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Oklahoma's largest
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- ◆ Building awareness of environmental issues
- ◆ Emphasizing practical, hands-on conservation
- ◆ Developing critical thinking skills
- ◆ Challenging students with environmental problem solving

What is Oklahoma Envirothon?

The Oklahoma Envirothon is part of a national program for high school students designed to educate and challenge young people in the environmental sciences. It is an exciting, fun way for students to learn about the environment and the issues facing this and future generations. Combining in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences, Envirothon demonstrates the role people have in important environmental issues such as forestry, wildlife management, water quality and soil erosion.

How does it work?

Envirothon is a team-based program. All teams must be sponsored by their local conservation district. Teams are formed in the fall and begin studying resource materials to learn the fundamentals of natural resources management in five areas of study: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and a special topic. The Oklahoma Envirothon competition is held in the spring of the following year.

Who can participate?

Teams are made up of 5 members. All members must attend the same high school or educational organization and be in grades 9-12.

Who trains the team?

The advisor is responsible for helping the team prepare for the competition. The local conservation district may assist in training by providing natural resource professionals in the five subject areas.

The competition.

The statewide competition takes place in the spring of each year. The competition includes written exams on each subject area and an oral presentation. Written exams are administered in the field at 4 or 5 test stations. Each station is staffed with a natural resource professional who is a specialist in one of the five subject areas. Teams also prepare a presentation on the special topic for that year.

Oklahoma Envirothon champions advance to the Canon National Envirothon competition, which is held at a different location in North America each year. The top three teams placing in the national competition will receive Canon Envirothon Scholarships along with other awards.

The tradition.

The Envirothon began in 1979 with three Pennsylvania Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Since then, it has spread to other states and countries, leading to the first National Envirothon competition in 1998.

Step by step:

1. Decide if your school or organization wants to participate in the Envirothon.
2. Inform the local conservation district that you are interested in forming a team.
3. Organize your 5-member team: can be science club, environmental club, FFA team, 4-H team, home-schooled team, etc.
4. Register your team for the Oklahoma Envirothon competition. (You will receive study materials with your confirmation).
5. Plan your training sessions — meet as often as possible
6. Invite your conservation district and other local natural resource professionals to help train your team; attend natural resources related events and activities
7. Practice team presentation
8. Participate in the Oklahoma Envirothon state competition
9. Most important: HAVE FUN!!!