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Environmental Competition Scheduled for Thursday

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - The Area VII N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) will sponsor an environmental competition for local students on Thursday, March 29 in Whiteville on the campus of Southeastern Community College.

The Area VII **Envirothon** will begin at 9:15 a.m. and is expected to draw approximately 150 students and volunteers from the nine counties (Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland) that make up the Area VII NCASWCD.

Cumberland County will be represented by teams from Grays Creek High School and Cape Fear High School.

The Envirothon Program is a natural resources competitive event and ecology field day for middle and high school students. It stimulates, reinforces and enhances students' interest in the environment and our state's natural resources. Five-member teams rotate through five stations where they take a test. The subject areas are: Soils, Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues.

The area event is the first level of competition. The top seven area teams are eligible to compete at the state event on April 20-21 at Cedar Rock Park in Burlington, N.C.

For more information about the Area VII Envirothon, please call Joanna McPhatter at 910-739-5478 #3.

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