

High school eco-experts receive \$5,000 to represent Alberta's environmental excellence in the United States

The journey to an international high school environment fair next summer will be much smoother for five teens thanks to a travel grant from Alberta Environment Minister Guy Boutilier. The winners of the 2007 provincial Envirothon competition will receive a \$5,000 grant to represent Alberta and showcase their knowledge next July at the Canon Envirothon in New York state.

Canon Envirothon is an intense competition that brings together North America's brightest young conservationists who are skilled presenters, problem solvers and experts in forestry, aquatics, wildlife, soils and land use issues. The team with the highest combined score on a field exam and presentation wins the competition.

For more information about Canon Envirothon, visit www.envirothon.org.



Minister Boutilier with Kase deVries (left) and Erich Andersen (right) at *YES!* a youth environment summit. Kase and Erich were members of the Grande Prairie Composite High School team that competed at Canon Envirothon 2006 in Winnipeg. The team presented a water stewardship plan about the effects of climate change on the Lake Winnipeg basin.