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Students Trekged to Woods to Learn Forestry

Fundy Model Forest congratulates Oromocto High School for capturing top honours at the New Brunswick Envirothon competition held in Fredericton earlier this month. The team will represent New Brunswick at Canon Envirothon, the North American contest, which will take place in Sackville in July.

A round of applause also goes to all 27 teams for their hard work throughout the school year preparing for the two-day challenge.

Nine of the teams took part in an experiential workshop hosted by Fundy Model Forest April 26 at Elmhurst Outdoors, an outdoor education and recreational facility and partner organization. 2011 marked the ninth year Fundy Model Forest has hosted a workshop to prepare teams in forestry.

This year, Fundy Model Forest General Manager Nairn Hay and Elmhurst Outdoors operator Gig Keirstead, were joined by foresters and wildlife experts from SNB Wood Co-op (Darren Clarke and Ray Webster), and Department of Natural Resources Hampton (Joe Kennedy and Todd Beach) in discussing forestry concepts with the teams and showing them how to use a few of a forester's basic instruments. They measured the diameter of a tree with a diameter tape, used an increment bore to sample its growth rings and estimate its age, and peered through a hypsometer to calculate its height.

Jordan Daley, a member of the Sussex High School team, was one of the students walking through the woods on the rainy Tuesday in April, talking with the foresters about silviculture, sustainable forest management, and how water quality, habitat; wildlife, recreation, aesthetics and other environmental factors are incorporated into forest management.

Her participation in Envirothon stems from a deep interest in environmental issues and desire to understand what can be done to protect the environment. She was making her third trip to Envirothon with fellow team mates Jessica McKellar, Joseph Goodwin, and Hillary Parlee. "I am looking forward to meeting new teams and learning about their beliefs on the environment and their issues," she said.

In addition to hosting the workshop, Fundy Model Forest, along with Nova Forest Alliance, Model Forest of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Prince Edward Island Model Forest Network Partnership, is among the organizations helping sponsor Canon Envirothon 2011.

Envirothon New Brunswick is organized by the Canadian Forestry Association, New Brunswick. To learn more or volunteer visit Canon Envirothon on Facebook or at the Canadian Forestry Association at http://www.cfanb.ca/canon_envirothon_2011.