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After two rounds of oral competition and a grueling “trail test” the Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin crowned the first-ever Saskatchewan Envirothon champion, a team from Walter Murray Collegiate. Five students from Walter Murray will be advancing to the Canon International Envirothon Competition: Howard Meng, Bobby Xiao, Elizabeth Miazga, BJ Bodnar, Rocky Wang and teacher advisors Claire Cook and Cathi Johnston.

The team will be traveling to Geneva, New York on July 29 to compete in North America’s largest natural resource event for high school students, the Canon International Envirothon. The Saskatoon students will be competing against 250 other high school students for more than \$75 000 USD in prizes.

The Saskatchewan Envirothon, made possible in part thanks to support from SaskPower, took place on May 24 and 25 at Blackstrap Provincial Park, near Dundurn Saskatchewan. This year marked the first year for the Saskatchewan Envirothon. The event brought together students and teachers from 7 different schools from across Saskatchewan.

Envirothon takes place in two parts. The first day is a “trail test”, which took place at Blackstrap Provincial Park. This trail test involved twelve challenges along a wilderness trail that helped students answer a 32 page written exam. The second day involved an oral competition. The students were given a problem regarding renewable energy. Each team then convinced a panel of judges that they solved the problem properly using their understanding of the environment and renewable energy.

Envirothon is a competition that takes place in 10 locations in Canada and more than 50 in the United States.

For more information about the Saskatchewan Envirothon, visit http://www.saskriverbasin.ca/Envirothon_index.htm

Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin is a non-profit stewardship organization. The organization is committed to creating awareness, linkages and stewardship for the Saskatchewan River Basin, an international watershed that stretches through Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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