



How the Day is Run

The **Envirothon** is a challenging and fun event. It is composed of five contest areas, which are designed to test your team's knowledge of **soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues**. Since approximately 50% of the questions are site-specific, each Envirothon will be new and different.

Your first priority upon arriving at the Envirothon site will be registration. You will be asked to confirm your team and individual pre-registration information. If there will be any substitutions with alternate team members, this must be noted at the registration table.

Once all of the teams have arrived, a brief orientation will be held. During this time, contest format, station locations and other pertinent information will be reviewed. Teams will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Due to the large number of teams participating, small groups will be established and sent through the stations on a rotating schedule. This will allow a closer, one-on-one experience for the students at each test station.

A resource specialist who has helped prepare the test questions in his or her field of expertise staffs all test stations. The Specialists will introduce themselves. No testing content will be discussed. Each testing station will last 20 – 30 minutes.

It is important to remember that this is a competition for the whole team, not individuals. Each team will fill out one collective answer sheet for each of the five stations. The cooperative decision making, free exchange of ideas and pooling of information are an important part of the learning process and give the Envirothon much of its unique appeal.

At the conclusion of the competition, everyone will assemble for the announcement of the Envirothon winners. Awards will be presented to the top four teams, and photographs will be taken.