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DEADLINE TO ENTER ENVIROTHON EXTENDED

BATON ROUGE – The deadline to for high school students in grades 9-12 to enter a team in the Louisiana Envirothon has been extended to April 15. The Envirothon is an environmental problem-solving competition.

Teams may be comprised of students at the same school or can be associated with an organized group. A team is comprised of five students and an alternate. The teams compete in five different areas concerning the environment. These will be hands-on and written tests.

This year's topic is *Managing Cultural Landscapes*. The competition takes place in real-life environments. Testing stations will be set up at the Model Sustainable Agriculture Complex of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, located at 1234 W.J. Bernard Rd. in Cade, on June 14-15.

The winners of the Louisiana Envirothon program will participate in the national competition at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, on July 18 thru 24, 2005. Scholarships will be awarded to the national winners.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is a sponsor of this year's Envirothon. DEQ employees provide technical assistance in the development of testing materials and provide staff on the day of the event.

"The Envirothon provides an opportunity for the best and brightest students to learn more about the environment," said Karen Gautreaux, deputy secretary of DEQ. "We encourage high school teams to participate."

Go to the DEQ website www.gov.state.la.us/enved/envirothonbroch for more information.

