

ENVIROTHON

A Natural Resources Competition for Middle and High School Students!

WHAT IS THE ENVIROTHON?

The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for middle and high school students. The Envirothon program is an effective educational tool, capable of supplementing environmental education both inside and outside the classroom.

Led by a volunteer advisor, teams usually meet from late autumn until spring. Teams work collaboratively to develop their knowledge of soils, wildlife, aquatics, forestry and current environmental issues in preparation for Envirothon competitions. Team training may include field trips to natural resource sites, museums, or other areas of interest; listening to presentations given by natural resource professionals; and careful study of natural resource materials. Through these learning activities, teams increase their knowledge of and ability to understand complex environmental and natural resource issues.

AREA VII ENVIROTHON

This is the first level of competition. The top seven teams (with a minimum score of 350 points) will be eligible to compete at the state event at Cedar Rock Park in April.

Envirothon is an excellent program for science clubs, FFA members, 4-H clubs, home-school groups. Call Kay at 484-8479 #3 to learn more about Envirothon and register a team.

Jones Lake State Park in Bladen County was the setting of this year's Area VII Envirothon competition on April 1, 2009. Twenty-five teams from Bladen, Cumberland, Robeson and Sampson Counties competed for the opportunity to go to the State competition in April.

NEXT AREA VII ENVIROTHON:

March 30, 2010

Jones Lake State Park, Elizabethtown, NC



TRAINING THE TEAMS

The District provides training workshops to assist advisors of Cumberland County teams in preparing their students for the Envirothon competitions.

Local environmental educators, resource professionals and college professors lead workshops on each of the natural resource areas that are tested: Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics and Current Environmental Issues.



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Area VII High School Third Place Winner
Cumberland Team "Terra Terrors".
They earned highest score medals at the Wildlife station.



Cumberland's H.O.M.E. Team, "The Emus" were the winners of the Area VII Middle School event. They earned highest score medals for all the stations. They placed third at the State Envirothon.