

# MINNESOTA State Envirothon

*North America's largest high school  
environmental education competition*



## Local natural resource professionals facilitate 5 hands-on learning stations:

### Aquatic/Wetlands



Aquatic habitat, hydrologic cycle, water quality, wetlands, and more.

### Forestry



Forest management and silviculture, tree identification, and more.

### Soils



Soil classes, properties and profiles, erosion potential, and more.

### Wildlife



Adaptation, species identification, survival needs, and more.

### Current Issue\*



\* *New topic each year—2022 Topic: Waste to Resources*

## Competitions:

Teams of 5 students compete by taking exams and giving an oral presentation.

### Local

#### Late April - early May:

High school students compete each year at 8 regional Envirothon's.

For more info, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District:

[www.maswcd.org](http://www.maswcd.org)

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### State

#### Third Monday in May:

Top 3 teams in each regional competition advance to the State Envirothon, May 16, 2022, at Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, Fergus Falls, MN

<http://www.maswcd.org/envirothon.htm>

### National

#### Typically July or August

The national Envirothon will be held July 24-30th, at the Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

For more information about the national Envirothon, please refer to their website.

[www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)



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## Bottom Line

Participating students learn about Minnesota's natural resources, collaborate with fellow team members, and discover career options in natural resource management.

# Combining in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences.

The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental and natural resources problem solving competition that builds leadership skills for high school students in grades 9-12.

The program consists of in-class curriculum with hands-on outdoor field experiences where students can learn natural resource management techniques from natural resource professionals.

Participating teams are trained and tested in five natural resource categories: Aquatics/Wetlands, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issues. Each team is also required to give a 10-minute oral presentation. The oral presentation challenges teams to work together and communicate their solution to a complex environmental issue in front of a panel of judges.



Regional area competitions are hosted and by local **Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)**. The SWCDs partner with conservation organizations, educators, and other natural resource agencies to assist with the regional events. The top 3 teams from each regional area advance to the Minnesota State Envirothon.

## The Program:

- *Educates future resource stewards.*
- *Promotes E-STEM: Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education.*
- *Creates Community Awareness*
- *Fosters appreciation and respect for the natural world and fellow citizens.*
- *Expands students' knowledge and comprehension skills.*



Students are exposed to real life environmental concerns, while also receiving the opportunity to learn more about environmental career opportunities and responsibilities.



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