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Forestry Tools and Training Grant Opportunity for Envirothon Teams

Bangor, ME – January 26, 2011 -- The Maine Envirothon program has been awarded a \$1,200 grant from the Maine Society of American Foresters (SAF) to allow registered Envirothon teams to purchase forestry equipment for their Envirothon teams. The funding was made possible by the New England SAF. The Maine Envirothon is sponsored by the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and Maine's 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in partnership with other natural resource agencies and organizations.

As a result of this grant, a group/school who has registered to participate in the 2011 Envirothon can request up to \$120 if they can match it. A 50/50 match is expected. The group/school would order the tools directly from a supply company of their choice, and would then be scheduled for training with a premier Maine SAF member or student SAF. Items that can be purchased include Biltmore sticks, compasses and/or clinometers for the team(s). Due to the limited amount of funds, teams will be eligible on a first-come first-serve basis.

Envirothon is a state- and nation-wide environmental competition where high school students test their knowledge of natural resources and current environmental issues. It provides students with reference materials, workshops, and hands-on, outdoor, real life experiences in five areas including forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics, and a current issue. Teams consisting of 3-5 students complete first at one of four regional Envirothon in May; the top four teams from each regional Envirothon will then compete at the State finals in late May, with the state's winning team traveling to the international competition in late July or early August.

If you are interested in participating in the 2011 Envirothon, please contact tish carr at 485-0219 or email tish.carr@maineswcds.org. For more information or to register on-line go to www.maineswcds.org/envirothon.htm. The registration deadline is March 15, 2011.

If you have already registered for Envirothon and would like to sign up for SAF funding or receive more information, please contact tish carr. Don't delay, for funds are limited!

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