



Soil and Water Conservation Districts Area 5 Envirothon

Dear Area 5 Envirothon Advisors,

Thanks for your participation in the 2019 Area 5 Envirothon! If you have not been to an Envirothon competition before, here's an outline of the day's events. The Envirothon is an outdoor event and will go on rain or shine. Please be sure to have your students dress accordingly.

Please arrive between 9:30 and 10:00 am.

Team advisors will pick up their team's registration packet(s) at the Registration Table, located in the shelter house beside the parking lot. The Registration Packet includes ribbons to be worn by each team member. These ribbons designate your color group and they need to be visible at all times. The Registration Packet also includes 4 score sheets. Score sheets will be labeled with your team name. Your team name will be on your Registration Packet envelope based on the registration form turned in.

The Welcome begins at the amphitheater at 10:00 for the official start of the Area 5 Envirothon. Volunteers will be introduced and we will share important information that you need to know prior to taking the tests.

You will then be separated into color groups. Teams and Advisors from the same school will be assigned to different groups. Two members of the Envirothon Staff (Group Monitors) will be escorting your group to each station. Once you arrive at a testing station you will hear a horn to begin testing and a horn to end testing. Do not write on the tests. Record answers on the provided score sheet (make sure it matches the test station). At the horn, turn in both test and score sheet to the Station Assistant or Resource Personnel.

You will be taking four 25-question tests, one at each ecostation. Each test contains questions from all four content areas (aquatic ecology, soils/landuse, forestry, and wildlife) as well as the Current Environmental Issue – *Western Rangeland Management*. However, each test will have a primary focus on one of the four content areas. **Please remind your students that clipboards and pencils are provided and they are not to use their own.** All other equipment needed for taking tests will be provided.

Teams have the option to have an official team photograph taken by Envirothon Staff. The time and location for photos will be announced the day of the event. Photographs will be sent to your county SWCD office which can then be forwarded to advisors.

The top four teams will receive a plaque, individual gift cards for team members, and \$100 (after they participate in the State Envirothon). All four teams qualify to compete in the State Envirothon with 16 other teams from around the state for a chance to advance to the national NCF Envirothon. This year's Ohio Envirothon will take place in June 2019.

Every team receives a post-competition packet which includes the team's score sheets and, time allowing, a list of all participating teams and their scores. Tests from each station will not be released until the following week.

The 2019 Area 5 Envirothon Program is included with this letter. The program contains the schedule and the Rules and Regulations. ***Please review these with your team.***

Here are a few more things to REMEMBER:

- If you have special needs students, or need handicap accessibility, please contact your SWCD right away so accommodations can be made available.
- Water will be available at each station.
- Please leave lunch coolers at the picnic shelter or at your bus/vehicle.
- Alternate team members may NOT attend unless they are replacing a team member.
- Each school is responsible for bringing their own allergy medications, including those for bee stings.
- Advisors are strongly encouraged to participate by taking the tests. All advisors are assigned to an advisor team.
- The event will go on rain or shine. In the event of hazardous weather conditions, you will return to your buses/vehicles and wait for instruction.
- All rules and regulations will be enforced. **Electronic devices are NOT permitted during testing.** *This includes cell phones, PDA's, digital cameras, etc.* **Having electronic devices will cause your team to be penalized.**
- If teams arrive during the first station time, they will be rotated in with their assigned groups. Any testing they have missed will **NOT** be able to be made up.
- If you have questions regarding the 2019 Area V Envirothon, please reach out to your local SWCD office or contact Erica Preston at the Gallia County SWCD at (740) 446-6173 ext. 3.

Thanks again for all of your support! We are looking forward to seeing you on April 30th.

Gallia and Lawrence SWCD's
2019 Area 5 Envirothon Coordinators