



Dear Envirothon Advisors,

As you know, the COVID-19 virus continues to impact school systems and communities statewide, each dealing with their own unique situations and challenges. For this reason, Ohio has decided to continue its Envirothon program virtually in 2021. Part of the value of the Envirothon program is based in the hands-on outdoor learning aspect of the competition, so while the decision to go virtual has not been the ideal option, it was made in the best interest of the health and safety of participants, volunteers, and agency partners.

Since it began in Ohio over 25 years ago, the Envirothon competition has provided students an opportunity to head outdoors and learn about natural resources. The program encourages cooperative decision making, team building, and problem solving, while teaching students about the diversity and management of natural resources, environmental careers, and environmental challenges. Participation in the Envirothon propels many of them into career paths based in natural resources and the environment.

That is why it is important to keep Ohio's Envirothon teams engaged.

If you wish to register a team or teams for the competition, please read the following information. We appreciate your dedication to Ohio's Envirothon program!

Area Level Test

Teams will compete at the Area level by completing an online, multiple-choice test, which will consist of 100 questions, covering the five resource areas of: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and this year's Current Environmental Issue: Water Resource Management – Local Control and Local Solutions.

The Team Captain will access the test and select the answers to the test questions, with input from other team members. Teams can either work together from one location or through some type of online facilitation platform (Zoom, etc.) that the students are familiar with and comfortable using. It will be up to each team to decide how they will coordinate their test-taking.

The testing platform is Google-based. For ease of use, it is recommended that the device being used to open the test is affiliated with a gmail account.

Area Envirothon Registration Guidelines:

1. The Advisor will complete a Team Registration Form using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/x2rg2B1TBVEjZfe3A>

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2. An email address must be provided for the Team Captain in order for them to receive the testing links and any further instructions for completing the test.
3. **Team Registration Forms are due by 6 PM on Monday, March 8, 2021.**
4. Any resource material necessary for answering a specific test question will be provided to team captains via email. The use of calculators is permitted.
5. When registering your team or teams, it is highly encouraged that you list alternates on your registration. Teams can compete with less than five students at the area level, but they will not be eligible to advance to the state level with less than five team members.

Area Envirothon Testing Guidelines:

1. A Team Captain should be appointed by each team as the contact person for the test. Team Captains will receive the testing links via the email address they provide on the registration form.
2. **The online test will be available from 9 AM Monday, March 15 through 9 PM Friday, March 19, 2021.** If you wish to participate and your school is off for spring break that week, please check the appropriate box when registering your team(s) and you will be given further instructions.
3. Each team will determine when they want to complete the test within the scheduled timeframe. Each of the five resource areas (stations) will have its own 20 question test. Once a station test is opened, it must be completed. The link to the test will not be able to be re-opened. Teams will have 20 minutes to complete each of the five tests. All five tests do NOT need to be completed at the same time.
4. As is the rule with all levels of Envirothon field testing, students are NOT to use any outside resources to assist them in completing the online test questions during the test. Advisors are NOT to assist teams during test taking in any way.

Area Envirothon Prizes and Awards:

1. The top two teams from each area will advance on to the state-level competition.
2. Participating students from each team, and up to two advisors will receive a bandanna.
3. Results of the area competitions will be released on Monday, March 29, 2021.

Competition Resources:

1. Online resources for preparing your teams can be accessed at the following location: <https://www.areaenvirothon.org/topics> This page is updated often, so please continue checking the site for additional information.
2. Please contact the Soil and Water Conservation District in your county if your team has additional resource needs.

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State Level Test – Ohio Envirothon

Teams advancing to the state level competition MUST have five members. The area registration for your team will be checked against the state registration to ensure that only eligible students are competing.

Rules and instructions will be provided.

Ohio Envirothon Tentative Schedule:

Monday, June 7, 2021 – Oral Presentation Scenario –

All teams will learn the oral presentation scenario via a Zoom meeting. They will have one week to work together to prepare their presentation.

Monday, June 14, 2021 – Deadline for team presentation and all supporting documentation to be submitted. No changes are allowed once materials have been submitted.

Monday, June 14, 2021 – Online Test –

Teams will take an online test covering the five resource areas. It will be similar in structure to the area-level test, however, it will contain more challenging content and include fill-in and/or matching questions in addition to multiple choice.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 and Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – Oral presentation Judging –

Each team will have a time slot on one of these two days to present in front of a panel of judges via Zoom.

Ohio Envirothon Awards:

1. The top three teams will receive awards.
2. The top team will advance to the NCF-Envirothon. The winning team must consist of five eligible team members.

NCF-Envirothon

Nebraska will be hosting the event virtually, beginning on July 26, 2021.

*****Please direct any questions regarding Ohio's 2021 area or state Envirothon competitions to the following email address:**

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