

NORTH DAKOTA ENVIROTHON

FACT SHEET



What is the Envirothon?

The Envirothon is North America's leading natural resource education program for high school students, emphasizing hands-on, team-oriented problem solving and community involvement that prepares young people for environmental careers and active citizenship. Envirothon competitions are held in 49 U.S. states, three U.S. territories, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces.



The North Dakota Envirothon...

- focuses on conservation of forest, water, wildlife, and soil resources, and on community environmental issues, in the context of 21st century issues of land and water use, energy, climate, agriculture, and development
- offers opportunity for learning through competition and community service
- offers opportunities for professional development for educators who coach teams
- inspires teamwork and participation in community decisions and action
- encourages outdoor, experiential learning



Who Participates?

Over 100 high school students and their advisors, representing up to 25 high schools, meet every May for the state competition.

The Competition

Each May, participating schools and organizations send teams of five students to the state competition. At the Envirothon, teams:

- compete in a trail test where teams test their natural resource management knowledge and skills
- present their Current Issue findings to a panel of judges - including natural resource managers; local, state and federal officials; scientists; and environmental advocates - who rate the teams on their knowledge, proposed solutions, and presentation skills.



Awards recognize the top scoring teams in a number of categories. The winning team has the opportunity to represent North Dakota at the North American Envirothon, in a competition held each summer that draws winning teams from states and provinces all across the continent

Beyond just a competition

Students experience camp-life and meet kids from around the state, interact with natural resource professionals, engage in fun games and recreational activities, and partake in karaoke and dancing.



Where is the Competition held?

The competition is held over 2-days at the Crystal Springs Camp near Medina. Room and board are provided for all students, advisors, and volunteers at no charge.

North Dakota Envirothon - the next generation

For nearly three decades, the North Dakota Envirothon has been engaging young people in hands-on exploration and investigation of the important environmental issues affecting themselves, their families and their communities. We are looking to the future and the role the Envirothon should play as we face the continuing challenge of protecting our environment and safeguarding our natural resources. We are engaging Envirothon participants and supporters in the development of a vision that will sustain this important program through these challenging times.

The Current Issue

Each year features a new Current Issue topic. Teams investigate the issue and prepare a presentation on their findings and recommendations. Topics are developed to be relevant to all communities in North Dakota. Recent topics included: Adapting to a Changing Climate, Waste to Resources, and Water Resources Control. For more information on the national envirothon current issue visit:

<https://envirothon.org/the-competition/current-competition/>

Resources for teams

The North Dakota Envirothon provides a variety of resources for participating teams, including:

- yearly study resources representing all 4 envirothon disciplines
- a guide to resources for the Current Issue
- a series of online workshops through the year
- regional competition each fall which serves as a preparation for the state competition that includes natural resource tools trainings
- connections to natural resource professionals to answer questions

Who plans the Envirothon?

The North Dakota Envirothon committee plans the competition each spring. The committee consists of natural resources professionals in both private and public entities representing all four envirothon disciplines.

Who pays for the Envirothon?

Teams only pay \$50 to attend this 2 day event. We rely on generous cash, resources, and volunteer hour donations from the US Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, ND Department of Environmental Quality, ND Game and Fish, ND Forest Service, ND Water Commission, ND Natural Resource Trust, ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts, ND Soil Conservation District Auxiliary, local soil conservation districts, North Dakota State University, Valley City State University, and more to cover expenses.

Additional information

For more information on the North Dakota Envirothon including opportunities to participate, volunteer, and contribute visit www.ndenvirothon.org or contact Andrea Petersen - ND Envirothon Coordinator - ndenvirothon@gmail.com

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