



2011 ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

May 12-13, 2011 - 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL.

Congratulations on winning your land use council Envirothon competition. I know that you have spent a lot of time preparing for this event. We look forward to seeing you at the State Competition on May 12th and 13th. Listed below is some information that will keep you informed about what to expect at the competition. We hope you will find this information helpful.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 21st is the first day you will be able to receive your study material from your local SWCD office
- April 22nd deadline for Registration Form and \$150 Registration Fee to be into the AISWCD office
- April 22nd deadline for Release and Code of Conduct forms to be into the AISWCD office
 - **(please make copies for each member)**
- Canon Envirothon – July 24th - July 29th, 2011 @ Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada (*****reminder-Winning Team will need to have passports**)

STUDY MATERIAL & 5TH CATEGORY INFORMATION

On the Illinois Envirothon website (<http://www.aiswcd.org/Programs/envirothon.htm>) you can find the current objectives and resources for each of the five categories. This study information can be downloaded for your use at any time. The study material you receive on April 21st will contain the information listed on the website, plus any of the books that are used as resources. You have the option of purchasing these books for your students to utilize throughout the year. Otherwise, the books will be the only new information the students will have to review before the Illinois Envirothon.

Please bring your study material to the state competition and return it when you register your team.

We would ask that **you keep** all the information that was given to you concerning the 5th category. This information along with additional information (handed out during oral presentation situation) will be used by your team for their oral presentation. After the awards ceremony, your team can pick up their oral presentation material (posters) to take home with them.

ADVISORS

After Opening Ceremonies there will be an advisor workshop. During this time we will also be having a lesson plan on next year's 5th Category, Non-point Source Pollution and Low Impact Development. This should last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. After this you will have free time to do as you wish until students are done with testing at 5:00 p.m.

TEST QUESTIONS

Test questions at the state competition are true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank and identification. This year, there will be no open ended questions. The open ended question format, will most likely return next year.

TRADING ITEMS

During the Canon Envirothon students participate in a trading session with all other participating students from around the US and Canada. We ask that your students bring with them 5 (total) trading items that the winning team can take to Nova Scotia. Please don't feel like you have to purchase items, they can be donated by someone in your community. Items could include t-shirts, hats, cups, lapel pins, writing pens, pencils, etc. Make sure your school name and contact information is attached to items for appropriate acknowledgement.

ADDITIONAL FOOD AND DRINKS

During the competition, snacks will be provided and water jugs will be available for students to fill their own water bottles. Please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks, but we would ask that all trash be picked up and disposed of before leaving the camp. A recycle bin will be available for cans and bottles.

TRAVELING TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

During the competition, students select a team that demonstrates a friendly, outgoing and fun attitude towards the competition. The winning team receives a certificate and the traveling trophy. The trophy, a rainstick, is very fragile so please use caution while it is in your possession. Please make arrangements to get the rainstick back to next year's competition for the next winning team. Thank you.

REGISTRATION AT COMPETITION

When you arrive at the camp to register, please make sure you and your team members are in your LUC competition t-shirts for your team photo. These pictures will be e-mailed to the school from sherry.finn@aiswcd.org. Remember to bring study material to registration to turn back in.

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CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact the 4-H camp during the Illinois Envirothon, please dial 217/762-2741. You can also try the Envirothon Coordinator Assistant's (Sherry Finn) cell phone at 309/338-7765.

ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON COORDINATOR ASSISTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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