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### **Students Study Green for Major Environmental Competition**

*SFWMD, partners host the Envirothon on public lands in the remnant Everglades*

**WHAT:** In a fitting setting amid the remnant Everglades, up to 175 local middle and high school students are set to compete in North America's largest environmental education program. The yearly Envirothon competition introduces students to diverse environmental issues, natural resource management and science as they compete for recognition and scholarships.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and its partners are hosting the local piece of the competition, the 2009 Indian River Lagoon Regional Envirothon at the DuPuis Management Area.

Student teams from schools in Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade counties will answer questions at stations in DuPuis, a 22,000-acre natural area open to public recreation throughout the year. The District is committed to increasing recreational access to public lands, while continuing to manage them effectively to meet environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions.

For the past three years, a team from the Indian River Lagoon regional event has gone on to win the state competition and moved up to represent Florida in the North American competition.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 27, 2009

**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** DuPuis Management Area  
23500 SW Kanner Highway  
Canal Point, FL 33438

**DIRECTIONS:**

- From southeast Florida: Take I-95 north to PGA Blvd. (SR 786). Go west on PGA Blvd. to S.R. 710. Go north for about 15 miles to Kanner Hwy., S.R. 76. Take S.R. 76 seven miles west to DuPuis.
- From Okeechobee, Pahokee and Belle Glade: Take U.S. 441 to Port Mayaca. Exit onto S.R. 76 and go three miles east to DuPuis.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*