



KANSAS ENVIROTHON

What is Envirothon?

Envirothon is an outdoor, natural resource education program for high school students that is organized and coordinated by Conservation Districts. The Kansas Envirothon Committee, a part of the KACD Conservation Youth and Education Committee, oversees the Envirothon activities in Kansas.

In the Envirothon competition, teams of five students work together to complete written tests in five natural resource areas; Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife, and a Current Issue, which changes from year to year. An oral presentation related to the current issue topic is the final part of the competition. Envirothon events are held at three levels; regional, state, and the North American Envirothon for winning teams from U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

Conservation Districts work with local schools and youth organizations to help put teams together, and may provide materials and training for the students prior to the events. Districts are also encouraged to help with the teams' expenses, which includes registration fees for the Regional and Kansas Envirothon events.

2015 Competition

The 2015 Kansas Envirothon moved to a new venue—Camp Wood near Elmdale. A very pleasant day on April 29th made the Flint Hills setting idyllic. Fifteen teams participated, with Rock Creek High School from Pottawatomie County capturing the championship. First places in Aquatics, Soils and Wildlife, along with a second in the Current Issue gave Rock Creek 464.5 points to outdistance second place Clay Center with 455.5 points. Holton finished in third place with 442 points.

The Rock Creek team travelled to Springfield, Mo. to participate in the National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon held July 27th to August 2nd. Fifty-two teams from across the U.S. and Canada converged on Missouri State University for the event. A 12th place score in the Oral Presentations helped the Kansas team finish 25th overall. Several members of the Kansas Envirothon Committee also attended the NCF Envirothon and assisted with various aspects of the international event. Meeting and networking with students and Envirothon leaders from across North America is always a great experience.



Camp Wood
Chase County
April 27,
2016

Check out our Website

[www.kacdnet.org/
kansasenvirothon/](http://www.kacdnet.org/kansasenvirothon/)

The Kansas Envirothon website is a primary tool for public outreach as well as a source of information for competing teams. Links are provided to the North American Envirothon website and to educational material in the various resource areas of the competition. Team photos from the most recent contest are posted along with winners from the past twenty years, plus much more. Thanks to KACD for providing this important service.

How Can You Help?

Meeting the goals of growing the Kansas Envirothon across the state will require broad-based support from Conservation Districts. Please consider if your district could assist in the following areas:

- Providing Supervisors or staff to help plan and coordinate Envirothon events or to serve on the Kansas Envirothon Committee.
- Working with local school districts to develop and support Envirothon teams in your county.
- Identifying and recruiting companies and organizations that can support the Kansas Envirothon financially.

Contact the Kansas Envirothon Committee for more information on how your district can become involved with the Kansas Envirothon.

2016 Envirothon Events

April 6, 2016—Regional Envirothon at White Memorial Camp, Morris County.

Contact Jo Bea Titus-Hutchinson at the Morris County Conservation District.

April 7, 2016—Regional Envirothon at Lake Parsons in Neosho County.

Contact Abby Carpenter at the Neosho County Conservation District.

April 13, 2016—Regional Envirothon at Wilson Lake in Russell County.

Contact Pamela Hays at the Ellsworth County Conservation District.

April 13, 2016—Regional Envirothon at Red Rock Ranch in Jackson County.

Contact Dana Schmelzle at the Nemaha County Conservation District.

April 27, 2016—Kansas Envirothon at Camp Wood; Elmdale, KS

Contact Tom Meek at the Clay County Conservation District.

July 24-29, 2016—NCF Envirothon at Peterborough, Ontario

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