



Michigan Sustainable Stoup Competition and Michigan Envirothon

Inspiring Environmental Stewardship in Michigan's High School Students

Michigan Sustainable Stoup* Competition a Tremendous Success

East Lansing, MI Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

Michigan has many flavors to offer and on Oct. 25, 2009, those who attended the Michigan Sustainable Stoup Competition in Grand Ledge, MI were able to sample a great variety of those flavors. Eleven restaurants and individuals from Michigan entered with tasty soups, stews and chili and competed for the best stoup in Michigan. Congratulations to the Overall Winner of the event - Walldorff Brew Pub & Bistro. Walldorff took home a trophy as well as \$500 cash.

The Michigan Sustainable Stoup Competition was developed to promote sustainable agriculture, farmers markets, backyard and community gardening and Michigan beverages, all for a good cause: to help support the Michigan Envirothon Program.

Michigan Envirothon hosted the event - a statewide cooking contest open to individuals and Michigan restaurants with a focus on local, sustainably raised foods. Trophies and prizes were also awarded in several categories, including 100% local, vegetarian, allergen friendly, organic and youth, best stoup by an individual, best stoup by a restaurant and most creative stoup name. A complete list of all winners is available at www.macd.org. All the proceeds raised through the event will support 2010 competition Michigan Envirothon events.

Stoup attendees enjoyed samples of Michigan wine, hard cider and beer. A wonderful variety of local wineries and breweries participated in the event to give everyone attending the full circle Michigan experience.

Michigan Envirothon is a non-profit statewide environmental competition that gives high school students outdoor, hands on experience with nature, agriculture and the ecology that surrounds it. These are the young adults who will be the next scientists, foresters, wildlife biologists and farmers. For more information on Envirothon and to learn how you can get involved locally, please visit the website at www.macd.org.

Envirothon is an environmental competition for high school students from throughout the state and is administered by MACD. MACD is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of Michigan Conservation Districts and works to strengthen Districts through leadership, information and representation at the state level. Michigan's 79 Conservation Districts are the local providers of natural resource management services that help our citizens conserve their lands and our environment for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Michigan.

The event would not have been possible without an outpouring of support from numerous businesses, organizations and individuals. A complete list of sponsors can be found here:

http://macd.org/assets/downloads/Envirothon/Fund%20Raisers/2009_Sustainable_Stoup_Sponsors.pdf.

See you next fall at the 2nd Annual Sustainable Stoup Competition. Details will be announced next spring.

**Stoup can be a soup or a stew, or even chili.*

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