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School Teams Win Envirothon Natural Resources Competition

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County students representing two high schools and one middle school competed in the Soil and Water Area VII Envirothon and the North Carolina Envirothon competition recently.

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors teams from schools in the county at Envirothon every year. Five teams from Cape Fear High School, Grays Creek High School and Seventy-First Classical Middle School competed in the Area VII Envirothon held in March. Soil and Water organized trainings for Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry and Soils.

The winners are listed below by category:

Middle School

1st Place – “Knights” of Seventy-First Classical Middle School: Mary Vorder Bruegge, Eugene Yun, Matthew Stidham, Forest Good, Alka Ghadiyaram. Advisor: Sylvia Beckham

High Schools

4th Place – “Team A” of Cape Fear High School: Burlington Peacock, Michael Post, Paul Morris, Gavin Calder, Shane Page. Advisor: Nathan Chabot

5th Place – “Team C” of Cape Fear High School: Ryan Knowles, Monica Castro, Olivia Forbes, Alberto Lagos, Cole Caceres. Advisor: Nathan Chabot

6th Place – “Hellbenders” of Grays Creek High School: Catelynn Williamson, Samantha Byrd, Keanna Edwards, Matthew Suite, Christian Mooney. Advisor: April Pittman

9th Place – “Team B” from Cape Fear High School: Rebakah Bullard, Justin Starling, Adrianna Schmidt, Killian McDonald, Patrick McCall. Advisor Nathan Chabot

Seventy-First Classical Middle School’s team Knights; and Grays Creek High School’s team “Hellbenders” also competed in the North Carolina State Envirothon competition April 25-27 at Cedarock State Park in Burlington. The Seventy-First Classical Middle School “Knights” placed 19th and the Grays Creek High School “Hellbenders” placed 36th at the state competition.

Soil and Water Area VII includes the districts of Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, Harnett, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson Sampson and Scotland counties. Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District is located

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in the Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center at 301 E. Mountain Dr. For more information about Soil and Water Conservation services, call 910-484-8479 option 3 or go to http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/soil_water/.



The Seventy-First Classical Middle School “Knights” won first place in the Area VII Soil and Water District Area VII Envirothon. From left are Sylvia Beckham (advisor), Mary Vorder Bruegge, Eugene Yun, Matthew Stidham, Forest Good and Alka Ghadiyaram.

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