



2017 Idaho Envirothon

Skyline High School Wins Idaho 2017 Envirothon

This year's Idaho Envirothon's winning team for 2017 is Skyline High School sponsored by the West Side Soil and Water Conservation District. Skyline attended for their second year coming back strong after a close race at the 2016 event. The team will represent Idaho at the 2017 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon competition in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The NCF event, featuring teams from throughout the United States and Canada, will be held July 23 – July 29 at Mount St. Mary's University. The Idaho Envirothon is excited to send this team to represent Idaho and congratulates Skyline on their win.



1st Place Team
Skyline High School
 Sponsored by: *West Side SWCD*
Team Members:

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| Alex Reed (Captain) | Mochen Ma |
| Heather Casper | <u>Advisors:</u> |
| Stephen Casper | Greer Saechao |
| Ethan Baver | Kao Saechao |

Rigby High School
 Spirit of
 Envirothon Award



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The Idaho Envirothon has relied on the support of our contributors' for 25 successful years of natural resources conservation education! We thank the following contributors to the 2017 Envirothon:

- *Conservation Basics, *Bonneville County Cattle Association, *Idaho Barley Commission, *Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, *Idaho District Employee Association, *Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, *IASCD Ladies Auxiliary, *Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission, *Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association, *Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, *Idaho Ag Credit, *Living Waters Ranch, *National Wild Turkey Federation, *Natural Resources Conservation Service, *Frank and Kathy Weaver.**

Districts Sponsoring Teams: Butte SWCD, Custer SWCD, East Side SWCD, Gooding SCD, Jefferson SWCD, North Side SWCD, Valley SWCD, Weiser River SCD, West Side SWCD, Wood River SWCD.





FOURTH PLACE

Gooding High School - A
Sponsored by: Gooding SCD

Team Members:

Tori Anderson (Captain)
 Cassie Woodland
 Tyra Runser
 Yanet Rosales
 Brett Larsen

Advisors:

Becky Freiberg
 Tom Woodland

SECOND PLACE

Rigby High School

Sponsored by: Jefferson SWCD

Team Members:

Jacob Sutton (Captain)
 Dalton Johnson
 Nate Scott
 Alesha Kisner
 Jordan Gardner

Advisors:

Lex Godfrey
 Rachelle Godfrey



FIFTH PLACE

Gooding High School - B

Sponsored by: Wood River SWCD

Team Members:

Jennifer Pineda (Captain)
 Laken Tsetsakis
 Derik Wright
 Garrett Jones
 Callie Graves

Advisors:

Becky Freiberg
 Tom Woodland



THIRD PLACE

Weiser High School

Sponsored by: Weiser River SCD

Team Members:

Philip Soulen (Captain)
 Llane Gibson
 Haley Turner
 Mikel Davies
 Estaban Rivera

Advisors:

Stuart Nesbitt



Thank You Station Presenters



George Hitz, ISWCC



Gregg Losinski, IDFG



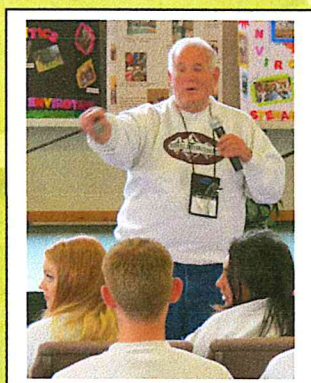
Sharon Bradley



Lynn VanEvery, Idaho DEQ



Chris Banks, Conservation Basics
Idaho Envirothon Chairman



Greg Blaser, Madison Soil and
Water Conservation District
Supervisor

WILDLIFE STATION

Gregg Losinski - Idaho Department of Fish & Game

Gregg is the Regional Conservation Educator for the Upper Snake Region of the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. He has worked in Idaho over 33 years, the last 24 at IDFG, the first 9 at ISU. Gregg has been in the Upper Snake Region for over 20 years. During this time he has been part of the team that is working to delist the grizzly bear in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Recently he has been helping with brown bears in the Carpathian Mountains of Slovakia. Gregg attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for a Bachelor's Degree in Scientific Land Management and worked for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service. Gregg has a Master's in Education from ISU.

SOILS/LAND USE STATION

George Hitz, Water Quality Resource Conservationist, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission:

George graduated from Oregon State University with a B.S. Degree in Crop and Soil Science in 2002. He has worked for NRCS as a Soil Scientist in Wyoming and Alaska, as an Agronomist/Natural Resource Specialist for the Fairbanks SWCD in Alaska, and has been a Certified Crop Advisor for the past 7 years. George and his family recently moved to Southeastern Idaho from Montana and started working for ISWCC this past winter. He enjoys spending time with family, hunting, fishing, hiking, gardening, and traveling.

FORESTRY STATION

Sharon Bradley, Retired Forester - USFS Forest Service was born and raised in Idaho, received a degree in Forest Resource Management from the U of I. She has held positions in several western states, most recently in the Challis/Salmon National Forest. As a forester, Sharon's duties included all aspects of forestry and silviculture – such as reforestation, forest thinning, timber sales, recreation, trail and watershed programs, and firefighting operations. Retired after 33 years, Sharon is active in many youth and horse related organizations, including Envirothon.

AQUATIC ECOLOGY STATION

Lynn Van Every - Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Lynn has over 25 years of experience as a water quality specialist. Lynn is the South East Idaho Regional Manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Lynn loves being outdoors, riding bikes and horses, teaching students, and most of all spending time with his family. Lynn plays a vital role in conservation throughout southeast Idaho, and his opinion, knowledge, and skills are relied on by other agencies, landowners, and other partners regularly. Lynn's easy going demeanor and witty personality make it easy to work alongside him, we are lucky to have him for the 2016 Idaho Envirothon as the Aquatics instructor.

AGRICULTURAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP

Greg Blaser, Madison Soil & Water Conservation District

Supervisor Greg grew up on a small dairy farm west of Rexburg, Idaho. In high school, Greg was involved in FFA, participating in FFA sponsored events. Greg participated in Baseball, Football and Track. Greg received an associate's degree from Ricks College/ BYU-Idaho. Greg married his wife Kira in 1970 and that same year he was drafted in to the U.S. Army where he served as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Greg had an opportunity to begin work at Ricks College/ BYU-Idaho in the Agronomy and Agriculture Mechanics department at the same time managing the college farm. Greg received both a Bachelors and Master's degrees from Utah State University and a Doctorate (PhD) degree from the University of Idaho in plant science. Greg is currently a supervisor on Madison SWCD board.

The 2017 Envirothon was held at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis, Idaho. For more information www.livingwatersranch.org

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A Big Thank You to our Many Volunteers

Final Round Judges: Teri Murrison, (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Robert Griffel* Benjamin Kelly, (*Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*)* Gretchen Hyde, (*Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission*)* Curtis Elke, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)*. **Preliminary Round Judges:** Shannon Williams, (*Lemhi County Extension*)* Sarah Baker, (*Custer County Extension*)* Jolie Turek, (*Custer County Economic Development*)* Mark Olson, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)* Rosana Rieth, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)* Jessie Fulmer, (*Natural Resources Conservation Service*)* Lynn Bagley (*Teton Soil Conservation District*)* Kim Olson, (*Lemhi After School Promise*)*Justin Petty, (*The Nature Conservancy*)* Shannon Brady, (*Friends of the Teton River*)* Steven Smith (*Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*)* Alan Johnson (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)*. **Conservation Project Judges:** Cali Johnson, (*Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Autumn Banks, (*Conservation Basics*)* Leigh Love, (*Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District*) **Planning Committee:** Chris Banks, **Chairman** (*Conservation Basics*)* Lynn Bagley, (*Teton SCD*)* Tamra Cikaitoga, (*North American Envirothon Committee, Idaho & Yellowstone Soil Conservation District*)* Kathy Weaver, (*East Side Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Frances Perkes, (*Butte Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Mindy Hawley (*Butte Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Cali Johnson, (*Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Pegi Long (*Power Soil Conservation District*)* Leigh Love (*Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Pauline Bassett (*Caribou Soil Conservation District*)* Karma Bragg, (*Custer Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Loni Downton, (*Custer Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Shawn Banks, (*Conservation Basics*)* Jennifer Saathoff, (*Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District*)* Joyce Smith (*East & West Side Soil & Water Conservation Districts*)* Tina Dean, (*Teton Soil Conservation District*)* Steven Smith (*Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*)* Alan Johnson (*Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission*)* Robbie Taylor (*Madison/Clark SWCD*)

Individual Station Winners

Forestry—Rigby High School

Sponsored by Jefferson SWCD

Soils— Skyline High School

Sponsored by West Side SWCD

Wildlife—Weiser High School

Sponsored by Weiser River SCD

Aquatics/Ecology –Gooding High School –Team B

Sponsored Wood River SWCD

Current Issue— Weiser High School

Sponsored by Weiser River SCD

34 Contributing Soil and Water Conservation Districts

*Ada SWCD (*Boise*) *Adams SWCD (*Council*) *Balanced Rock SCD (*Twin Falls*) *Blaine SCD (*Carey*) *Bonner SCD (*Sandpoint*) *Boundary SCD (*Bonnars Ferry*) *Butte SWCD (*Arco*) *Canyon SCD (*Caldwell*) *Caribou SWCD (*Soda Springs*) *Clark SCD (*Rexburg*) *Custer SWCD (*Challis*) *East Cassia SWCD (*Burley*) *East Side SWCD (*Idaho Falls*) *Elmore SWCD (*Mountain Home*) *Gooding SCD (*Gooding*) *Idaho SWCD (*Grangeville*) *Jefferson SWCD (*Rigby*) *Latah SWCD (*Moscow*) *Lemhi SWCD (*Salmon*) *Madison SWCD (*Rexburg*) *North Side SWCD (*Jerome*) *Minidoka SWCD (*Rupert*) *Oneida SWCD (*Malad*) *Portneuf SWCD (*Pocatello*) *Power SCD (*American Falls*) *South Bingham SCD (*Aberdeen*) *Snake River SWCD (*Twin Falls*) *Squaw Creek SCD (*Emmet*) *Teton SCD (*Driggs*) *Twin Falls SWCD (*Twin Falls*) *Weiser River SCD (*Weiser*) *West Cassia SWCD (*Burley*) *West Side SWCD (*Idaho Falls*) *Wood River SWCD (*Shoshone*) *Yellowstone SWCD (*St. Anthony*)

Idaho Conservation Districts

Districts are a subdivision of state government led by locally elected supervisors that serve voluntarily to assist private landowners with conservation & wise use of natural resources.