

2014



**TEAM REGISTRATION
PACKET**

**ILLINOIS
ENVIRONMENTAL**



2014 ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

April 30th-May 1st, 2014 - 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL.

Congratulations on winning your land use council Envirothon competition. I know that you have spent a lot of time preparing for this event. We look forward to seeing you at the State Competition on April 30th. Listed below is some information that will keep you informed about what to expect at the competition. We hope you will find this information helpful.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 9th is the first day you will be able to receive your study material from your local SWCD office
- April 15th deadline for Registration Form to be into the AISWCD office
- April 18th deadline for Release and Code of Conduct forms to be into the AISWCD office
 - (please make copies for each member)

National/Regional Envirothon - the winning team will be contacted by our office with this information.

STUDY MATERIAL & 5TH CATEGORY INFORMATION

On the Illinois Envirothon website (<http://www.aiswcd.org/programs/envirothon/>) you can find the current objectives and resources for each of the five categories. This study information can be downloaded for your use at any time. The study material you receive on April 9th will contain the information listed on the website, plus any of the books that are used as resources. You have the option of purchasing these books for your students to utilize throughout the year. Otherwise, the books will be the only new information the students will have to review before the Illinois Envirothon.

Please bring your study material to the state competition and return it when you register your team.

We would ask that **you keep** all the information that was given to you concerning the 5th category. This information along with additional information (handed out during oral presentation situation) will be used by your team for their oral presentation. After the awards ceremony, your team can pick up their oral presentation material (posters) to take home with them.

ADVISORS

After Opening Ceremonies there will be an advisor meeting. During this time we will also be having a lesson plan swap. Please bring copies of your favorite lesson plan to share with other advisors. This should last approximately 45 min to an hour. After this you will have free time to do as you wish until students are done with testing at 5:00 p.m.

TEST QUESTIONS

Test questions at the state competition are true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank and identification. In an attempt to work towards changing the testing format at the Illinois Envirothon, there will be at least one open ended question on each of the 5 category tests. A rubric will be developed to help in grading these questions.

TRADING ITEMS

During the National/Regional Envirothon students participate in a trading session with all other participating students from around the US and Canada. We ask that your students bring with them 5 (total) trading items that the winning team can take to California. Please don't feel like you have to purchase items, they can be donated by someone in your community. Items could include t-shirts, hats, cups, lapel pins, writing pens, pencils, etc. Make sure your school name and contact information is attached to items for appropriate acknowledgement.

ADDITIONAL FOOD AND DRINKS

During the competition, snacks will be provided and water jugs will be available for students to fill their own water bottles. Please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks, but we would ask that all trash be picked up and disposed of before leaving the camp. A recycle bin will be available for cans and bottles.

TRAVELING TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

During the competition, students select a team that demonstrates a friendly, outgoing and fun attitude towards the competition. The winning team receives a certificate and the traveling trophy. The trophy, a rainstick, is very fragile so please use caution while it is in your possession. Please make arrangements to get the rainstick back to next year's competition for the next winning team. Thank you.

REGISTRATION AT COMPETITION

When you arrive at the camp to register, please make sure you and your team members are in your LUC competition t-shirts for your team photo. These pictures will be e-mailed to the school from sondra.baker@il.nacdnet.net. Remember to bring study material to registration to turn back in.

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CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact the 4-H camp during the Illinois Envirothon, please dial 217/762-2741. You can also try the Envirothon Coordinator's (Sondra Baker) cell phone at 217/412-9561.

ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON REGISTRATION FORM

This form will register your team for the 2014 Illinois Envirothon, April 30th – May 1st, 2014, at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois.

Land Use Council _____ LUC Envirothon Contact Person _____

Winning County _____ High School _____

School Address, City, Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

5 Member Team includes:

	NAME	Grade	Shirt Size	M/F	Repeat Participant	FFA Member
Team Captain						
Team Member #2						
Team Member #3						
Team Member #4						
Team Member #5						

	NAME	Shirt Size	M/F	Repeat Participant	FFA Advisor
Advisor/Coach					
Advisor/Coach					
Chaperone					

*** Each team must have a male and female chaperone if their team is comprised of both male and female students!*

Summer Contact Information for Advisor

Name _____ School E-mail Address _____

Home Address, City, Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Home E-mail Address _____

Media Contact for Local Outlets

Newspaper Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Newspaper Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Radio Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Television Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 15TH, 2014

ATTN: SONDR A BAKER EMAIL: SONDR A.BAKER@IL.NACDNET.NET or
ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON – 5920 REVERE RD. – CLINTON IL 61727



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON RELEASE FORM

All team members must fill out and return for the 2014 Illinois Envirothon,
April 30th – May 1st 2014 at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL.

Name of Participant _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone number () _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone number () _____

Home Address, City, ST, Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone number () _____

Health Concerns (medications, allergies, etc) _____

Medical Condition (diabetes, asthma, physical disability, etc) _____

If currently taking medication, please provide the following information:

Name of Medication _____

Prescribing Physician/phone number _____

TALENT RELEASE

I hereby grant the right to photograph my dependent and use the photo and/or other digital reproduction of him/her or other reproduction of his/her physical likeness for legally acceptable publication purposes, whether electronic, print, digital or electronic publishing via the Internet to the Illinois Envirothon and to its employees, agents, assigns, and or sponsors.

Signature of participant _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

PARENTAL CONSENT(MEDICAL)

I, the parent/guardian of _____ hereby give permission to the physicians and attendant staff to perform such diagnostic, therapeutic and operative procedures for him/her as they deem necessary, and refer him/her to an off-site physician when deemed appropriate. I further give permission to have my son/daughter referred to a physician off-site in the event it becomes necessary.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Relationship: _____

(Signature gives consent for full participation, medical release, travel and photo consent.)

DEADLINE FOR RELEASE FORM IS APRIL 18TH, 2014
ATTN: SONDR A BAKER EMAIL: SONDR A.BAKER@IL.NACDNET.NET or
IL ENVIROTHON – 5920 REVERE RD. – CLINTON IL 61727



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON RULES & REGULATIONS

The Illinois Envirothon, an activity of the AISWCD shall be conducted under the following rules and regulations:

1. The Illinois Envirothon will be held on April 30th- May1st after all county/regional competitions have been completed.
2. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the current school year are eligible to compete.
3. Each participating Land Use Council will send one champion team or one designated team to the Illinois Envirothon, for a total of 16 teams.
 - a. The teams must have competed in a county or land use council (LUC) Envirothon in order to participate in the Illinois Envirothon. Contestants may participate in only one (1) county or one (1) LUC competition.
 - b. The winning teams will be sponsored by the local SWCD. Participating SWCD must be in good standing with AISWCD, as defined by their by-laws, to participate in the Illinois Envirothon Program.
 - c. If male and female students are represented on a team, then male and female chaperones must accompany the team.
4. All teams MUST have 5 members present from the same school and/or organization/association to be eligible to win and advance to the next level of competition.
 - a. Each team MUST retain at least three (3) of the original five (5) team members to compete at the Illinois and Canon Envirothon. Two (2) alternates, if needed, may be pre-registered one week prior to the competition, by contacting the AISWCD office to be eligible for substitution to compete in the Illinois Envirothon.
 - b. If a team member becomes ill or must leave during the Illinois Envirothon Competition due to an emergency, a review panel will determine if a penalty should be assessed to a team in the oral presentation for the absence of a complete team of five.
5. All participants of the Illinois Envirothon will be provided with overnight on-site accommodations. No members or advisors are allowed to leave the competition site without approval from the Envirothon Coordinator.
6. Each team member is responsible for his/her behavior and actions. No tobacco products, intoxicants, illegal drugs, or weapons, are allowed on site or will be used, or in his/her possession. Discriminatory behavior, sexual misconduct, or harassment will not be tolerated. Theft or destruction of public or private property will not be tolerated. Fighting is forbidden and other acts of violence that endanger the safety of the participants or threatening another person will not be tolerated. Engaging in any activity, which is illegal or disruptive, will not be tolerated. Each team needs to remember that they are representing their school and county during this competition and should conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action as stated in the "Code of Conduct" form signed by the participating student, their team advisor, and legal guardian. This policy will be enforced and carried out by the Envirothon Coordinator and/or designated member of the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
7. Illinois Envirothon study materials will be handed out to winning teams no earlier than two (2) weeks prior to the state competition.
 - a. State test questions will cover any information in the resource materials that were provided by the Illinois Envirothon Committee, as well as any information provided by the resource presenters at each station.

8. Illinois Envirothon competition will consist of five (5) written tests – soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatics and a current environmental issue to be determined each year by the Canon Envirothon committee.
 - a. Students will travel as a five (5) member team and be allowed a predetermined amount of time at each station for test completion.
 - b. Student notes and materials will not be allowed during the competition. Students will need to only carry a clipboard and pencil with them during the competition. Any other materials will be provided at each of the testing stations.
9. The advisors/coaches may NOT travel with the team during testing. Activities will be conducted requiring the advisors/coaches attendance. NO CONTACT with students will be allowed during testing.
10. A fifteen (15) minute oral presentation will be given on the current environmental issue.
 - a. This presentation will be given in front of a panel of judges. A maximum of 10 minutes will be given for judges questions after the team has finished their presentation.
 - b. All five (5) team members must participate orally in the presentation.
 - c. During oral presentations, all team members must wear the Illinois Envirothon T-shirt.
 - d. Oral presentation scores will be based on a criteria sheet approved by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
11. Camcorders, tape recorders, and other audio/visual equipment are not allowed by the participants during testing. Team advisors may videotape their team's oral presentation. Students will not be allowed to carry any electronic devices such as cell phones, two-way radios, laptops etc. during testing and oral presentations.
12. Resource presenters' decisions are final on all events. Contested decisions will be reviewed by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
13. Scoring for the Illinois Envirothon will be:
 - a. Each of the five station tests will be 1/6th of the score.
 - b. The Oral Presentation score will be 1/6th of the score.
 - c. The scores from 13 (a) and 13 (b) will be totaled together to determine the winning team, which will be the team with the highest cumulative score.
 - d. Tie breakers shall be as follows: Current Issue written test score; Aquatics score; Forestry score; Soils score; Wildlife score.
14. The winning team from Illinois Envirothon will represent Illinois at the Canon Envirothon. The location and date will be announced annually. In the event that the first place team cannot represent Illinois at the Canon Envirothon, the second place team will represent Illinois and so forth.
 - a. The entry fee required for the Illinois state team to attend Canon Envirothon will be paid by the Illinois Envirothon. This fee covers entry fees, accommodations, and on site meals for the winning teams, including five (5) team members and two (2) chaperones (one for each gender, if needed). Transportation costs to and from the Canon Envirothon will be the dual responsibilities of the winning team and the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
15. The Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained to all teams and advisors before the competition begins. Any suggestions or improvements of the Rules and Regulations will be considered by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON POLICIES

1. The dates for the Illinois Envirothon Competition will be selected by the Illinois Envirothon Committee and held between April 29th and May 15th.
2. The Illinois Envirothon Competition shall last two days.
3. There are five (5) resource stations: Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and a Current Environmental Issue.
 - a. The Current Environmental Issue shall parallel the issue from the Canon Envirothon Committee as closely as possible in order to further encourage familiarity of the issue for the winning Illinois team in competition at the Canon Envirothon
 - b. The five stations will be conducted by cooperating agencies and/or independent environmental professionals
4. Transportation to the Illinois Envirothon will be at the cost and responsibility of the participating teams.
5. All study materials needed for the Illinois Envirothon will be provided by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
 - a. Study materials will be distributed two (2) weeks prior to the competition dates by a SWCD representative.
 - b. Study materials should not be copied due to copyright laws.
 - c. The study materials for Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife and Forestry are to be returned during registration at the Illinois Envirothon. The Current Environmental Issue study materials are to be brought as they may be needed for Oral Presentations at the Illinois Envirothon.
 - d. Study materials are to be returned in the condition in which they were received. Any materials damaged or missing will be replaced at the expense of the school/individuals.
6. Schools are encouraged to bring items (5 each) for the winning school to take to the Canon Envirothon for trading items. Please include your school name and address so appropriate credit can be given.
7. There will be no refunds on registration costs for the Illinois Envirothon. This is paid by the sponsoring soil and water conservation districts (SWCD). They have the right depending on the circumstances to hold the school accountable for reimbursement.

AT COMPETITION

1. The Illinois Envirothon will be held rain or shine. Be prepared for any type of weather.
2. If a school forfeits or is disqualified they are responsible for reimbursing their SWCD the team registration fee.
3. Clothing – County t-shirts are to be worn on the first day and the Illinois Envirothon t-shirts received at the competition are worn on the second day.
4. Awards for the Illinois Envirothon will be as follows:
 - a. Certificates for all participants
 - b. Awards appropriate for display at school for the top three (3) teams
 - c. Team members from the first placed team will receive individual awards
 - d. Individual awards for the highest score in each of the resource topics (one award only)
 - e. Certificates for the team with the highest score in each of the resource topics

NATIONAL/REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

1. This five day event is held during the period mid-July to early August at a location in the United States or Canada. Dates are determined by the National Envirothon Committee and the host location representatives.
2. Illinois Envirothon will pay the registration fee for the team and two chaperones. The Illinois Envirothon will provide financial assistance for travel arrangements.
3. The Illinois Envirothon t-shirt will be worn on specific days during the National Envirothon Competition.

your vote counts!

team spirit award

You will have the chance to select a team that demonstrates a friendly, outgoing, and fun attitude toward the spirit of the Envirothon competition!



t-shirt contest



Please wear your LUC t-shirt for the first day of competition. Fellow Envirothon competitors will vote for their favorite t-shirt.

2014 Illinois Envirothon Student & Volunteer Schedule

Volunteers should arrive before 10 a.m. and teams should not arrive before 11 a.m.

April 30

10:00 – 11:00	Volunteer Meeting – Piatt Lodge
11:00 – 11:30	Lunch from the Brown Bag for Volunteers only
11:30 – 12:30	Registration of teams (Have LUC team t-shirts on for team photos)
12:30 – 12:50	Opening Ceremony – Pavilion (Seating by LUC, find sign)
12:55 – 1:35	Station Testing
1:45 – 2:25	Station Testing
2:35 – 3:15	Station Testing
3:25 – 4:05	Station Testing
4:15 – 4:55	Station Testing
5:00 – 5:20	Free Time
5:20 – 6:05	Evening Meal
6:10 – 9:25	Oral Presentation Situation and Preparation
9:10 – 9:25	Return Oral Presentation Materials to designated location (Team Captain & Team Guide)
9:30 – 11:00	Snacks and Fun (NEW!) Glow Kick Ball Team Mixer!! Be thinking about your team you will be mixing it up with other teams to make your team of 5 you will have to mix with other teams not your own! We will still have movie or free time.
11:00	Lights Out – All students must be in their assigned cabins

May 1

7:30	Coffee On
7:45 – 8:15	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30	Group Photo (meet at shelter and wear Illinois State Envirothon shirt)
9:00 – 9:30	Preparation of Group 1 for Oral Presentations
9:30 – 10:00	Oral Presentations – Group 1 (Group 2 should be preparing)
10:05 – 10:35	Oral Presentations – Group 2 / Test Review Group 1 (Group 3 should be preparing)
10:40 – 11:10	Oral Presentations – Group 3 / Test Review Group 2 (Group 4 should be preparing)
11:15 – 11:45	Oral Presentations – Group 4 / Test Review Group 3
11:45 – 12:00	Test Review Group 4
12:15 – 12:45	Lunch and Evaluations, Top Oral Presentation
12:45 – 1:00	Awards Presentations Category Winners, 3 rd place, 2 nd place, and Overall Winner

- ❖ Station Testing – 20 minute presentation, 20 minute test, 10 minutes to walk to the next station
- ❖ Team Guides please have your team clean up cabins after reviewing of tests. All trash must be disposed of.
- ❖ Oral Presentations - Room Monitors will keep the presentation materials after teams present

2014 Illinois Envirothon Advisor Schedule

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April 30

11:30 – 12:30	Registration of teams (Have team t-shirts on for team photo)
12:30 – 12:50	Opening Ceremony – Pavilion – sit by teams in Council order
12:55 – 2:00	Advisor Meeting/Test Review
2:00 – 5:00	Advisor free time
5:00 – 5:20	Free time for everyone
5:20 – 6:05	Evening Meal
6:10 – 6:40	Oral Presentation Situation
6:40 – 9:25	Oral Presentation Preparation – students only Free Time for Advisors and chaperones
9:25 – 11:00	Snacks & Fun Join us for Glow Kick Ball Team Mixer!
11:00	Lights Out – All students must be in their assigned cabins – teachers should make sure their students are in their cabins

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 - Advisors/chaperones may watch and video tape their school's oral presentation
 - Advisors/chaperones should not discuss the oral presentation material with their team or assist with presentation
 - After competition is over teams can pick up oral presentation material to take home
- ❖ Score sheet will be handed out to each team after the awards presentation



STUDENTS/ADVISORS

- ☐ Long Pants
- ☐ Jacket and/or Sweatshirt
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Extra pair of shoes
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Towel and washcloth
- ☐ Personal hygiene products
- ☐ Sleeping bag and blankets
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Clipboard
- ☐ Pen and Pencil (no red pens)
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Water bottle

GROUP

- ☐ Study binder – bring to registration
- ☐ ALL 5th category info (keep for oral presentation prep)
- ☐ Food, soda, candy in cooler
 - * Water and some snacks will be provided the first day of competition, please feel free to bring your own, but all trash must be picked up and disposed of before leaving camp.
- ☐ 5 trading items
 - * During the Canon Envirothon students participate in a trading session with all other participating students from around the US and Canada. Please don't feel like you have to go buy items, they can be donated by someone in your community.

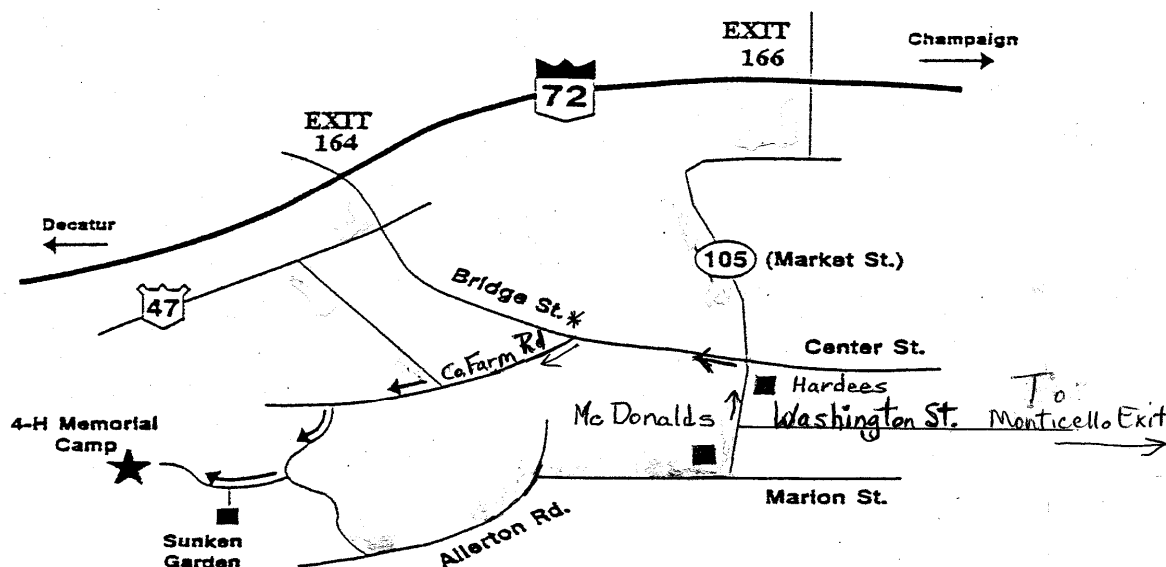
Directions to 4-H Memorial Camp in Allerton Park (look for Illinois Envirothon signs)

From the North or Northwest: From Rockford take I-39 or from Peoria take I-74 to Bloomington. Exit Rte. 51 south to Clinton. Take Rte. 10 east from Clinton to Rte. 48/10 intersection north side of Weldon. Turn right onto Rte. 48. In approx. 8 miles (shortly after crossing over an interstate) at the first opportunity, turn left (sign says Cisco). Stay on this road (which curves left of the town of Cisco) until you see a University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Turn right. Turn right again at a T-road. Then turn left at next road (entrance to the Park). Travel on this road until you see 4-H Memorial Camp sign. Turn right into the camp.

From the Northeast: From Kankakee take I-57 to the Decatur exit (I-72) west of Champaign. Exit I-72 at Bridge St. (exit 164) north of Monticello. Turn left toward Monticello. Turn right at the 4-way intersection. Left at the brown University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Right at a T-road. Left at the top of a hill. Proceed into the Park to the Memorial Camp sign. Turn right.

From the West: From Springfield take I-72 east to Weldon/Cisco exit. Turn right. Left at the first road toward Cisco. Follow this road which will curve left around Cisco. Turn right at the brown University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Right at the T-road. Left at the top of a hill. Proceed to Memorial Camp sign.

From the South: From the south take I-57 north to the Monticello exit. Turn left. Travel west approx. 20 miles. Upon entering Monticello, you will be on Washington St. Continue past the Court House. Turn right at the stop sign (Market St.). Turn left at the stop light onto Bridge St. After crossing the bridge, turn left immediately onto County Farm Rd. Follow this road until you see signs directing you to turn left into the Park. Travel through the Park turning right at the 4-H Memorial Camp sign.



*Three ways to reach 4-H Memorial Camp

* NOTE: DO NOT USE ALLERTON RD ENTRANCE. BRIDGE IS STILL CLOSED.

Phone Numbers

Camp Office - 8 am - 4 pm 217-762-2741

Camp Director Residence (please, emergency only) 4 pm - 8am 217-762-7420