



MAINE ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Education and Envirothon Committee

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Dear Educator / Envirothon Advisor:

I am writing to invite you and your students to participate in the 2021 Maine Virtual Envirothon. We recognize the difficulties of this year's school year. Our reorganization to offer a Virtual Envirothon has also caused us some turmoil. Hopefully in 2022 we will be able to return to in-person competition. We look forward to seeing many of our veteran schools in 2021 and welcome new schools to take part in this valuable learning experience. Even if it is only virtually.

Envirothon is a state- and nation-wide environmental competition where high school students test their knowledge of natural resources and current environmental issues. In 2021 teams will only compete in the single virtual competition, answering questions and solving problems at four topical stations: *Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry, and Soils*. *At the State level we do not plan to have the Current Natural Resource Issue*. The 2021 Current Issue topic is **Water Resource Management: Local Control and Local Solutions and will be part of the National Competition**. The Virtual Maine Competition will be held on-line over a four day period May 18-21. The state's winning team will then compete at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska July 25-28, 2021 for the International Competition.

Envirothon is an academic program that is aligned with standards-based learning. As well as advising teams for competition, teachers throughout Maine successfully incorporate Envirothon concepts and hands-on activities into their science curricula. The program raises students' awareness of local and national environmental issues. Envirothon integrates math, language arts, cultural land-use history, and science in ways unique to the field. Students build critical thinking and decision-making skills as they practice solving real environmental problems.

In addition to learning about the environment, applying knowledge, collaborating to address natural resource issues, and meeting other young students from around the state and nation, winners of the National Envirothon receive individual college scholarships. Through this program, students have an opportunity to meet and learn from state soil scientists, biologists, foresters, and other natural resource professionals.

We greatly appreciate advisors' interest in natural resources, commitment to environmental education, and time spent preparing teams for competition. As an Envirothon team advisor, it is not necessary that you be an expert in environmental areas or be a full-time teacher. Natural resource professionals from Maine's 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts may be available to assist teams with resource materials and preparation. If you are interested in the program but are not yet ready to form a team for competition, please contact us for more information and an opportunity to attend a preparatory virtual workshop training session in the coming weeks. Please note that advisors can be teachers, parents, and/or community members.

The deadline for registration is **May 15, 2021**. Once your team is registered, we will send you additional information and a resource packet to guide preparation for the competition. You will be notified about workshops and/or hands-on training sessions for your team. Please register as soon as possible to ensure you receive this information with plenty of time to study and practice. **However, there will be NO REFUNDS once a team has registered if the team has to cancel.**

To Register Please choose the following options:

1. Mail your registration form and fee(s) made payable to MACD State Envirothon to: MACD State Envirothon, c/o Dale Finseth, Fiscal Manager KCSWCD – 2305 N. Belfast Ave., Augusta ME 04330. Please contact me by e-mail or phone so I know to expect it.
2. Register and pay ON-LINE at Cumberland County SWCD Conservation Shop (www.cumberlandswcd.org)
You may contact me with questions at 207.622-7847 x 3 or 207-480-3927 my personal extension or email me at dale@kcsxcd.org. I look forward to receiving your registration packet and seeing your team at Envirothon!

Dale Finseth, MACD Education Program Coordinator/Contact

MAINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Many are co-located with USDA – NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICES

Androscoggin Valley

254 Goddard Road - PO Box 1938
Lewiston, ME 04241-1938
Phone: 753-9400 x3; Fax: 783-4101
DistrictManager@AndroscogginSWCD.org

Central Aroostook

735 Main Street Suite #3
Presque Isle, ME 04769
Phone: 760-4604; Fax: 764-4753
CentralAroostookSWCD@gmail.com

Cumberland County

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Windham, ME 04062
Phone: 892-4700; Fax: 892-4773
Info@Cumberlandsxcd.org

Franklin County

107 Park St
Farmington, ME 04938
Phone: 778-4279;
Corie.Willard@franklincxcd.org

Hancock County

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Ellsworth, ME 04605
Phone: 667-8663; Fax: 667-3585
HCSWCDinfo@HancockCountySWCD.org

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Dale@kcsxcd.org

Knox-Lincoln

893 West Street, Suite # 103
Rockport, ME 04856
Phone: 596-2040;
Rebecca@Knox-Lincoln.org

Oxford County

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South Paris, ME 04281
Phone: 744-3119;
OxfordCountySWCD@gmail.com

Penobscot County

1423 Broadway, Suite 2
Bangor, ME 04401
Phone: 990-3676 x3; Fax: 992-1782
Amy.Polyot@PenobscotSWCD.org

Piscataquis County

42 Engdahl Drive
Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426
Phone: 564-2321 x3
info@PiscataquisSWCD.org

St John Valley

139 Market St, Suite 106
Ft. Kent, ME 04743
Phone: 834-3311 x3; Fax: 834-6435
SJVSWCD@gmail.com

Somerset County

70 East Madison Road
Skowhegan, ME 04976
Phone: 474-8323;
info@somersetsxcd.org

Southern Aroostook

304 North St
Houlton, ME 04730
Phone: 532-9407 or 254-4126
Angela.Wotton@me.nacdnet.net

Waldo County

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Belfast, ME 04915
Phone: 338-1964; Fax: 338-4972
aleta.waldosoilandwater@gmail.com

Washington County

PO Box 121 -
Machias, ME 04654-0121
Phone: 255-4659;
Nate.Pennell@myfairpoint.net

York County

21 Braden Street Suite 304
Springvale, ME 04083
Phone: 324-0888; Fax: 324-4462
MelissaBrandt@YorkSWCD.org

2021 MAINE ENVIROTHON REGISTRATION

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

NUMBER OF TEAMS REGISTERED _____

TEAM ADVISOR: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/STATE/ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE DAY OF EVENT _____

EMAIL-School: _____ EMAIL-Home: _____

This registration is for the Virtual Maine Envirothon scheduled to be available from May 18 – May 21 at 7:00 pm.

THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY ADVISORS

REGISTRATION FEE: \$65 PER TEAM.

This fee covers the costs associated with this year’s competition. Please indicate if you are using a credit available from registration paid in a previous year which had been cancelled. **Please note that there will be NO REFUNDS once a team has registered. In addition, there are no roll over credits to future Envirothon if the team has to cancel.**

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
MAIL THIS FORM AND FEE(S) TO:

MACD State Envirothon
Maine State Envirothon Fiscal Manager
c/o Dale Finseth, Fiscal Manager
KCSWCD – 2305 N. Belfast Ave..
Augusta, ME 04330

OR --

ON-LINE REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE BY VISITING AND FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON-LINE!!

2021 Maine Envirothon Registration — Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District
(cumberlandswcd.org)

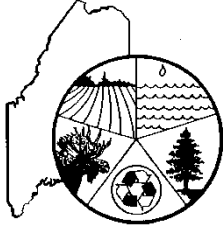
It should collect you team rosters at the same time.

Please also forward a copy of the registration form to me at Dale@kcsxcd.org

SHORTLY AFTER REGISTRATION, WE WILL EMAIL A TEAM RESOURCES PACK (STUDY GUIDE) AND REFERENCE MATERIALS. TEAMS WILL ONLY RECEIVE THESE MATERIALS IF A REGISTRATION CHECK ACCOMPANIES THIS FORM OR AN ON-LINE PAYMENT HAS BEEN TRANSACTED. UNLESS YOU STATE OTHERWISE, WE WILL ONLY EMAIL THE RESOURCE PACKET.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MAY 15, 2021.

For additional information, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (see attached list).



NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

of TEAMS _____

Names of Confirmed Team Members (if available). It is not essential to list all names of your team members on this form. However, if you are sure of the members, fill in this section.

If you will be bringing more than 2 teams, include names on a separate sheet of paper.



TEAM I

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

TEAM II.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

6. Alternate: _____

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GENERAL ENVIROTHON INFORMATION

Forming a Team: A team consists of a minimum of 3 students but no more than 5 students. Interested students from a class may form teams or they may be members of a club. Team members must live in the same school district. Home school students are welcome too. Every school can send multiple Envirothon teams to regional competitions. The teams must attend the same regional competition.

Registering a Team: Registration materials are only e-mailed this year [2021]. The registration fee is \$65 **per team**. There is only the single virtual State Envirothon in 2021.

Once registered, teams receive a Team Resource Pack from which to study. You will receive information about the competition and instructions on how to access the virtual test site. The top state team attends the North American Envirothon National competition.

Please note there are NO REFUNDS if a school cannot make it once a team has registered, nor can the registration fee be rolled over to the following year, if the team has to cancel.

Testing Time/Stations: Teams are tested for 60 minutes on a virtual test site: soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife and NO current issue. The current issue will be part of the National Competition in late July. However it will not be part of the Maine State competition..

Types of Tests: Tests vary from station to station. Most tests include some multiple-choice questions, fill-in-the-blank, short explanations, and problems to solve.

Reference Materials Used to Study For Tests: Most Soil and Water Conservation Districts have copies of the reference materials that students are asked to study for the competitions. A list of references is included with each study packet. Reference materials include websites, pamphlets, books, brochures, magazine articles, government publications and videos. Most are free or inexpensive.

Regional Workshops: Regional workshops or Fall Field Day workshops are virtually available virtually as well. When you register for the Envirothon, you will be notified of these workshops and training sessions. Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District and ask if they know a resource specialist who may be of assistance.

Advisors/Alternates: Each team must have an adult advisor(s). Advisors may be teachers, parents, or members of the community. Advisors assist the teams in preparing for the competitions and make the necessary arrangements regarding registration, and when/where/and how frequently team members will meet. Advisors help students determine the most desirable way to study for the competitions. Advisors and alternates are not allowed to visit testing stations before their team(s) is tested at that station. Additional individuals are discouraged from accompanying the teams to the competitions.

Rules and Regulations: Non-adherence to the rules and regulations may lead to a team's disqualification. For additional information, contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District or Dale Finseth, MACD Education Program Coordinator: 207.622 7847 x3 or email at Dale@kcsxcd.org.

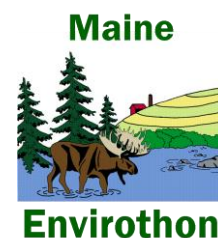
If selected as the Maine State Envirothon Team: If your team is selected to represent Maine at the international competition, MACD will assist the team with materials and the cost of registering for the competition. However, the winning team will be responsible for arranging and paying for the costs of taking part in the competition. When the National Competition is NOT virtual, the expense may be substantial given the location of the international competition. MACD continues to work on fundraising to assist the winning team with the costs of attending, however MACD can only commit to the cost of registering the team.



MAINE ENVIROTHON PROGRAM

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2021 ENVIROTHON - Host contact is

Ali Clift; Cumberland SWCD; ACliff@CumberlandSWCD.org 207-892-4700

STATE FINALS: MACD Envirothon Committee, Dale Finseth 621-9000 Dale@kcsxcd.org May 29th at Bond Brook Recreation Area in Augusta

RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

For the sake of equity, honesty and fairness to all Envirothon teams, the State Envirothon Committee recommends the following:

1. No less than 3 but no more than 5 team members, may compete..
2. Honesty and ethical conduct is expected of all teams. While teams may discuss answers to test questions virtually. Others should not be included.
3. A Code of Conduct statement will be part of the virtual test, to define what is expected of participants.

RULES AND REGULATIONS¹

1. Competitors must be enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent at the time of registration.
2. Each team will have a minimum of three and a maximum of five team members. No more than five members compete. These same three to five team members compete during the entire competition and at the regional and state competitions.
3. All team members must be from the same school. (No regional all-star teams)
4. Each team must have an adult advisor. During the competition *and while students move between stations tests*, the advisor(s) and alternates *cannot assist or communicate with* their team in any way Non-adherence will result in the advisor and/or alternate not being allowed at any remaining test sites during the competition. No advisors will be allowed to accompany the teams through the competition at the State Finals.
5. Judges' decisions are final on all events.
6. Transportation N/A
7. Each team may include **only** 1 alternate. N/A

¹ For a complete and up-to-date list of rules and regulations, please refer to the Maine Envirothon website at www.maineenvirothon.org