



NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

"Fostering Environmentally Conscious, Decision Making Young Adults"

Rules and Regulations

1. **The Envirothon will be held *rain or shine*, so be prepared for any type of weather!**
2. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the current school year are eligible to compete.
3. Teams must consist of five (5) members from the same school and/or organization/association and be registered for the competition. **No alternates will be allowed at the competition.** You may substitute a team member the morning of the competition if you need to. **ONLY 5 STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION.**
4. NO TOBACCO, INTOXICANTS OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT THE SITE OF THE COMPETITION. Students are representatives of their respective schools and will follow their schools' policies while participating in the competition.
5. Teams must be accompanied to the competition by an adult advisor/teacher. Advisors **will not** accompany their team to the test stations. Activities will be planned for advisors. **Advisors are expected to stay on-site for the day's events.**
6. The Envirothon will consist of five subject areas: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and current issue.
7. Students will travel to each station as a five (5) member team and be allowed a predetermined amount of time at each station.
8. Test questions will cover any information in the resource materials provided to the teams. Notes and materials will **not** be allowed at any time during the competition.

Any team member & / or advisor found to have materials or notes at the competition will disqualify their team from participation in competition and forfeit their registration deposit.

9. Students will work as a team to answer test questions. One set of answers will be submitted from each team to the station monitor before moving to the next station.
10. Student will need only a clipboard and a pencil with them during the competition. All materials needed are provided at the testing station.
11. Students must remain at the station until the rotation of teams. No student is allowed to leave any of the stations if they finish early.
12. The winning team is the team with the highest cumulative point total from the five test stations from both regional events. In the event of a tie, the highest score in Aquatics will break the tie. If there is still a tie, Forestry, Soils, and Wildlife areas respectively will decide the winner.
13. The decisions of the resource presenters are final with respect to test questions.
14. Rules are subject to change and all relevant changes will be explained to the teams and advisors before the competition.
15. A regional winner will be determined to compete in the Illinois Envirothon. Test scores will be compared between two regional Envirothons to determine the team with the highest score. If the winning team opts not to attend the state competition, the team with the next highest score is eligible. All tests and study materials within the regional Envirothons are the same.
16. Transportation costs to and from the State Envirothon will be the responsibility of the winning team's school/organization. The Illinois Envirothon will be held in May. The Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee will pay the entrance fee to the Illinois Envirothon.
17. Backpacks, purses, camcorders, tape recorders, digital cameras, cell phones, pagers, or other audio, visual equipment are not allowed by the participants during the competition. Leave these items in the car or with your advisor. Team photographs will be taken for you during registration.
18. Teachers and advisors are not allowed in the test scoring station.
19. The competition will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. A phone number will be provided for you to call if you are running late. Late teams will be dropped into the rotation of the competition, but will have to take the tests that were missed during the lunch break without a presentation. The day typically ends before 2:30 p.m. following the awards ceremony.
20. **Most importantly, have a great time at the Envirothon!**



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Registration Guidelines

1. Registrations are due by **DECEMBER 1st**.
2. All registrations must include a **deposit check for EACH TEAM** in the amount of \$75.00 made payable to your local Soil & Water Conservation District and **post dated to April 2014**.
 - a) **FFA TEAMS-** Effective July 2012, to register any team affiliated with the National FFA Organization, participating in the FFA Career Development Events program, a non-refundable entry check in the amount of \$75.00 must be submitted. Confirmation of affiliation and acceptance of terms must be declared on the team's registration form.
 - b) **ALL OTHER SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION TEAMS** - Deposit checks are returned to the team advisor when the team registers on competition day. If a team fails to enter on competition day the deposit check is cashed and placed into the expense funds for Envirothon.
3. Schools/Organizations are permitted to enter **up to 2 teams per school/organization**. Although you do not need to include names with your initial registration you must send a **separate form & separate deposit check for each team** you wish to register by December 1st. The second team registration form should be clearly labeled "2nd. Team" somewhere at the top on the form.
4. A maximum of 24 teams will be permitted to register for any one event. A total maximum of 48 teams may compete in the NE IL Envirothon competition. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Teams from Lake, Winnebago, McHenry, Boone and DeKalb counties will compete at the north event. Teams from Cook, Will, DuPage and Kane counties will compete at the south event. Teams are required to compete at their respective regional event, as listed above, and will not be permitted to change event locations unless otherwise determined by the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee.

5. The procedure for entering teams into the competition will be as follows:
 - A. Schools'/Organizations' 1st team selections will be entered on a first come first serve basis, not to exceed 24 teams per event.
 - B. Once all 1st team registrations are entered 2nd team registration will be entered also on a first come first served basis, not to exceed 24 total teams per event.
 - C. Team advisors will be notified during the month of December as to which teams have been entered.