

## **CLEAR SPRING WINS 2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON**

The 2011 Washington County Envirothon was held on April 15, 2011, at the Claud E. Kitchens Outdoor Education Center at Fairview. Ten teams from Boonsboro, Clear Spring, North Hagerstown, and Williamsport were on hand for the competition. Students were tested with hands-on activities in soil science, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and “Fresh and Salt Water Estuaries”.

Banners were presented for the top score in each area of study and each of the teams with the top 3 overall scores received a framed wildlife print for school display. Dr. Dave Reeder, Washington County Public Schools, Director of High Schools, presented the awards for the top 3 overall teams.

The Clear Spring Trailblazers placed first in the competition and also took top honors in Soils and Wildlife. The team will travel to the Maryland State Envirothon at St. Mary’s College of Maryland in St. Mary’s County, Wednesday, June 15th through Thursday, June 16th. 2011.

Team members, Chad Hamilton, Todd Welch, Crystal Welling, Brad Webb, and Kyle Franks, spent many hours preparing for the event and are looking forward to representing Washington County at the State level of competition. Clear Spring Envirothon coaches Sue Lowery and Terrie Shank are very proud of their team’s performance at this year’s event.

The Wilderness Wanderers from Clear Spring High School placed second with the excellent performance of team members Josh Repp, McKenzie Divelbiss, Chance Younker, Ryan Burcker, and Kenny Carrier.

The Tree Huggers from Clear Spring High School placed third at the event. Team members were Eric Yetter, Jordan Davis, Ryan Yetter, Jenna Knable and Shannon Bishop.

The Washington County Envirothon is an educational outreach program of the Washington County Soil Conservation District in cooperation with the Washington County Public Schools. Staff from the Washington County Soil Conservation District, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation, and Maryland Department of Agriculture provided resource professionals for training and testing of participants. Financial support comes from The Washington County Soil Conservation District, Frederick Seibert and Associates, and Paul Crampton Contractors.

**2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners – Clear Spring High School – The Trailblazers**



**Left to Right**

L-R Coach Susan Lowery, Crystal Welling, Todd Welch, Chad Hamilton, Kyle Franks, and Brad Webb (Coach Terrie Shank – not pictured)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners – Clear Spring High School – Wilderness Wanderers**



**Left to Right**

L-R Coach Susan Lowery, Kenny Carrier, Ryan Burcker, Chance Younker, McKenzie Divelbiss, and Josh Repp (Coach Terrie Shank – not pictured)

**3rd Place Winners – Clear Spring High School – Tree Huggers**



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L-R Coach Susan Lowery, Shannon Bishop, Jenna Knable, Ryan Yetter, Jordan Davis, and Eric Yetter (Coach Terrie Shank – not pictured)