



CONNECTICUT ENVIROTHON

24 HYDE AVENUE VERNON, CT 06066

August 25, 2011

Dear Educator,

I can't believe we are already starting another academic year! It seems like we just wrapped up the 20th Connecticut Envirothon last week. With the added excitement of the CT winners finishing 5th at the National Envirothon in July, this summer has simply flown by. We are going to build on our increased participation and growth this year starting off with our teacher orientation workshop at the Metropolitan District Commission Training Facility on Thursday 9/22.

The Envirothon program is a great opportunity for students to work side-by-side with professionals in the environmental field during training workshops and the Annual Competition in May. Utilizing electronic handouts and the hands-on workshops, the CT Envirothon has been very successful at training students on each of our major components: forestry, aquatics, soils, and wildlife. The program also covers a rotating current issue, which this year is learning about Low Impact Development (LID) installations and benefits.

The teacher orientation session is a great networking opportunity for teachers and the best way to learn what is new for each of the CT Envirothon stations. Learn how the materials and information provided by the Envirothon team line up with State Standards and encourage your students to learn about science outside of the classroom.

Participation in CT Envirothon culminates with the Annual Competition amongst participating schools each year in May. While the student teams are competing a teacher training is offered for advisors and CT Envirothon is now able to offer CEUs for participating teachers. The CT winning team represents Connecticut at the North American Canon Envirothon competition. Perhaps you and your students can become the next team that we send to this international event, taking place this year in Pennsylvania!

Please see the enclosed registration form, schedule of important dates, and brochure for additional information about the program. I hope to see you at the teacher orientation meeting on 9/22 at 4:00pm to help you learn more about the program and hopefully to register a team. Please feel free to contact myself (860.424.3514) or Barb Kelly (860.875.3881) to learn more about this incredible opportunity or to register a team for participation during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Sincerely

Chris Sullivan
CT Envirothon Chairman



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THE 2012 CONNECTICUT ENVIROTHON - Thursday May 24, 2012

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE - REGISTRATION

SCHOOL NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TEAM ADVISOR _____

ADDITIONAL TEAM ADVISOR _____

PHONE # _____

PHONE # _____

E-MAIL _____

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COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ONE 5-MEMBER + 2-ALTERNATE TEAM PER SCHOOL. However, additional students may participate throughout the year. Vo Ag Teams may register as a separate school.

Does your team represent a VO AG or VO TECH Program? YES NO

Has your school ever participated in Envirothon? YES NO

If yes, when was the last time? _____ (year)

How many years have you led an Envirothon team? _____

Will you or your representative be able to attend the Advisor Orientation and dinner, from 4:00PM to 6:00 PM, on Thursday September 22, 2011? Study materials for the 2012 program will be reviewed or distributed at this meeting. YES NO MAYBE

EARLY ENTRY FEE - \$50. Regular Registration Fee (after September 22st) - \$60.

Space is limited so ACT TODAY! PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 22, 2011.

Make checks or purchase orders payable to Connecticut Envirothon.

Mail to: CT ENVIROTHON c/o North Central Conservation District

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2011 – 2012 Connecticut Envirothon Calendar of Events

Workshops are for students and advisors!

- **September 22, 2011 (Thursday) – Early Registration Deadline! Advisor Orientation from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Metropolitan District Commission Training Facility in Hartford, CT**

Enjoy good food and exchange ideas with fellow educators and environmental professionals. You'll leave prepared and energized for the program year ahead!

- **October 15, 2011 (Saturday) – Forestry Workshop from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon**

Work with forestry professionals to discover this truly renewable resource. Develop skills to better identify and understand our forests environmental and commercial values. Enjoy a special focus on tree ID. Learn to read the story the forest tells!

- **October 29, 2011 (Saturday) – Soils Workshop from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Tolland County Agricultural Center in Vernon**

Soil Pits!! Yes, there will be multiple soil pits!! Work with soil scientists to learn more about the importance of soils in natural resource management. Learn about the relationships between soil and the water table at the TAC's groundwater monitoring site. Tour the soil related low-impact development demo sites. You will get your hands dirty!!

- **January 2012 (Saturday, date to be determined) – Low Impact Development from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at UConn Storrs Campus**

The largest source of pollution degrading water resources in CT is contaminated stormwater runoff. Is there a low impact way to develop the land that will reduce the amount of runoff, naturally purify the water and recharge ground water? This workshop will highlight such ideas, the policies that can promote them, and what we can do in our own communities.

- **February 11, 2012 (Saturday) – Aquatics Workshop from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at a college or university within Connecticut – location to be announced**

Water resources and aquatic environments are essential to our daily lives! Work with professionals who will review factors that may impact aquatic resources and assist you in using ID keys to get up close and personal with amphibians, fish, insects, crustaceans and aquatic plants.

- **March 17, 2012 (Saturday) – Wildlife Workshop from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Sessions Woods WMA in Burlington**

There will be many learning opportunities, with both indoors and outdoors activities that include viewing educational wildlife exhibits, collections of mammal skins, bird mounts, and skulls. There will be interpretive field walks to look at wildlife signs and habitat management practices.

- **May 24, 2012 (Thursday) – Field Day Competition from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Winding Trails in Farmington**

Enjoy Field Day at this beautiful ecologically diverse facility. The 350+ pristine forested acres are preserved and managed to ideally facilitate outdoor programs!

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