North Carolina Envirotthon Guide 2019 - 2020
30th Annual Competition
## North Carolina Envirothon Guide

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General Information

What is the Envirothon

The Envirothon program is a competitive event for high school and middle school teams to compete in a natural resources’ knowledge and ecology field day against other student teams. It stimulates, reinforces and enhances students’ interest in the environment and our state’s natural resources. Resource subject areas are: Soils and land use, Forestry and plant life, Wildlife and habitat, Aquatics and water quality, and Current Environmental Issues including air quality and the impact of climate change. High school teams have the added component of an Oral Presentation that requires the students to assemble their knowledge of all the tested subjects and use critical thought to solve an environmental problem and present their solution to a panel of judges.

An entire school class or group may participate in studying the resources, however only 5 members may be on a team taking the test. Each team must have an advisor, and each team can have up to 2 alternate students. Each class or school may have as many teams as they wish. However, each team will have to be registered. Some Area Envirothons may limit the number of teams from a school.

There will be a resource station set up for each of the subject areas (Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics, and Current Environmental Issues), in an outside setting, where the teams will be given an exam on each of the resource subjects. The team with the highest score will be declared the State winner. The winning high school team will be eligible to compete in the international Envirothon competition that is held in July or August in different states or Canadian provinces each year. At the North Carolina State Envirothon each written test will last for 25-30 minutes and will have approximately 25 questions. These questions are answered as a team and not as individual students. After finishing one station and at a set time, the teams will rotate to the next station. The test papers are graded, and all the station scores totaled to select the winner.
Test Stations

The five test stations will likely cover the following topics, but are not limited to these:

Wildlife.  Wildlife ecology, habitat, identification, species interaction, foods, diseases, conservation, regulations, and management.

Aquatics.  Aquatics covers ecology of water, water quality, plants and animals living in or around water, pollution, wetlands, water quantity, and conservation.

Forestry.  Forestry covers tree identification, forest history, ecology, insects, diseases, parts of plants, role of fire, and forest measurements.

Soils.  Soils covers classification, erosion, soil surveys, site suitability, current issues, profiles, soil characteristics, soil ecology, and conservation practices.

Current Environmental Issues.  Current Environmental Issues cover any current or newsworthy environmental issue including air quality and climate change.

Professionals from cooperating agencies and/or independent environmental organizations will conduct the station testing.

Who can compete?

Competition is open to Public School classes, non-public school classes, Ecology clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, soil-judging teams, 4H clubs, home study groups, environmental groups, FFA groups, or any group interested in competing. All team members must be high school students (grades 9-12) who also reach age 14 – 19 by August 8th of the current competition year, or middle school students (grades 5-8). Teams must be from the same school. An exception is made for youth organizations such as 4-H teams, science or Envirothon clubs from the different school. An advisor is required at the competition for each team.
When

The State Competition is usually held in late April or early May. **The 2020 North Carolina State Envirothon will be held Friday April 24 and Saturday April 25.** All teams must attend an Area Envirothon and qualify by placing as a top seven scoring teams to attend the North Carolina State Envirothon. The highest scoring Area FFA team will advance to the State Envirothon.

Where

The State Envirothon will be held at Cedarock Park in Alamance County (see table of contents for map).

Registration

Each of the eight Areas of the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts will have a structured registration program for the eight Area Envirothons. Your local Soil & Water Conservation District can assist you in registering your team for the Area Envirothon (see table of contents for Districts). There will be seven middle and high school teams from each Area competition to advance to the State Envirothon Competition. The highest scoring FFA high school and middle school team in an area must advance to the State Envirothon even if it is not one of the top seven teams – making eight high school or middle school teams eligible from that area.

In 2020, there is a $150.00 participation fee for each team advancing to the State Competition. **This $150.00 participation fee is payable to the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD).** Checks should be mailed to the State Envirothon Coordinator (see page 3). Many times, the local Soil & Water Conservation District will help pay the participation fee.

Resource Information

The NC Envirothon has developed team study materials for each of the five subject areas, and they are available at [www.ncenvirothon.org](http://www.ncenvirothon.org) on the middle or high school resource pages. Your local soil & water conservation district can also assist the teams in securing additional information and resource people to help train the students. In 2020, there is a transition year for middle school resources. Mostly the 2020 middle school resources will follow the high school resources with a few exceptions. **Questions on tests will come from the resource material or from materials presented at the training station on Friday at Cedarock Park.**
Registration Day at the State Envirothon
Registration at the State Competition event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Saturday.

Station Training at State Envirothon
Professionals give a short training session at each station at the State Envirothon on Friday afternoon. The high school stations are mostly in picnic shelters with benches and tables. The middle school stations are in a field under tents. Students and Advisors may bring camp chairs, stand, or can sit on the ground. Those standing and with chairs at the middle school stations are asked to arrange themselves toward the rear so that others may gather on the ground in front. Advisors are asked not to ask or answer question during the training session. The training session is for the students. No one except students and advisors will be allowed at the training stations or on the field. Other parents, children, and guests are asked to enjoy other parts of this wonderful park during the training sessions.

These training presentations are not set up to give the test answers to the students. Students are expected to have studied all topics prior to coming to the Envirothon. The presenters are asked to cover some of the material covered by exam questions but not to cover just the test. This is a good time for the teams to ask questions of the professionals if there is something that they do not understand.

The presenters are also told that if they have a question that is not in the resource material that teams were given to study, that they can ask the question as long as they cover the material during their Friday presentation.

Team Sponsor
Teams must secure the local Soil & Water Conservation District to sponsor the team. The sponsoring District may or may not be able to pay your team’s participation fee. If for some reason the local District does not wish to sponsor your team, contact the State Envirothon Coordinator and ask that the State Envirothon Committee sponsor your team. The State Envirothon Committee will not pay your team’s registration fee. A list of Soil & Water Conservation Districts is included in this packet.
**Team Size**

Maximum team size to compete is five (5) members. If a team has less than five (5) members to show up, it will be allowed to participate. However, high school teams with less than five members cannot place or win the State Envirothon. These high school teams with three or four members may qualify for highest scoring station awards only. At least three (3) of the original high or middle school team members who qualified at the Area event must be on the team that competes at the State.

A team may have up to two alternates at the state competition. However, alternates may not be allowed to participate in Area competitions if the Area does not allow alternates. Typically, alternates from different teams are formed into an Alternate teams to participate in the testing at the State Envirothon. Teams made of alternates are not allowed to place or qualify for prizes.

**Awards**

After lunch on Saturday, there is a brief awards program to announce the winners, present certificates, and recognize the financial contributors and important guests.

Awards for state competition are as follows:

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<td>First Place $200.00 cash, and a plaque</td>
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<td>Second Place $100.00 cash, and a plaque</td>
<td>$500 scholarship each team member</td>
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<td>Third Place $75.00 cash, and a plaque</td>
<td>Opportunity to compete at North American Envirothon</td>
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<td>Fourth Place $50.00 cash, plaque</td>
<td>Second Place $150.00 cash, and a plaque</td>
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Community Service-Learning Project: High & Middle School Winners—Plaque and $100.00 each

FFA Highest Scoring Team – High School and Middle School: Plaque

Medallions will be awarded to each of the five members of the team having the highest score at each station. The Area awards will be different than the state awards.
Grievance Policy

A Grievance Committee has been established to hear complaints on teams not following the rules, cheating, etc. Please inform your team members that if they wish to make a grievance or complaint, that this must be done as soon as possible and before the winners are announced. The guides at the stations are available to take grievances. They should be written down by the guide to present to the Grievance Committee. Grievance forms should be available at the registration tent.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome. Please contact the Envirothon Coordinator, so enough food can be prepared. All visitors will be given a visitors’ ribbon for identification. There will be a small charge for visitors’ meals. All adult visitors will be required to sign a code of conduct form.

Meals

One meal will be provided during the competition. Lunch on Saturday will be pizza. If anyone cannot eat the food provided or have special dietary needs, they should plan to bring their own food and cooler to store it.

Parking

There will be an area set aside for parking, and there will be someone directing traffic. Please park in the designated areas. Separate areas for bus parking will be provided. One will be ‘No Idling’ zone.

Certificates

Certificates will be prepared for each participating team for the state competition. The certificates will be available the day of the competition for the advisor to fill out.
**Motel Information**

For those teams coming in Friday and are not camping, there is a list of motels in this guide (table of contents). Because there are often other events that may compete for area motel rooms, please make your reservations early. Reservations can always be cancelled later.

**Camping**

For the state competition Cedarock Park allows tent camping in designated areas for a small fee. Camping can be an additional learning experience for your team. If your team wants to camp at the park, contact Cedarock Park at (336) 229-2410. You must check in with the park rangers before you set up camp.

**Teams Traveling Together**

Some teams may want to carpool or vanpool in order to save on transportation costs. If you do and would like to have a contact person for other local teams, please contact your Area Envirothon contact person.

**Weather**

*The competition will be held outside regardless of the weather.* Bring appropriate clothing and shoes. Please bring sunscreen, hats, and water bottles for warm and sunny weather. There may also be early morning dew on the field’s grass. Please bring rain gear if rain is possible.

A hazardous weather action plan is in place and is different for each day of the competition. Team advisors will be notified at least by Thursday noon at the emergency cell phone number you provide with team registration. In the event of hazardous weather, the NC Envirothon committee will follow a Hazardous Weather Action Plan for both days of the event: *Please check back for further details.*

You may also check the website, [www.ncenvirothon.org](http://www.ncenvirothon.org), for updates the week before the event.
**Dress**

Do not wear any item of clothing or anything else that may identify your team by city, county, or school. Team members will be given North Carolina Envirothon t-shirts.

**First Aid & Disability**

A registered nurse or an EMS group will be on site at the state competition to handle emergencies. If one of your students has an important health issue or disability, contact the State Envirothon Coordinator prior to the event.

**Websites:**

North Carolina Envirothon   [http://www.ncenvirothon.org](http://www.ncenvirothon.org)

High School Teams’ Oral Presentation Practice Problems  
[https://sites.google.com/site/envirothonnc/study-resources/high-school/opc](https://sites.google.com/site/envirothonnc/study-resources/high-school/opc)

NC Division of SWC   [www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/envirothon.html](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/envirothon.html)

Additional training aids for Advisors   [http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/envirothon-team_resources.html](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/envirothon-team_resources.html)

NCF International Envirothon   [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)
Envirothon Community Service-Learning Projects

The Department of Public Instruction requires school programs like advanced courses of study to have each student to do a service project as part of the requirements for them to graduate. Some counties now require seniors to do a project before they graduate. The State Envirothon has a voluntary Envirothon Community Learning Service Project program as part of its program. This is a separate, voluntary project, independent from the regular Envirothon competition.

1. Open to High School and to Middle School Envirothon teams.

2. The program is voluntary for participation, but teams must compete in their Area Envirothon but are not required to qualify for State Envirothon in order to submit a project for award consideration.

3. Envirothon teams will design and develop a community type project and carry it out during the school year.

4. It can be a physical project, a service project or a data-sharing project.
   
   A. Physical project (e.g. outdoor classroom, nature trail, wildlife habitat development, small pond for school use, etc.)
   
   B. Service project (e.g. Envirothon team teaching younger students, picking up litter along a designated stream, starting a recycling program in school, etc.)
   
   C. Data sharing project (e.g. presenting data on effects of storm water runoff on the environment; keeping data on a stream or pond as to water quality parameters such as DO, pH, macro-invertebrates found, putting this information into a poster paper and presenting it, etc.)

5. Project must be written up in a format with enough detail that a layman can understand what the mission and goals were. It can include graphs, pictures, posters, etc.

6. A fifteen-minute (minimum) presentation of the project must be made to a public body or a meeting of people from the community, such as a Community Service Organization like the Lions Club, Rotary Club, or a public body such as Soil and Water Conservation District Board or County Commissioners meeting.

7. Video tape the presentation and send it in to be judged along with the write up of the project.

8. Deadline is March 1st of each year.

9. Winners will be announced, and plaques and cash are awarded at the State Envirothon’s award ceremony (Saturday).

10. Submissions should be sent to the State Envirothon Coordinator, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, 1614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1614.
Area Envirothon Contacts

In order to qualify for the North Carolina Envirothon, teams must first compete in an area Envirothon event and be one of the top seven scoring teams to qualify.

The contacts for the Area competitions are:

**Area 1** - (counties—Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey)
Contact: Sheri Goodlet, Cherokee SWCD—828-837-6417 x3 sherigoodlet@cherokeecounty-nc.gov

**Area 2** - (counties—Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin)
Contact: Pamela Bowman, Alexander SWCD — 336-632-0638 ptbowman@alexandercountync.gov

**Area 3** - (counties—Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Guilford, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham)
Contact: Millie Langley, Guilford SWCD—336-641-2440 mangle@co.guilford.nc.us

Contact: Charles Bass, Franklin SWCD — 919-496-3137 charles.bass@nc.nacdnet.net

**Area 5** - (counties—Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington)
Contact: Janet Stallings, Perquimans SWCD—252-426-5545 janet.stallings@nc.nacdnet.net

**Area 6** - (counties—Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Wayne)
Contact: Marybeth Watkins, Brunswick SWCD—910-253-2830 marybeth.watkins@brunswickcountync.gov

**Area 7** - (Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland)
Contact: Joanna McPhatter, Robeson SWCD—910-739-5478 x101 joanna.mcphatter@co.robeson.nc.us

**Area 8** - (Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, Union)
Contact: Andy Miller, Davidson SWCD—336-242-2075 andy.miller@davidsoncountync.gov
AREA ENVIROTHONS COMPETITIONS – Dates & Places 2020

**Area 1 Mountain Envirotlon**, Mountain Research Station, Waynesville – March 25, 2020; Snow date April 1

**Area 2 Northwest Envirotlon**, Edwin McGee Resource Ctr, Wilkesboro – March 25, 2020; Snow date April 2

**Area 3 Piedmont Envirotlon**, Elon University, Alamance County – March 18, 2020

**Area 4 Eastern Piedmont Envirotlon**, Owens Park, Louisburg – March 19, 2020

**Area 5 & 6 Coastal Envirotlon**, Cool Springs EE Center, Craven County – March 17, 2020

**Area 7 Sand Hills Envirotlon**, Jones Lake State Park, Bladen County - March 19, 2020; Rain date March 26

**Area 8 Southern Piedmont Envirotlon**, Horizons Unlimited, Salisbury – March 24 and 25, 2020

AREA ENVIROTHONS’ WEBSITES

Area 3 Envirotlon – [www.ncarea3envirothon.org](http://www.ncarea3envirothon.org)

Area 4 Envirotlon – [www.ncarea4envirothon.org](http://www.ncarea4envirothon.org)

Coastal Envirotlon – [www.nccoastalenvirotlon.org](http://www.nccoastalenvirotlon.org)

Area 7 Envirotlon - [https://sites.google.com/view/ncarea7envirothon](https://sites.google.com/view/ncarea7envirothon)
2019-2020 Middle School Envirothon Rules – See www.ncenvirothon.org for official rules

1. Only students in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to compete in the Middle School Envirothon.
2. Each team shall consist of students from the same school, non-traditional school or youth organization; such as 4-H, science or Envirothon clubs.
3. Each team will consist of three to five members. Each Middle School team can have up to two alternate members. Alternates will be assigned to an alternate team for testing on Saturday. Alternate teams are not eligible to win any prizes and cannot be included in the placement after final scoring.
4. Teams must be accompanied by an adult team advisor to the competition.
5. Team members are required to stay together during Friday's rotation and may not go to the resource stations individually.
6. Teams or team members may not leave the resource stations except to visit the restroom or as a result of a medical or family emergency.
7. During the Saturday testing competition, the advisors may not travel with the teams and shall not assist their teams in any manner. No advisors or spectators are allowed in testing areas on Saturday morning.
8. At the Saturday viewing of the test questions and answers, photographing the test answer boards is strictly forbidden.
9. The use of any devices for the purpose of videotaping, audiotaping, or picture taking during Friday training sessions is strictly prohibited.
   a. Penalties for violations are as follows:
      i. Team member violates rule: disqualification of the team member using the item and 25-point penalty to the team score.
      ii. Advisor violates rule: 25-point penalty to the team score.
10. Advisors and adult guests may not use cell phones within 50 feet of Friday training stations while training is in progress. If calls are necessary, please step away from the station so that station training is not disrupted.
11. Team members are prohibited from carrying or using cell phones, iWatches, or other electronic devices capable of storing data at training and testing stations. If found, these items will be confiscated and returned to the students at the end of the day at the registration table.
   a. Penalties for violations are as follows:
      i. Prohibited item carried by team member but not in use: 10-point penalty per item to the team score.
      ii. Prohibited item in use by team member: disqualification of the team member using the item and 25-point penalty to the team score.
   b. Exceptions to this rule may be made on a case by case basis if the device is necessary for medical reasons. Clearance for these medically necessary items must be granted at the time of check in at the registration table.
12. Advisors will be responsible to assure that team members display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility. Team members, advisors, and guests will be respectful of everyone.
13. Drugs and alcohol are NOT permitted during any part of the competition or on the park grounds.
14. No clothing or other identification of local schools, towns, or counties will be permitted at the resource stations. This includes Area Envirothon t-shirts.
15. The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total. Any tied teams will have pre-selected tie-breaker questions compared until the tie is broken.
16. Rules & regulations of the State Envirothon program are subject to change. Any and all changes will be posted or explained in advance to all teams and advisors.
17. Names listed on the pre-registration form may be changed on the day of registration. Team member substitutions may be made on a team selected to go to the state competition; but there must be at least three original team members who qualified at the Area Envirothon on the team that competes at the state level.
18. Advisors must present each team members’ medical and photo release forms to Area Envirothon Committee when registering for the Area Event. Advisors are responsible for having all team members’ and alternates’ medical and photo release forms in their possession at all times during the State Envirothon.
19. Each Area will submit all registration with names of the team members and scoresheets from that Area showing teams and members eligible to compete at the state competition to the State Envirothon Coordinator.
20. All teams must participate at their Area competition and be one of seven qualifying teams chosen to go to the state competition before competing in the state event. The Area Envirothon Committee has the authority to limit the number of teams substituted for these seven positions. The highest scoring FFA team will advance to the State Envirothon even if it is not one of the seven qualifying teams. In that case, the Area Envirothon Committee is authorized to send eight teams to the State Envirothon.
21. FFA Chapters must compete in the Area Envirothon scheduled for their county; must designate at registration that they are an FFA team; and must have FFA as part of their team’s name to compete in the Envirothon program as an FFA team.
22. The judges’ decisions are final on all events.
23. All grievances must be reported before final judging. The grievance committee will handle all grievances.
24. Violations of these rules can result in the disqualification of a team or a lesser penalty.
(Rev. 08/20/19)


1. The High School Envirothon competition is open to students enrolled in grades 9-12 who also reach age 14 years-19 years by August 8 of the current competition year. Non-traditional schools and youth organizations must follow the grade level and age limitations as described above.
2. Each team shall consist of students from the same school, non-traditional school or youth organization, such as 4-H, science or Envirothon clubs.
3. Each team will consist of three to five members. Each High School team can have up to two alternate team members. Alternates will be assigned to an alternate team for participation in the oral presentation component on Friday (based on spaces available) and for testing on Saturday. Alternate teams are not eligible to win any prizes and cannot be included in the placement after final scoring.
4. Only high school teams with five members will be allowed to place at the State Envirothon after final scoring. Only a high school team with five members can be qualified to advance to the International NCF Envirothon. Teams with less than five members may qualify for highest scoring individual station awards.
   a. Teams competing for the NC FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event must follow NC FFA rules regarding the number of team members to qualify as the winner of the FFA Contest.
5. Teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor or a soil and water conservation district representative to the competition.
6. Team members are required to stay together during Friday’s station rotation and may not go to the resource stations individually.
7. Teams or team members may not leave the resource stations, including the Oral Preparation station, except to visit the restroom or as a result of a medical or family emergency.
8. During the Saturday testing competition, the advisors may not travel with the teams and shall not assist their teams in any manner. No advisors or spectators are allowed in testing areas on Saturday morning.
9. At the Saturday viewing of the test questions and answers, photographing the test answer boards is strictly forbidden.
10. The use of any devices for the purpose of videotaping, audiotaping, or picture taking during Friday training sessions is strictly prohibited.
   a. Penalties for violations are as follows:
      i. Team member violates rule: disqualification of the team member using the item, 25-point penalty to the team score, team cannot place in top 3.
      ii. Advisor violates rule: 25-point penalty to the team score and team cannot place in top 3.
11. Advisors and adult guests may not use cell phones within 50 feet of Friday training stations while training is in progress. If calls are necessary, please step away from the station so that station training is not disrupted.
12. Team members are prohibited from carrying or using cell phones, iWatches, or other electronic devices capable of storing data at training and testing stations, as well as the oral presentation
preparation or judging stations. If found, these items will be confiscated and returned to the students at the end of the day at the registration table.

a. Penalties as follows:
   i. Prohibited item carried by team member but not in use: 10-point penalty per item to the team score.
   ii. Prohibited item in use by team member: disqualification of the team member using the item, 25-point penalty to the team score, team cannot place in top 3.

b. Exceptions to this rule may be made on a case by case basis if the device is necessary for medical reasons. Clearance for these medically necessary items must be granted at the time of check in at the registration table.

13. Advisors will be responsible to assure that teams display proper conduct and respectful behavior to all persons during the competition and at the host facility.

14. Drugs and alcohol are NOT permitted during any part of the competition. (Rules applicable to the local area will be adhered to)

15. No clothing or other identification of local schools, towns, cities, or counties will be permitted. This includes Area Envirothon t-shirts.

16. The winning team will be the five-member team with the highest cumulative point total. Any tied team will have pre-selected tie-breaker questions compared until the tie is broken.

17. Rules & regulations of the State Envirothon program including the Oral Presentation component are subject to change. Any and all changes will be posted or explained in advance to all teams and advisors.

18. Names listed on the pre-registration form may be changed on the day of registration. Team member substitutions may be made on a team selected to go to the state competition; but there must be at least three original team members who qualified at the Area Envirothon on the team that competes at the state level.

19. Advisors must present each team members’ medical and photo release forms to Area Envirothon Committee when registering for the Area event. Advisors are responsible for having all team members’ and alternates’ medical and photo release forms in their possession at all times during the State Envirothon.

20. Each Area will submit all registration with names of the team members and scoresheets from that Area showing teams and members eligible to compete at the state competition to the State Envirothon Coordinator.

21. All teams must participate at their Area competition and be one of seven qualifying teams chosen to go to the state competition before competing at the state level. The Area Envirothon Committee has the authority to limit the number of teams substituted for these seven positions. The highest scoring FFA team will advance to the State Envirothon even if it is not one of the seven qualifying teams. In that case, the Area Envirothon Committee is authorized to send eight teams to the State Envirothon.

22. FFA Chapters must compete in the Area Envirothon scheduled for their county; must designate at registration that they are an FFA team; and must have FFA as part of their team’s name to compete in the Envirothon program as an FFA team and to qualify to compete for the North Carolina FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event (CDE). FFA teams who qualify for the State Envirothon are eligible to compete for both the FFA CDE and the NC Envirothon awards (Exception: Rule 4 – the 5-member team rule; Rule 23 – previous FFA CDE rule).

23. FFA teams who previously won the NC FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event are not eligible to compete in the FFA division of this competition. NC FFA will determine the
status of these teams. These teams are eligible to compete as a non-FFA team at the Area and State Envirothons.

24. If the winning team cannot represent the state at the International NCF Envirothon, the next highest scoring five-member team will be eligible to compete.

25. The judges’ decisions are final on all events.

26. All grievances must be reported in writing before final judging. The grievance committee will handle all grievances.

27. Violations of these rules can result in the disqualification of a team or a lesser penalty.

(Rev. 08/20/19)
Area Envirothon Competition
Sample Registration Form Information to be requested online

Starting in 2017 all teams registered online for the Area Envirothons. This registration will transfer to the State Envirothon.

Sponsor – required field:__________________________________________________ S&W Conservation District

County: ______________________________________________________________

School Name: __________________________________________________________

Team Name: ____________________________________________________________

Team Members’ Names

Member gender/Ethnicity________________________________________________________Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size____

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Alternate 1________________________________________________________Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size____

Member gender/Ethnicity________________________________________________________Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size____

Alternate 2________________________________________________________Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size____

Member gender/Ethnicity________________________________________________________Grade: _____ T-Shirt Size____

Team Advisor: _____________________________________________________________ T-Shirt Size____

Address:____________________________________________________________________

(School or Home)____________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL Address REQUIRED____________________________________________________________________

Telephone # Home ___________________________ School ___________________________

Cell Phone REQUIRED for EMERGENCY #____________________________

Please list any handicaps of students________________________________________________________

If you do not know your team members now, go ahead and register and send their names later to your Area Envirothon. A participation fee is required for the top 7 teams for the State Envirothon. Please make your check out to the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) and send it to Sandra Weitzel.

For more information, please call your District/Area contact or me!

Sandra Weitzel, Envirothon Coordinator Phone: 919-971-4648

1614 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1614 Email: (sandra.weitzel@ncagr.gov)
Parental Consent/Medical Information Form
North Carolina Envirothon Program

Name of Student: ____________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________

Parents’ Name: ___________________________________________________________

In case of emergency, we must be able to contact you. Please list a home and work phone number where you could be reached.

Father’s Home# ___________________ Mother’s Home # ___________________

Cell/Work: ___________________ Cell/Work: ___________________

All of the information below must be completed in full.

Allergies: ____________________________________________________________

(Food, drugs, insects, etc.)

Special medical concerns or conditions we should know about: ___________________________

(epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, old injuries to bones/joints, etc.)

Medication currently taking: ____________________________________________

(dose and frequency)

Family physician:

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________

Date of last tetanus booster: ___________________

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The law requires that parental permission be obtained for medical procedures performed on minors (under age 18). This consent form should be signed by the parents / legal guardians so that such procedures can be promptly carried out. We will make a genuine attempt to notify you in case of a serious emergency.

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of ____________________________________________, hereby give permission to the attendant staff to perform such diagnostic, therapeutic, and operative procedures for him/her as they deem necessary, and refer him/her to a physician when deemed appropriate. I further give my permission to have my son/daughter treated by a physician and perform any diagnostic, therapeutic, and operative procedures they deem necessary. My child has my permission to participate in the Envirothon.

__________________________________________
Signature of Parent or Guardian

__________________________________________
Date

Video/Picture Release Form

We will be filming/taking pictures at the Envirothon Event(s) throughout the day. Your child's presence at the event constitutes your acknowledgement & agreement to his/her presence in any filming that may occur.
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North Carolina Soil Science Society  
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NC Forest Service  
NC Office of Environmental Education  
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NC Division of Air Quality  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
NC Museum of Natural Science

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Tentative Agenda
State Middle School Envirothon
Friday-Saturday
Cedarock Park, Alamance County
ACTUAL TIMES MAY VARY
**NOTE --Middle School Agenda Varies From High School Agenda

**Friday** – Stations start ½ hour LATER than high school

11:30-4:00  Registration
11:00-1:45  Recreational Activities and/or Nature Walks
1:15-1:45  Guide & Volunteers Orientation
2:00-2:25  Team Assembly & Final Instructions
2:30-5:45  Resource Station Training

**Saturday** – Stations start ½ hour EARLIER than high school

8:00-9:15  Registration
8:00-8:30  Guide & Volunteer Orientation
8:45-9:15  Assembly & Final Instructions
9:15-11:45  Competition Testing at Resource Stations
10:00-11:45  Advisors' Workshop
11:45-12:45  Pizza Lunch
11:45-12:45  View Test Questions & Answers
12:45-1:15  Awards Program
Tentative Agenda

State High School Envirothon

Friday-Saturday

Cedarock Park, Alamance County

ACTUAL TIMES MAY VARY

**NOTE -- Middle School Agenda Varies From High School Agenda**

**Friday**

11:30 – 4:00  Team Registration

1:00 – 1:25  Guide & Volunteer Training

1:15 – 1:25  Early OP Groups Welcome and Orientation

*Group 100’s:*  1:25 – 2:30  *(100s Early Presenters – Report to Oral Preparation Station)*

1:40 – 1:55  Team Welcome and Orientation

2:00 – 6:35  Station Training / Oral Presentations

**Station 1**  2:00 – 2:30

*NOTE: 200s report to Prep Station,*

*300s – 700s report to Assigned Resource Station*

| Station 2:  | 2:35 – 3:05 |
| Station 3:  | 3:10 – 3:40 |
| Station 4:  | 3:45 – 4:15 |
| Station 5:  | 4:20 – 4:50 |
| Station 6:  | 4:55 – 5:25 |
| Station 7:  | 5:30 – 6:00 |
| Station 8:  | 6:05 – 6:35 |

**Saturday**

8:00 – 9:15  Registration

8:30 – 9:00  Guide and Volunteer Training

9:15 – 9:40  Final Instructions to Teams

9:45 – 12:15  COMPETITION

10:00 – 11:45  Teacher Workshop

12:15 – 1:15  Lunch (Pizza)

12:15 – 1:15  Test Questions and Answers available at Stations

1:45 – 3:30  High School Awards Program & Final OP
**Burlington Area Motels**
The Burlington Visitors Bureau has a web site where you can get information on hotel rooms and tourist attractions. (www.burlington-area-nc.org)  [http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/9/Visitors](http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/9/Visitors)

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Burke Manor Inn (336) 449-6266  
Drury Inn Suites (336) 584-2001

**EXIT #141**
Best Western  (336) 584-0151  800/528/1234  
Country Suites  (336) 584-1115  800/456/4000  
Courtyard by Marriott  (336) 585-1888  800/321/2211  
Hampton Inn  (336) 584-8585  800/Hampton  
Comfort Inn  (336) 584-4447  800/228/5150  
Super 8 Motel  (336) 584-8787  800/800/8000  
Acorn Inn (336) 585-0167

**EXIT #143**
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Red Carpet Inn  (336) 227-3681  800-228-5150  
Holiday Inn  (336) 229-5203  800-228-5150  
Microtel Inn & Suites  (336) 227-1515  888/771/7171  
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Quality Inn  (336) 229-5203

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The Old place (EXIT # 153)  (919) 563- 1733  
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To camp at Cedarock Park call at (336) 229-2410 before the event.
Soil & Water Conservation Districts can provide you with resources materials to study and may provide you with travel money to attend the Area or State Envirothon competitions. Go to [http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html) for the most up to date location information.

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Burlington

Graham

NC 49

Bellmont

Cedarock Park Rd

Patterson Mill Rd. SR 1130

North

Map not to scale