

Here's What Students Are Saying About Envirothon:

"The Maryland Envirothon was an amazing experience! It was interesting to talk to everyone and learn about their environmental backgrounds and interests. I loved learning about all the areas of study, especially the fifth issue, because it was a new topic every year."

Allison Moore, Class of 2008
Clear Spring High School, Washington County

"Envirothon allows us to use our eco-imagination to envision a more environmentally-friendly world."

Julie Walker and Brianna Reed
Leonardtown High School
St. Mary's County 2008 State Team

"The Envirothon is an excellent, hands-on learning experience for students who want to learn more about environmental components such as wildlife, forestry, soils and aquatics."

Casey Eide
Calvert High School
Calvert County 2008 State Team



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How It All Started

The first Envirothon was held in Pennsylvania in 1979. By 1988, the idea had caught on and the first national contest was held. Today, Envirothon is the largest natural resources competition for high school students in North America, with students from eight Canadian provinces and more than 40 states participating. The Maryland Envirothon is sponsored by local soil conservation districts and the State Soil Conservation Committee. Maryland teams have consistently placed in the top ten percent at the North American competition, earning a range of educational scholarships and prizes from the program's sponsor, Canon.

Friends and Sponsors

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How to Join

Find out from your science teacher if your school has an Envirothon team. If you want to form a team, contact your school's science department, visit the Maryland Envirothon's website or call your local soil conservation district listed below. Youth groups and other teen organizations may also form teams.

Allegany	301-777-1747, ext. 4
Anne Arundel	410-571-6757
Baltimore County	410-666-1188, ext. 3
Calvert	410-535-1521, ext. 3
Caroline	410-479-1202, ext. 3
Carroll	410-848-8200, ext. 3
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Charles	301-934-9588, ext. 3
Dorchester	410-228-5640, ext. 3
Frederick	301-695-2803, ext. 3
Garrett	301-334-6951
Harford	410-838-6181, ext. 3
Howard	410-489-7987
Kent	410-778-5150, ext. 3
Montgomery	301-590-2855
Prince George's	301-574-5162, ext. 3
Queen Anne's	410-758-3136, ext. 3
St. Mary's	301-475-8402, ext. 3
Somerset	410-651-1575, ext. 3
Talbot	410-822-1577, ext. 3
Washington County	301-797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	410-546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	410-632-5439, ext. 3



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Understanding Nature

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Making a Real Difference

Envirothon

The #1 Program for High School Students
Who are Wild About Nature!





GET READY for Envirothon

If you are a teenager who is wild about nature and the great outdoors, consider joining your school's Envirothon team. Envirothon is a fun and exciting way for high school students in grades 9–12 to learn about the natural world around us and earn scholarship money for college. As an Envirothon team member, you will learn firsthand from the experts about the many ways that all living things are connected and the complex environmental issues affecting the world today. Along the way, you'll quickly discover that nature is even more outrageous and spectacular than you ever imagined!

GET SET to Study Nature

Envirothon is a series of environmental competitions in which teams of students move beyond the classroom in order to solve real-life environmental problems in a natural setting. Envirothon works like a sports meet—winning teams progress through local, regional and state competitions. As a member of an Envirothon team, you'll be asked to roll up your sleeves and get up close and personal with nature in the following disciplines:

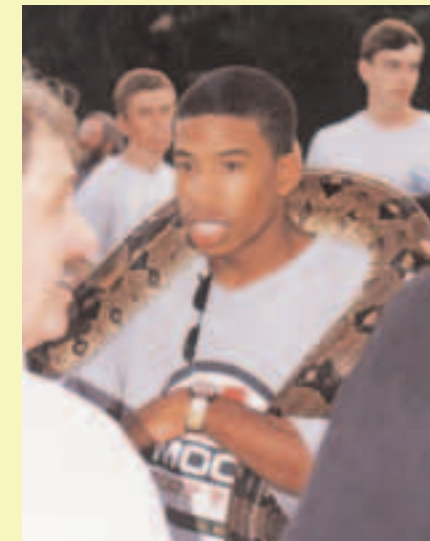


- **Wildlife**—You'll learn from wildlife managers about animal populations and dynamics in Maryland and the importance of preserving wildlife habitat.
- **Forestry**—Maryland foresters will teach you how to identify tree species and determine a tree's height and age. You'll also learn management techniques for healthy and productive forestry resources.
- **Soils**—You'll work alongside soil scientists to learn about profiling and mapping techniques used to determine soil characteristics for farming and development activities.
- **Aquatics**—You'll explore complex underwater ecosystems with marine and freshwater biologists. You'll also learn how wetlands and buffers contribute to healthy streams.
- **Environmental Issues**—What is a watershed? How can we save our farmland from development? What happens when you fill in a wetland? These are some of the environmental issues that students have explored in years past.



GO Wild For Your Team

Envirothon teams are made up of five students, one alternate and a teacher/coach. Teams form in the fall and study Maryland's natural resources over the course of the school year. The first wave of competitions begins in the spring with local teams competing for the county Envirothon



title. The county winner advances to the statewide Maryland Envirothon. This 2-1/2 day competition is usually held in June at an outdoor environmental education center and features a number of outdoor activities, including night hikes, campfire

chats and wildlife demonstrations, along with additional training in all five resource areas. The winner of the Maryland Envirothon earns the right to represent the state at the Canon Envirothon—an exciting five-day competition featuring 50 winning high school teams from across the United States and Canada. In recent years, Maryland Envirothon teams have traveled to competitions in Arizona, New York and Manitoba, Canada to compete.

