2020 Competition
Registration Materials

North Event
April 7, 2020
Prairieview Education Center
McHenry County Conservation District
Crystal Lake, IL

South Event
April 9, 2020
Danada House
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
Wheaton, IL
Registration Guidelines

1. Registration are due by December 2, 2019 to the McHenry-Lake County SWCD.

2. All registrations must include a $25 Non-Refundable Registration Fee Per Team. Make checks payable to:
   McHenry-Lake County SWCD
   1648 S. Eastwood Dr.
   Woodstock, IL  60098

3. Schools / Organizations are permitted to enter up to 2 teams per school /organization. Although you do not need to include names with your initial registration, you must send a separate form & separate $25 non-refundable registration fee for each team you wish to register. If you are entering two teams, you must indicate “Team 1” or “Team 2” on each form. FFA TEAMS: If you are registering a team affiliated with the National FFA Organization, participating in the FFA Career Development Events program, you must indicate this affiliation on your registration form.

4. A maximum of 20 teams will be permitted to register for any one event. A total maximum of 40 teams may compete in the NE IL Envirothon competition. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Teams from Boone, DeKalb, Lake, McHenry, and Winnebago counties will compete at the North Event. Teams from Cook, DuPage, Kane, and Will counties will compete at the South Event. Teams are required to compete at their respective regional event, as listed above, and will not be permitted to change event locations unless otherwise determined by the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee.

5. The procedure for entering teams into the competition will be as follows:
   a. Schools’ / Organizations’ 1st team selections will be entered on a first come first served basis, not to exceed 20 teams per event.
   b. Once all 1st team registrations are entered, 2nd team registrations will be entered also on a first come first served basis, not to exceed 20 total teams per event.
   c. Team Advisors will be notified in late December/early January as to which teams have been entered.

6. Team member names and Talent Release forms are due at least 1 week prior to the event.

7. A study materials link will be sent to the team contact email listed on the registration form in early January.

8. Oral presentation materials will be uploaded to the link 1 month prior to the competition. Your team contact will be notified by email, when the materials are available.

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Rules & Regulations

1. The Envirothon will be held rain or shine, so be prepared for any type of weather!

2. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the current school year are eligible to compete.

3. Teams must consist of five (5) team members from the same school and/or organization/association and be registered for the competition. One (1) alternate may participate. The addition of an alternate must be noted on the registration form. You may substitute a team member the morning of the competition if you need to. It is HIGHLY recommended that you register an alternate. Alternates will be with their team for the entire day but will not be permitted to participate in testing or in the oral presentation. ONLY SIX (6) STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION.

4. NO TOBACCO, INTOXICANTS OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT THE SITE OF THE COMPETITION. Students are representatives of their respective schools and will follow their schools’ policies while participating in the competition.

5. Cell phones, electronic devices, backpacks, purses, cameras, or other audio/visual equipment are not allowed by the participants at any time during the competition. This includes, but is not limited to, testing, travel to stations, bathroom breaks and lunch.

6. Teams must be accompanied to the competition by an adult advisor/teacher. Advisors will not accompany their team to the test stations. Activities will be planned for advisors. Advisors are expected to stay on-site for the day’s events.

7. The competition will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. A phone number will be provided for you to call if you are running late. Late teams will be dropped into the rotation of the competition but will have to take the tests that were missed during the lunch break without a presentation. The day typically ends before 2:30 p.m. following the awards ceremony.

8. All students must leave with their advisor/coach at the end of the competition. Failure to do so, may result in forfeiture of awards and future participation.

9. The Envirothon will consist of five subject areas: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and Current Issue. Students will travel to each station as a five (5) or six (6) member team and be allowed a predetermined amount of time at each station.

10. Test questions will cover any information in the resource materials provided to the teams. Notes and materials will not be allowed at any time during the competition. Any team member & / or advisor found to have materials or notes at the competition will disqualify their team from participation in the competition. No refunds will be granted.

11. Students will work as a five (5) member team to answer test questions. One set of answers will be submitted from each team to the station monitor before moving to the next station.

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12. Teams will need only a clipboard and a pencil with them during the competition. All materials needed are provided at the testing station.

13. Students must remain at the station until the rotation of teams. Students may not leave the station if they finish early.

14. Teachers and advisors are not allowed in the test scoring area.

15. The winning team is the team with the highest cumulative point total from the five test stations from both regional events. In the event of a tie, the highest score in Aquatics will break the tie. If there is still a tie, Forestry, Soils, and Wildlife areas respectively will decide the winner.

16. A regional winner will be determined from the two-day event and will represent us at the Illinois Envirothon. Test scores will be compared between the two regional Envirothons to determine the team with the highest score. If the winning team opts not to attend the state competition or the team consists of less than five (5) team members, the team with the next highest score is eligible. As per Illinois Envirothon rules, alternates must have attended the current year’s local event to compete in the Illinois Envirothon.

17. Transportation costs to and from the State Envirothon will be the responsibility of the winning team’s school / organization. The Illinois Envirothon will be held in May. The Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee will pay the entrance fee to the Illinois Envirothon for our Council winning team. The FFA winning team’s entrance fee to the Illinois Envirothon will not be covered.

18. Rules are subject to change and all relevant changes will be explained to the teams and advisors before the competition.
Registration Form

High School / Organization ____________________________________________

Team Advisor/Coach _______________________________________________

Team Advisor/Coach _______________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City ________________________     Zip ___________ County_____________________________

Phone_________________________ E-Mail Address _______________________________

Check all that apply:

☐ I am registering as an FFA (National FFA Organization) Team only. I do not wish to participate as a Council 16 (Northeastern Illinois Envirothon) Team. I understand that my team will not be required to complete an oral presentation and will not be eligible for the overall “County Winner” or the top three team awards.

☐ I am registering as both an FFA (National FFA Organization) and a Council 16 (Northeastern Illinois Envirothon) Team. I understand that my team will be required to complete an oral presentation. I also understand that if we are the overall winner, we will represent our Council at the State Competition.

☐ I am registering as a Council 16 (Northeastern Illinois Envirothon) Team only.

☐ (Required!) I have read and understood the “Rules & Regulations.” I understand that if our team does not abide by the rules, we will be disqualified and may not be allowed to participate in future events.

☐ April 7- North Event (Prairieview)   ☐ April 9- South Event (Danada House)

☐ Team 1                      ☐ Team 2                      Gender

Team Member ___________________________ Grade _____ M  F

Team Member ___________________________ Grade _____ M  F

Team Member ___________________________ Grade _____ M  F

Team Member ___________________________ Grade _____ M  F

Team Member ___________________________ Grade _____ M  F

ALTERNATE _____________________________ Grade _____ M  F

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Talent Release Form
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______________________________ Team Name or High School

I authorize the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee and their designated representatives
to take photos, film, video, and/or audio recordings of
______________________________ and use those images and recordings in
(PRINT Student’s Name)
promoting the educational program titled: The Northeastern Illinois Envirothon. I understand
that he/she will not be paid and that no further claim of any nature will be made.

Parent/Guardian Consent

Guardian  SIGNATURE ________________________________

Guardian  PRINTED NAME ________________________________

Date ______________________________

Relationship to minor ______________________________

Please Mail or Email forms to:

Spring Duffey
McHenry-Lake County SWCD
1648 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, IL 60098
Email: spring.duffey@il.nacdnet.net

Questions?: Spring Duffey (815) 338-0444 x 3

PLEASE NOTE: Forms MUST be received 1 week prior to the competition. No team photos
will be released if a student’s form is missing. All photos without proper releases will be
destroyed within one month following the competition date.