# 2023 Sheyenne River Valley Envirothon

#### Welcome!!

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Sheyenne River Valley Envirothon (October 3, 2023). We hope that students and teachers enjoy this opportunity to learn about natural resources in the beautiful setting of Prairie Waters Education and Research Center (now located at the Valley City National Fish Hatchery 11515 River Road, Valley City, ND 58072 - 2 miles NW of Valley City). This year's Current Issue is Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future.

#### Thank you to our Sponsors!!!!

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- Valley City State University
- Prairie Waters Education and Research Center
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### **COMMITTEE:**

Alicia Harstead, Bonita Roswick, Jennifer Kross, Trista Montgomery

### **COMPETITION DETAILS:**

We're excited to host teams from the Sheyenne River Valley region and bring Envirothon to the eastern part of the state. This regional competition is a mini version of our state competition. Please see the agenda for a general timeline. A few items to note:

- Trail Test: The morning portion of the competition consists of a trail test. Teams of 5 rotate around a trail answering questions related to aquatics, forestry/prairie, soils, and wildlife. Questions come from <u>study resources</u> available on our website. Advisors act as trail guides for schools they do not represent. No cell phones, smart watches or electronic devices will be allowed during the competition. We recommend advisors and students wear a non-smart watch to keep track of time throughout the competition.
- Current Issue: Resources will be emailed out to teams on Monday, September 25, 2023. Teams are expected to review resources and prepare a 10 minute presentation. Each team may only bring 3 (one-sided) standard poster board size sheets (up to 24 inches by 36 inches) and 15 note cards. These items will be turned in during registration. Please include the team name and team number on the back of poster boards and put notecards in a ziplock baggie with team number. Teams will receive their materials just before they present and will be given 5 minutes to prepare, 10 minutes to present their current issue to a panel of 3 judges (only advisors may watch presentations, no other teams/students) and answer questions for 5 minutes.
- Dress: We request teams do not wear clothing identifying their school name. The competition is mainly outdoors. Come prepared for all types of weather.

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- Scoring and awards: All trail tests and oral presentations will be graded at the competition. We will announce the scores and winners at the end of the day. The top 2 teams will receive a free entrance to the North Dakota State Envirothon Competition May 8-10, 2024. Cash prizes will be awarded to each student on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.
- Registration: please complete the online team registration form and combined health release and photo release form (print, scan and email to Andrea Petersen ndenvirothon@gmail.com by **September 19, 2023.** The registration fee is \$25 per team. Please bring a check to the competition (payable to ND Envirothon).
- Teams consist of 5 students each (grades 9-12). Teams may bring 1 alternate as well. Advisors/teachers may bring multiple teams from their school.
- Teams may compete in 1 or more regional events; however can only place in the 1st competition they compete in.
- Questions: email Andrea Petersen, ND Envirothon Coordinator, ndenvirothon@gmail.com <u>http://www.ndenvirothon.org/home.html</u>

## **General Agenda\***

October 3, 2023 8:45-9:15 - Registration - turn in materials to use for current issue presentation 9:20 - Welcome & Introduction & Trail Guide Assignments 9:40 - Move to Trail Positions 9:45-11:00 - Trail Test 11:00-11:30 - Lunch (provided) 11:30-1:35 - Current Issue Presentation times; education station rotations 2:00-2:30 - Closing Remarks \*subject to change For more information please visit our website: http://www.ndenvirothon.org/

### North Dakota Envirothon Rules and Regulations

Please review our <u>rules and regulations</u> <u>https://bit.ly/3KEp2Sy</u>

