

# Nebraska Envirothon

A hands-on natural resources competition for high school students.



The Nebraska Envirothon is a competition designed for high school students (9-12th grades) to test their knowledge about the environment. Five-member teams compete on the regional level in seven areas of environmental studies: soil, aquatics, forestry, policy, wildlife, range, environmental policy and current issues. For the state competition, an oral presentation, on a topic selected by the North American Envirothon Committee, is added to the testing stations.



Soils Station



Forestry Station



Range (Grasslands) Station

## Seven Topics of Focus

- Aquatics
- Policy
- Soils
- Forestry
- Range
- Wildlife
- Special Topic (Current Issue)

## Four Steps to get Involved!

1. Form teams of five high school students and find adult volunteers to represent them as their advisor.
2. Sign up for the Envirothon Advisor Training held every January.
3. Print out all study guide material on website. Go to [www.nrdnet.or/nebraska-envirothon](http://www.nrdnet.or/nebraska-envirothon)
4. Call your local Natural Resources District (NRD) to help. Find them at [www.nrdnet.org](http://www.nrdnet.org).



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# Why take the time to organize and coach a team for this competition?

More and more careers are being created that deal with the environment. This is an excellent opportunity to give your students some additional background in the environment and exposure to environmental careers.

The Envirothon is different from other extra-curricular activities students already participate in because it is a competition that gives students the chance to take what they have learned in the program and apply it to life. Students are given the chance to interact with resource professionals who use the knowledge they gained in high school and college every day in their career. The Envirothon shows students the link between academics and the business and science world.



Nebraska Envirothon Team Competes at the International Competition.



Students compete in the Soils session at the State Competition.

## Now is the time to get involved!

The NCF Envirothon is an annual competition for high school-aged students conducted every summer during July or August. In 2020, Nebraska is hosting this world-wide competition in Lincoln! Nearly 500 students, volunteers and advisors will be headed to the Cornhusker State! To expose students to diverse environmental issues, ecosystems, and topography, the NCF Envirothon is hosted in a different location each year. Teams compete for recognition and scholarships by demonstrating their knowledge of environmental science and natural resources management. The teams, each consisting of five members, work to demonstrate their knowledge of environmental science and natural resources management at five training/testing stations.



Advisor Training (Wildlife Session)



Advisor Training (Soils Session)

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