

From a former team member:

I participated in Envirothon for seven years- from 6th all the way through 12th grade. You could say I was a bit of an addict. In fact, when I left for college I chose to major in Natural Resources, which my friends joke is really majoring in Envirothon. When I reflect on the experience, I am struck with the friendships and happy memories, but more importantly, Envirothon gave me a basic knowledge about a wide range of environmental issues that simply aren't included in the public school curriculum. From fracking to biodiversity loss to climate change, Envirothon allowed me to opportunity to study issues in all fields of natural resource management.

If I hadn't participated in Envirothon, I cannot truthfully say what I would have chosen to study in college. I can, however, say Envirothon allowed me to talk to professionals in a variety of arenas, from foresters to professors to museum curators, who have made their passion for conservation into careers. I admired these people for their important contributions to conservation and I am currently working towards a Natural Resources degree so I can someday have a similar impact myself.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone who has spent time, sweat, and money making Envirothon a reality. It truly does make a difference in the lives of the students it touches.

Mission

The mission of the North Carolina Envirothon Program is to provide and promote leadership in the knowledge of natural resources by offering a quality education program in: soils/land use, forestry, aquatic ecology, wildlife/habitat and current issues to the teachers, students and citizens of North Carolina.

Envirothon Goals & Objectives

1. To promote a desire to learn more about: the natural environment, our natural resources and solving natural resource problems.
2. To promote stewardship of our natural resources.
3. To develop critical thinking skills, cooperative problem solving skills, and decision making skills of students in the protection, management and wise use of our natural resources.
4. To provide students with experience in environmentally oriented activities to enable them to become environmentally aware, action oriented citizens.
5. To introduce students and teachers to natural resource agencies and their personnel.
6. To get students interested in pursuing a natural resource field of study in college and advanced education.



"A Natural Challenge"
for middle and high school students

What is Envirothon?

Envirothon is a fun, hands-on, natural science academic event that challenges and engages students to think critically about the natural world and their role in it. Envirothon combines an in-class curriculum with outdoor training to help students learn and to experience more about **Aquatics , Forestry, Soils , Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues.**

During the Area Envirothon, students rotate among the five stations listed above and hear presentations from resource experts, then take a test after lunch on each subject as a team — five tests in all.

Tests are usually 20—25 multiple choice or T/F questions, though it varies depending on the test writer.

Who can participate?

Middle and high school students can compete in the Envirothon. Teams are made up of three to five students and teams must have an advisor (usually a teacher).

The Area I Envirothon

There are 96 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in North Carolina, which are divided into 8 Areas. Area I consists of 16 local districts. Each Area has an Envirothon competition, and the top 7 middle school and top 7 high school teams are eligible to compete in the North Carolina Envirothon, held in Burlington each spring. The first place *high school* winning team of the NC Envirothon goes on to compete in the International Envirothon, held in a different location each year. In 2009 the North American Envirothon was held right here in Asheville at UNCA! It was a very exciting time.

2016 Area I Envirothon

March 10th or 11th (TBD), Mountain Research Station Waynesville

2016 North Carolina Envirothon

April 29th and 30th
Cedarrock Park, Burlington



Ask your local District about:

Resource materials

Registration fees

Any questions you may have

For additional information, visit:

<http://ncenvirothon.org/>

How do we get started?

Call Taira Lance at Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District, at (828) 250-4787 or email:

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Vision

For all of our students to have a basic science background knowledge of our natural resources in order to be able to make good environmental decisions as adults.

