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## For Immediate Release

\_\_\_\_\_ High School will compete at the State Envirothon contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ High School is one of the top 15 teams in the state, following the regional envirothon competitions.

Team members' \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, will test their knowledge of aquatics, forestry, soils, and wildlife. They will also prepare a presentation on this year's topic "Protection of Groundwater through Urban, Agricultural and Environmental Planning." The \_\_\_\_\_ team is coached by \_\_\_\_\_. The state competition will be held at the Springbrook Education Center near Guthrie Center on April 19, 2010. The winning team at the state competition will compete at the Canon Envirothon, August 1 – August 6 at the California State University, Fresno, California.

The Envirothon is a team competition for high school students testing their knowledge of natural resources. In the field and classroom, teams of five students are challenged to use their knowledge and critical thinking skills to conduct hands-on investigations, solve real-life scenarios and answer written questions covering five categories: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, and Current Environmental Issues.

The Iowa Envirothon is sponsored by the Conservation Districts of Iowa and their

partners. The steering committee for this program consists of representatives from Conservation Districts of Iowa, Iowa Farm Bureau, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Land Stewardship-Division of Soil Conservation, Iowa FFA Association, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Iowa Pork Producers, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa State University, and the Iowa Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society.