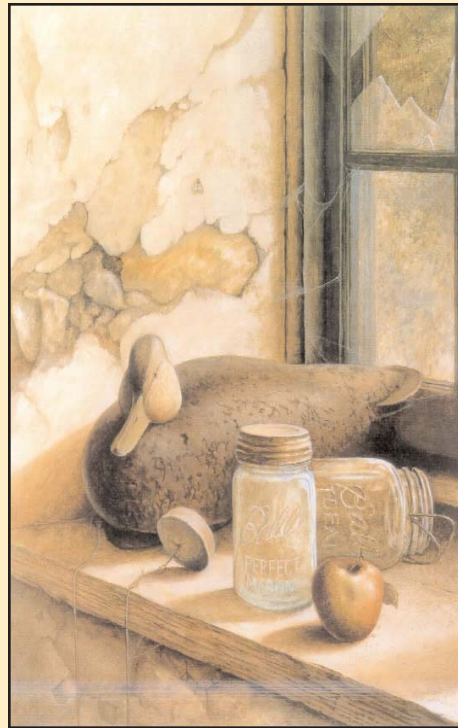
Sincerely,

Kim

Kim J. Young
Envirothon Coordinator
York County Conservation District



Dennis Burkhart's beautiful signed & numbered, limited edition prints are available to those able to consider a donation of \$250.00 or more.



"The Perfect Mason"
19"x24"
oil on board
for donation of
\$500.00 & up

"Ring-necked Pheasant"
& "Bobwhite Quails"
12"x16" each
acrylic on board
offered as a pair for
donation of
\$500.00 and up

"Ring-necked Pheasant"
alone
for donation of
\$250.00 & up

"Bobwhite Quails"
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York County Envirothon Events 2009

April 28th - Senior High
May 5th - Middle School
May 6th - 5th & 6th Grades
May 12th - 3rd & 4th Grades



The Canon Envirothon is coming!

In three years, Pennsylvania - the birthplace of the Envirothon - will host the North American Canon competition on its 25th Anniversary.

Almost 1,000 senior high students, coaches and chaperones from all over the United States & Canada will descend on a college campus in our Commonwealth.

Here is the scheduled countdown...

2009 - North Carolina

2010 - California

2011 - New Brunswick, Canada

2012 - Pennsylvania

2013 - Alaska!

We encourage our sponsors to keep this in mind and consider joining the Conservation District in support of this special event as the dates draw near.