



NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

"Fostering Environmentally Conscious Decision Making Young Adults."

October 19, 2016

Your Team is Invited!

Envirothon is a competitive, problem-solving natural resource event for high school students intended to challenge the students about the environment. The objectives are threefold: (1) to test the environmental knowledge and understanding of high school students regarding natural resource issues: (2) to encourage students to consider careers in environmental fields: (3) to instill team building and enhance communication skills among students.

Envirothon exemplifies current initiatives, providing quality education training and hands-on learning activities in the areas of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues. With over 500,000 annual participants from across North America, the Envirothon is quickly becoming a primary vehicle for promoting environmental literacy in America's youth.

Planning is underway for the 2016 *Northeastern Illinois Envirothon*. Once again this year, the Envirothon will be held at two locations in the region. Your school is invited to attend the *Northeastern Illinois Envirothon* competition to be held on **April 6th** at Danada House in Wheaton.

During the Envirothon, teams of five students per high school listen to presentations by resource professionals. As a team, they then take written and lab practical tests in the areas of aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife. For this year's current topic, *Agricultural Soil and Water Stewardship Conservation*, students will be given a scenario in advance and will be asked to prepare an oral presentation for the event. While the students are attending the competition, teachers will take part in a separate workshop.

A light breakfast and a lunch will be provided at the event. **Transportation to and from Danada House is the responsibility of the participating school.**

Each county will have a top-scoring winner, with the highest scoring team from the two regional events advancing to the Illinois Envirothon **April 26th-27th, 2016 at Allerton Park's 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois**. The winners of the Illinois Envirothon will represent our state during the **North American Envirothon July 23rd-29th, 2016 in Emmitsburg, Maryland**.

Should you choose to participate, you will be provided with resources for each of the topic areas to prepare your students. To register for the 2017 Northeastern Illinois Envirothon, please review the enclosed registration guidelines. Then complete the registration form and return it with a \$75 deposit, made out to **Kane-DuPage SWCD**, to our office by December 1st, 2016. **Resource materials will not be sent until this deposit is received.**

If you have any questions please call me at 630-584-7960 Ext. 3 or e-mail at elizabeth.hagenmoeller@kanedupageswcd.org. We have also created a power point presentation about the Envirothon, which I am available to share with you and your students.

Sincerely,

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