

Get to know the Wilder side of life!



It's about nature...

It's about the earth...

It's a statewide

competition

where you'll learn

environmental

stewardship.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDED FOR ENVIROTHON TEAMS

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

LEARN ABOUT:

- Wildlife
- Soils/Geology
- Water/Aquatics
- Forestry
- Energy
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Environmental Issues

SCHOLARSHIPS:

First Place: \$1000 per person

Second Place: \$750 per person

Third Place: \$500 per person

What is the Michigan Envirothon?

The Michigan Envirothon is a challenging and enjoyable way for high school students to become more aware of our natural resources and the environmental issues facing them, the world and their future. It is a two-day event held outdoors that includes special studies and preparation that occur throughout the school year. The ENVIROTHON is a competitive, problem solving, hands-on competition linked directly to seven natural resource areas: soil, Aquatics, forestry, wildlife, energy, sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Issues. A special topic will be a separate category. This varies each year.

The First Step

The ENVIROTHON starts at the local level with teams formed from high schools, environmental clubs, Boy Scouts, 4-H, or Future Farmers of America. **Teams must consist of 3-5 students in grades 9-12.** The team advisor(s) spend research time with students helping them to develop a greater understanding of ecosystems and the interactions between humans and their environment. Written materials, field trips, guest lectures and regional training sessions prepare the teams throughout the school year. Teams will travel between 6 ecostations and are given a series of questions and hands-on demonstrations and instructions by natural resource professionals.

The following are some of the duties expected by those participating in the Regional Competition:

- Secure all study materials from the Envirothon office or Conservation District
- Study all materials and any other materials available

- Be prepared to give a five minute oral presentation on an Outreach Project

The Regional will consist of the following:

- Four different teaching stations covering seven different subjects.
- A test at the end of teaching to determine which teams are best prepared to participate in the State Envirothon.
- Judging of Project
- Judging of Presentation

RULES

- ❖ Teams must be accompanied to all Envirothon events by an adult advisor. One advisor must be present for every five students at the Michigan Envirothon State Competition. Teams with mixed sexes will need one male and one female advisor. If teams fail to meet this requirement they will be disqualified. Advisors will be responsible for assuring that teams display proper conduct during all Envirothon sponsored events.
- ❖ Health forms must be submitted to the Envirothon office by March 1st.
- ❖ Registration refunds will not be made after March 1st. Partial refunds may be granted to teams who submit written notice of withdrawal by March 1st.

In Addition: Each team is asked to carry out **a community environmental outreach project** that will be 20% of the total score as part of the overall competition for 2000. This would be any project that would have an environmental impact on the community.

EXPENSES

The Macomb Conservation District at no charge will supply a study packet or update packet on 7 topics to your team. The Macomb Conservation District will also pay the registration fee for two teams. Deadline—December of each year. *All teams are encouraged to raise their own expense money for travel and overnight expenses.*

FINAL COMPETITION

The program culminates for most students with the State Envirothon competition where students are challenged to use teamwork to answer questions related to our natural resources and to develop creative solutions to environmental problems. Questions are based on actual outdoor field situations.

STATE PRIZES AND AWARDS

First Place: \$1,000 ■ Second Place: \$750 ■ Third Place: \$500 (Per Student)

A Plaque will be given to the first place team in each category. The first place team will move on to the Canon International Envirothon – a five-day competition.