



Soil and Water Conservation Districts Area 5 Envirothon

Dear Area 5 Envirothon Advisors,

Thank you for your participation in the 2025 Area 5 Envirothon! This year's event will be held on Friday, May 9th, starting at 9:30am. 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:

Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park
Indian Ridge Picnic Area*
2705 Darby Creek Drive
Darbydale, OH 43123

***Note: There are 3 entrances to this metro park. Please be sure to put 'Indian Ridge Picnic Area' into your map.** (Address may also show as 2705 Darby Creek Road, Grove City, OH 43123).

Team advisors will pick up their team's registration packet(s) at the Registration Table, located in the large outdoor shelter. Upon entering the park, follow the road to the roundabout. The outdoor shelter and registration table will be on your right. The Registration Packet includes ribbons to be worn by each team member. These ribbons designate your color group and 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.

The welcome and official start of the Area 5 Envirothon begins at the large outdoor shelter at 10:00 AM.

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/land use, forestry and wildlife) as well as the Current Environmental Issue (CEI): Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change Waste to Resources. 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.

ONLY THE TOP FOUR TEAMS will receive an Area 5 t-shirt, plaque, individual gift cards for team members, and \$100 (registration cost that will be reimbursed after participating in the State Envirothon). The top four Area 5 teams qualify to compete in the State Envirothon with 16 other teams from around the state. This year's Ohio Envirothon will take place June 2-4, 2025 at Wilmington College. In the event that three of the Area teams who qualify for the State are from one school, only two of those teams can actually compete at the State Envirothon contest.

The winning team for Ohio will have the opportunity to compete at the NCF Envirothon taking place July 20 - 26, 2025 at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Every team receives an Area 5 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.

Please review with your team(s) the 2025 Area 5 Envirothon Program. The program contains the schedule and the Rules and Regulations.

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 instructions.
- All rules and regulations will be enforced. **Electronic devices are NOT permitted during testing.** *This includes cell phones, 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 2025 Area 5 Envirothon, please reach out to your local SWCD office or contact Amy Tressler or Katerina Sharp, Area 5 Ohio Envirothon Committee representatives:

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Thanks again for all your support! We are looking forward to seeing you on May 9th.

Delaware and Franklin SWCDs
2025 Area 5 Envirothon Coordinators