

Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Timelines:

December 1, 2024: all team registrations and registrations due.

Early January 2025: study materials are accessible on Google Drive for download.

February 2025: current topic scenario is accessible on Google Drive for download.

March 1, 2025: deadline for student name & talent release form submissions.

March 19, 2025, South Event Competition: South event consists of teams from Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will County high Schools.

March 20, 2025, North Event Competition: North event consists of teams from Boone, DeKalb, Lake, McHenry and Winnebago County high schools.

March 2025: Top scoring team from Northeastern Illinois Envirothon will be determined.

May 2025: Illinois State Envirothon Competition at Allerton Memorial Park in Monticello, Illinois. Winning team goes to North American Envirothon.

July 2025: North American Envirothon: winning team from Illinois Envirothon will spend one week at the National Conservation Foundation North American Envirothon at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, New York. Scholarships awarded to winners!

Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Competition Events

March 19 & 20, 2025

Morton Arboretum
Lisle, IL

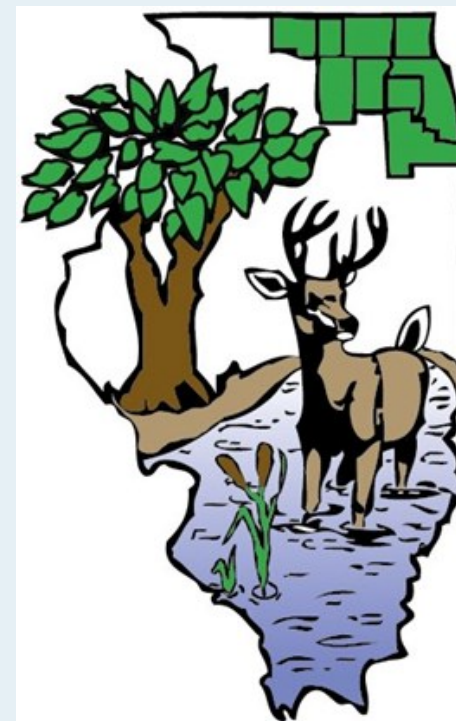


More information!



NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
ENVIROTHON

March 2025



*“Fostering Environmentally
Conscious, Decision
Making Young Adults”*

What is Envirothon?

The Envirothon is an exciting and fun way for high school students to learn about the environment. It combines in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences, while demonstrating the role people have in environmental concerns, like sustainable agriculture, forest management, soil erosion, water quality and wildlife management.

Resources are provided to students in topics of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and a current environmental topic. The 2025 environmental topic will be announced later this year.

Students compete as a team consisting of five to six individuals from the same high school or organization. Teams are tested in the five subject areas through written tests, laboratory tests and an oral presentation.

The Envirothon experience provides students with the ability to think critically and enhance their problem solving skills. It gives students the opportunity to be role models in their community. Lastly, it prepares student for future careers in natural resource areas.



Belvidere High School Oral Presentation

Areas of Study



Aquatics: students will learn about aquatic organisms, water quality and watersheds. Key ideas include laws and methods used to protect water quality and to understand best management decisions.



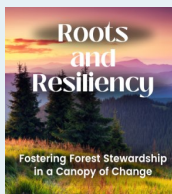
Forestry: students will learn about basic forest management concepts and tools, such as the use of tree measuring devices, best management practices and forest ecology concepts.



Soils: students will learn how to determine basic soil properties and limitations, such as mottling and permeability. They will be able to identify types of soil erosion and discuss methods for reducing erosion.



Wildlife: students will learn to describe major factors affecting threatened and endangered species, and methods to improve species populations. They will be able to discuss ways the public and wildlife managers can aid in protection and conservation.



Current Topic - Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change: a call to action to examine current forest practices, identify where vulnerabilities may lie, and identify necessary adaptations. Students will learn how climate models can help predict the impacts of a changing climate on forests and how this data can be used to facilitate conservation.

Sponsorships

Each year Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Northeastern Illinois, collectively called Land Use Council 16, seek funding to support the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon. Funding provides students and advisors with educational workshops, lunches, t-shirts and awards for top placing teams. It is sponsors that allow the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon to continue to raise awareness of environmental issues and provide positive impacts in local communities.

For over 25 years, the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon has continued to be a successful event and brings together diverse groups of students. We hope organizations, like yours, considers a contribution towards the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon competition. Your donation is tax deductible and will aid in continuation of environmental awareness. Become part of the environmental education movement in your community today!



Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Northeastern Illinois and Illinois State Envirothon winning team in 2023 and 2024! Placed 5th in 2024 Nationals and 15th in 2023 Nationals. Sponsored by Land Use Council 16.