



Michigan Envirothon

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“Inspiring Environmental Stewardship in Michigan’s High School Students”

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Michigan Envirothon Inspires Students to Take Care of the Environment

EAST LANSING – May 11, 2009 - High school students with an interest in the environment and who enjoy the outdoors are encouraged to participate in the Michigan Envirothon. Michigan Envirothon is part of the Canon Envirothon with competitions held across the United States and Canada.

The Envirothon is an outdoor competition in which teams of high school students are challenged on their environmental knowledge and understanding. The goal of the program is to improve students’ science skills and understanding of conservation issues. Any high school student in Michigan is eligible to participate in the Envirothon.

The Michigan Envirothon is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts. Established in 1994, the Envirothon gives students the opportunity to learn about the environment by working with natural resources professionals from state, federal and other conservation organizations.

Regional competitions

In Michigan, regional competitions are held in March and April in preparation for the state competition. During the Envirothon competition teams are tested in an outdoors, hands-on setting, on seven conservation topics including, aquatic ecology, energy, forestry, soils/geology, agriculture, wildlife and a unique topic selected each year. Each team also completes a community outreach project addressing a natural resources concern in their community.

State Competition

At the state competition, teams will submit a written report on their outreach project as well as a presentation to a panel of judges. In 2009, the state competition will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing on May 14 and 15. Twenty-three (23) teams - including 120 students - will compete.

National Competition

The winner of the Michigan Envirothon will represent the state at the Canon Envirothon, to be held on August 2 - 8 at the University of North Carolina Asheville, which includes teams from across the United States and Canada.

2010 Michigan Envirothon Competition

The 2010 Michigan Envirothon state competition will be taking place at the Leelanau Outdoor Center in Maple City on May 13 and 14. Deadline for registering for the Michigan Envirothon is February 12. There is a \$100 per team registration fee. ***We encourage students to form teams in fall and register early.***

Students interested in participating in the Michigan Envirothon should register as teams of five students with up to four alternates. Each team must have an adult advisor. Michigan Envirothon also partners with several universities. Once a high school formed and registered an Envirothon team the university provides a college student to serve as the Envirothon team advisor.

Contact Michigan Envirothon

For more information about the Michigan Envirothon including registration materials call the Michigan Envirothon coordinator at (517) 324-4421, email at mienvirothon@macd.org or visit www.michiganenvirothon.org.

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These pictures represent Envirothon competition participants in 2009:

