

Madison FFA Qualifies for State Envirothon, Places 3rd in Area

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16 Madison FFA members had a phenomenal time learning and testing their environmental knowledge Saturday at the Area 1 Envirothon contest at the NC State University Mountain Research Station in Waynesville.

I am very proud of all of these students for their desire to continue their growth beyond the classroom and regular school day. These are phenomenal young people!

Congratulations to the Cacti Catz team consisting of Alyssa Schoof, Wayne Landers, Sarah Landers, Jaylie Tipton and Christian Parker for placing 3rd overall out of 23 high school teams and 1st in the FFA division. This qualifies them to compete at the state contest in Burlington on May 4th.

Students enjoyed learning and testing their skills against other high school students from around the region in the areas of Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, Forestry, and Current Environmental Issues.

The other two Madison FFA teams barely missed the cut off to qualify for state and finished 8th and 9th overall.

The Swanky Snails team of Roscoe Reeves, Nicole Cutshaw, Lauren Gardner, Cheyenne Hoppes and Cameron Waldroup finished 8th.

The Madison Mudcats team of Sam Ramsey, Natalie Willis, Lauren Smith, November Hayes and Ben Garrett finished 9th. Serena Russ also competed as an alternate.

Many thanks to 8th grade science teacher Michelle Franklin for co-coaching the high school teams. We enjoyed spending the day with 25 Madison Middle School students who also competed in the contest.

Congratulations to the 6th grade Madison Middle School team, the Fresh Shrimps of Bel-Air who finished 6th and have also qualified to compete at state!

Also thanks to our Madison County Soil & Water partners - Tyler Ross & Brandon Young, as well as our principals and directors - Rhonda Cuthbertson, Jennifer Caldwell, Jimmy Huey and Nicholas Honeycutt for ALL their support!