



# North Adirondack Regional Envirothon Press Release

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## 2004 NORTH ADIRONDACK REGIONAL ENVIROTHON WINNERS

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**Paul Smiths, NY** — Twenty four teams from thirteen schools across Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties competed at the 2004 Annual North Adirondack Regional Envirothon (NARE) on Tuesday, May 4th. The NARE Committee is pleased to announce the winners in this environmental competition. High scores in each of the five test categories received ribbons and a \$30 gift certificate for books for their school's library. The winners were Saranac Lake for Aquatics, Saranac Lake for Forestry, Canton Central for Soils, Canton Central for Wildlife, and Chateaugay Central for Current Issue.

The highest scoring teams on all tests for each county received a plaque and advance to the State Envirothon. The winners were: Clinton County - Redford Home School, Essex County - Lake Placid, Franklin County - Saranac Lake, and St. Lawrence County - Canton Central. The team with the overall highest score, receiving personalized embroidered vests and a special plaque, was Canton Central with a score of 108 out of a possible 125. This is the third year Canton Central was overall NARE winner. Photos from this year's competition, including pictures of the winning teams, can be viewed online at <http://cedareden.com/nare.html>

The North Adirondack Regional Envirothon is coordinated by the Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), the New York Power Authority, Paul Smith's College, and Cedar Eden Environmental. Major funding was provided by the NY Power Authority. Additional funding and support were provided this year by the Adirondack Park Visitors Interpretive Center, Alcoa Inc., Cedar Eden Environmental, Kraft Foods, Natural Resource Conservation District, NYS Electric and Gas, Paul Smiths College Admissions and PSC Natural Resources Division, St. Lawrence WQCC, and SUNY ESF Ranger School.

The Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in the spring of 1979. New York held its first Envirothon in 1990 with three participating counties. The Envirothon experience is a unique approach to environmental education. Teams compete in an outdoor setting where they learn that cooperation is needed to achieve success. Participation in this competition is fun for both students and their advisors. The activities are designed to help students become environmentally aware, action-oriented adults.

NOTE TO PRESS: Digital photos of winners and participants are available for this year's event at

<http://cedareden.com/nare.html>. Please give photo credit as "Michael R. Martin"