Local natural resource professionals facilitate 5 hands-on learning stations:

Aquatic/Wetlands: Aquatic habitat, hydrologic cycle, water quality, wetlands, and more.

Forestry: Forest management and silviculture, tree identification, and more.

Soils: Soil classes, properties and profiles, erosion potential, and more.

Wildlife: Adaptation, species identification, survival needs, and more.


Competitions:

Local: Teams of 5 students compete by taking exams and giving an oral presentation.

Late April - early May:
High school students compete each year at 8 regional Envirothons.

For more info, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District: www.maswcd.org
Click 'SWCDs On the Web'

State: Third Monday in May:
Top 3 teams in each regional competition advance to the State Envirothon, May 18, 2020, at Itasca Biological Station, located in the Itasca State Park.

http://www.maswcd.org/envirothon.htm

National: Typically July or August
The national Envirothon will be held July 26 – August 1, 2020, at the University of Nebraska located in Lincoln.

For more information about the national Envirothon, please refer to their website: www.envirothon.org

Bottom Line

Participating students learn about Minnesota’s natural resources, collaborate with fellow team members, and discover career options in natural resource management.
Combining in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences.

The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental and natural resources problem solving competition that builds leadership skills for high school students in grades 9-12.

The program consists of in-class curriculum with hands-on outdoor field experiences where students can learn natural resource management techniques from natural resource professionals.

Participating teams are trained and tested in five natural resource categories: Aquatics/Wetlands, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issues. Each team is also required to give a 10-minute oral presentation. The oral presentation challenges teams to work together and communicate their solution to a complex environmental issue in front of a panel of judges.

Regional area competitions are hosted and by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). The SWCDs partner with conservation organizations, educators, and other natural resource agencies to assist with the regional events. The top 3 teams from each regional area advance to the Minnesota State Envirothon.

The Program:
- Educates future resource stewards.
- Creates Community Awareness
- Fosters appreciation and respect for the natural world and fellow citizens.
- Expands students’ knowledge and comprehension skills.

Students are exposed to real-life environmental concerns, while also receiving the opportunity to learn more about environmental career opportunities and responsibilities.

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