

What is an Envirothon?

An Envirothon is an outdoor, hands-on learning experience for high school students. It centers around five different learning stations (soils, wildlife, water resources, forestry and current environmental issues) each of which are staffed by professionals on that subject.

At each station, teams composed of 4-5 students answer questions on the subject. Since the event takes place outdoors, questions involve actual contact with natural resources, rather than a “paper and pencil” approach. After finishing at one station, the team moves on to the next station, approximately 25 minutes is spent at each station.

An oral presentation will also be part of the days activities. A situation will be given to the students in a letter that will be



sent out in January. The students will have from January to April to research the situation and answer the questions asked in the form of a presentation. The day of the Envirothon the students will have 8 to 9 minutes to make the oral presentation. This oral presentation problem will be the same as the one used at the State Envirothon.

When and where will the 2011 Envirothon be?

The Envirothon will be Thursday, May 5th at Chester Woods Park, Eyota, MN.

[www.co.olmsted.mn.us/parks/
chester_woods.asp](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/parks/chester_woods.asp)

Who is invited to participate?

Any student teams of 4 to 5 students from high schools in SE Minnesota. You can select your team any way you wish.

How long will it take?

One day, from approximately 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Students visit the learning stations from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm; then they eat lunch while learning station staff tally scores. A brief awards ceremony will follow lunch. BEVERAGE AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Envirothon Rules...

- ◆ All students must be in grade levels 9 -12.
- ◆ Teams must consist of 4-5 members from the same high school.
- ◆ Each 4-5 member team will stay together during the competition, traveling as a team.
- ◆ All teams must be accompanied to the event by a teacher advisor, but they may not accompany their team to the stations.
- ◆ Transportation should be provided by the student/ teacher advisor.
- ◆ See the enclosed Envirothon Rules for a more detailed list.
- ◆ REGISTRATION IS LIMITED, so get your registration form in by February 26th.

The top three teams will be eligible to compete at the State Envirothon that will be on Monday, May 16 at Spirit Mountain, Duluth, MN.

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