

****JOINING ENVIROTHON SEASON****

What Is The Envirothon?

The Envirothon program is a hands-on environmental and natural resource competition for middle and high school students. It is the perfect opportunity to challenge your students to become better stewards of the land. The Envirothon is a nationally recognized competition beginning at the local and state level.

The program will test student teams on their knowledge and awareness of environmental issues. The Envirothon curriculum provides comprehensive hands-on training in ecology and natural resource management while emphasizing teamwork. Areas of study incorporate 5 major subjects: Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry, Soils/Land Use and Current Environmental Issues.

The Envirothon program helps develop environmentally aware youth, able to assume future leadership roles. Many students go on to pursue careers in environmental law, natural resource management, etc. or go on to be doctors, lawyers with a more developed background and understanding about nature and the environment.

How Do I Get Started?

Teams are comprised of three to five students, with the option of up to two alternatives, and up to two advisors. Teams must be comprised of students from the same school, homeschool organization, FFA club, science or environmental club, 4H group or other youth organization. Schools and organizations can also sponsor multiple teams if there is enough interest.

Middle school teams require that students be in the 5-8th grade at the time of the competition. And that high school teams be in the 9-12th at the time of the competition.

Once you've got a team together, hit those books! All of the study materials are provided for you on the [NC State Envirothon](#) website. Middle and high school competitions are run separately, therefore require different studying materials.

The first competition is the [Area 3 Envirothon](#), comprised of the Envirothon teams across eleven other counties, and takes place in March. The top seven middle and high school teams then become qualified for the state level competition. Placing in the state competition is the highest achievement at the middle school level. The top three high school teams become qualified for the North American Envirothon; competing against teams from the U.S and Canada. This years North American Envirothon will be in North Carolina!

Why Envirothon?

- ◇ Teamwork and Leadership Experience for your students
- ◇ Spend Time in Nature
- ◇ College Application Building
- ◇ Networking
- ◇ Scholarships and Cash Prizes



Who To Call?

Get in touch with your local Soil & Water Conservation District for more information on the registration process, any questions you may have, or to help your team study!

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