

MINNESOTA State Envirothon

*North America's largest high school
environmental education competition*



Local natural resource professionals facilitate 5 hands-on learning stations:

Aquatic/Wetlands



Aquatic habitat, hydrologic cycle, water quality, wetlands, and more.

Forestry



Forest management and silviculture, tree identification, and more.

Soils



Soil classes, properties and profiles, erosion potential, and more.

Wildlife



Adaptation, species identification, survival needs, and more.

Current Issue*



*New topic each year—2023 Topic:
Adapting to a Changing Climate in MN*

Competitions:

Teams of 5 students compete by taking exams and giving an oral presentation.

Local

Late April - early May:

High school students compete each year at 8 regional Envirothon's.

For more info, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District:

www.maswcd.org

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State

Third Monday in May:

Top 3 teams in each regional competition advance to the State Envirothon, May 15, 2023, at Prairie Wetlands Learning Center located in Fergus Falls, MN.

<http://www.maswcd.org/envirothon.htm>

National

Typically July or August

The national Envirothon will be held July 23-29, 2023, at Mount Allison University Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

For more information about the national Envirothon, please refer to their website.

www.envirothon.org



Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, representing the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Minnesota. Donations to MASWCD are tax-deductible.

Bottom Line

Participating students learn about Minnesota's natural resources, collaborate with fellow team members, and discover career options in natural resource management.

Combining in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences.

The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental and natural resources problem solving competition that builds leadership skills for high school students in grades 9-12.

The program consists of in-class curriculum with hands-on outdoor field experiences where students can learn natural resource management techniques from natural resource professionals.

Participating teams are trained and tested in five natural resource categories: Aquatics/Wetlands, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issues. Each team is also required to give a 10-minute oral presentation. The oral presentation challenges teams to work together and communicate their solution to a complex environmental issue in front of a panel of judges.



Regional area competitions are hosted and by local **Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)**. The SWCDs partner with conservation organizations, educators, and other natural resource agencies to assist with the regional events. The top 3 teams from each regional area advance to the Minnesota State Envirothon.

The Program:

- *Educates future resource stewards.*
- *Promotes E-STEM: Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education.*
- *Creates Community Awareness*
- *Fosters appreciation and respect for the natural world and fellow citizens.*
- *Expands students' knowledge and comprehension skills.*



Students are exposed to real life environmental concerns, while also receiving the opportunity to learn more about environmental career opportunities and responsibilities.



For more information about the Envirothon, or for sponsorship opportunities contact:

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