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Envirothon 2013 environmental competition held at LSU AgCenter Burden Center

BATON ROUGE – Seven teams participated in the 2013 Louisiana Envirothon Environmental Competition was held March 9 at the LSU AgCenter Burden Center in Baton Rouge. The teams participated in an environmental educational contest that consisted of testing at area stations in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, the current issue, sustainable ranchland management and an oral presentation.

Participating were four teams from Audubon in New Orleans, two teams from Live Oak Future Farmers of America, Denham Springs and a team from Baton Rouge Magnet High School. The teams consist of five students and they choose their own names.

For the second year, the Audubon Huffleoperaptors placed first. The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Bulldogs placed second, in their first year in the competition. The third place team was Audubon Team Gus. The winners received plaques, certificates and cash prizes. The first place team will represent Louisiana in the North American Envirothon Competition in Montana in August.

The highest scores on station tests were:

- Forestry: Audubon CamCarIzzySloJoe
- Soils: Audubon Huffleopteraptors
- Aquatics: Baton Rouge Magnet High School Bulldogs
- Wildlife: Audubon Team Gus
- Current Issue: Sustainable Rangeland Management: Audubon Huffleopteraptors
- Oral Competition: Audubon Team Gus

The oral presentation on Sustainable Ranchland Management was judged by Dr. Bill Branch, Professor of Extension Water Resources, Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Dr. John Pardue, LSU College of Engineering; Dr. Meghan Sanders, Associate Dean, Sponsored Research and Programs, LSU Manship School of Mass Communications; and Dr. Maud Walsh, Professor of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences, LSU College of Agriculture.

The competition is presented by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, partnering with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, LSU, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Downtown and Miracle Place Toastmasters.

For more information on Envirothon or to enter a team for next year's competition go to www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon.