



# **OHIO ENVIROTHON**

## **Volunteer Registration and Competition Guide**

**Franciscan University,  
Steubenville OH**

**June 1 - 3, 2026**

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Pollution Mitigation:  
It Begins At Home!**

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### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Monday, JUNE 1ST

6PM - 9PM	Registration and Dorm Check-In	St. Thomas More Residence Hall
6PM - 10PM	Cookout and Team Social	J.C. Williams Center Outdoor Pavilion
11:00 PM	Lights Out	

#### Tuesday, JUNE 2ND

7AM - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Antonian Dining Hall, Upper Level
8AM - 9:30AM	Registration and Dorm Check-In	St. Thomas More Residence Hall
9AM	Welcome and Orientation	J.C. Williams Center - Gentile Gallery Lower Level
	Load Buses for Testing Site	In front of J.C. Williams Center
	Field Testing	Off Campus
3:30PM - 5PM	Dinner	Antonian Dining Hall, Upper Level
5:20PM - 6PM	Oral Presentation Orientation	Pugliese Auditorium - Cosmas and Damian Hall, Lower Level
5:45PM - 10PM	Advisor Tour	Load in front of J.C. Williams Center
10PM	Turn in Materials at Checkpoint Charlie	J.C. Williams Center, Lower Level
11PM	Lights Out	

#### Wednesday, JUNE 3RD

6:30AM - 9AM	Breakfast	Antonian Dining Hall, Upper Level
8AM - 10:30AM	Room Check-Out (a luggage storage area is available if your school will not have a vehicle onsite)	St. Thomas More Residence Hall
7:30AM - 12:30PM	Team Oral Presentations	Christ the Teacher Hall (use upper entrance on N. Campus Drive)
	Pick up Materials at Checkpoint Charlie	Christ the Teacher Hall (use upper entrance on N. Campus Drive)
9AM - 12:30PM	College and Career Fair	Christ the Teacher Hall (use upper entrance on N. Campus Drive)
12:40PM - 2:30PM	Luncheon and Banquet Awards Program	Christ the Teacher Hall (use upper entrance on N. Campus Drive)



**2026 OHIO ENVIROTHON: June 1 – 3, 2026  
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

Franciscan University of Steubenville – Jefferson County

**Registration Deadline: Friday, May 15th, 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

SWCD NRCS OFSWCD Supervisor ODA ODNR OEPA Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commuter Options (Driving in Each Day – Meals Only – No Campus Lodging):**

Tuesday, June 2	Breakfast	\$9.00 _____
	Box Lunch	\$11.00 _____
	Dinner	\$12.00 _____

Wednesday, June 3	Breakfast	\$9.00 _____
	Banquet Lunch	\$30.00 _____

**Commuter Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR (Please Choose ONE Option Below)**

**Overnight Options (Includes Meals):**

2 Nights lodging (MON, TUES) and all (above) meals:

Double Occupancy (2 beds)	\$120.00 _____
Single Occupancy*****	\$150.00 _____

Tuesday Night lodging only and all (above) meals:

Double Occupancy (2 beds)	\$95.00 _____
Single Occupancy*****	\$115.00 _____

**\*Please note: There may be limited single rooms available, so we cannot guarantee anyone will get a single.**

**Envirothon T-shirt Size:**      S      M      L      XL      XXL      XXXL

**Total**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **OFWSWCD - Envirothon** & return with this form by **May 15th** to:

Wendee Dodds  
Jefferson SWCD  
500 Market Street - Mezzanine, Suite 4  
Steubenville, OH 43952

**Note: No refunds will be made.**  
Keep a copy of this form – no receipts given.

**Please Be Sure to Complete Both Sides of This Form**

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**IMPORTANT: Please indicate all food allergies, special dietary considerations, and/or other accommodations needed:**

**JOBS: Please mark your preferences - we will do our best!**

**MONDAY, June 1st** Earliest time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Latest time of departure \_\_\_\_\_

**TUESDAY, June 2nd** Earliest time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Latest time of departure \_\_\_\_\_

Please note past job experience \_\_\_\_\_

**Anything (Thank You!)**

- Signs and parking – arrive on campus by 7:00 am
- Registration – arrive on campus by 8:00 am (team or volunteer)
- Photography – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Site preparation – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Station monitors – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Group leader – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Runners/floater – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Time-keeper – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Test collector – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Scorers – arrive on campus by 8:00 am\*\*
- Lunch Delivery & Cleanup – arrive on campus by 10:00 am\*\*
- Team Buddy – arrive on campus by 4:00 pm .... we need 20 warm bodies!!!!!!
- Check point Charlie – arrive on campus by 4:00 pm

\*\*Volunteers assisting at testing site will meet on campus at scheduled times and car-pool to location

**WED, June 3rd** Earliest time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Latest time of departure \_\_\_\_\_

Please note past job experience \_\_\_\_\_

**Anything (Thank You!)**

- Breakfast host – 6:30 am
- Team Preparation – 7:00 am
- Scorers – 8:00 am
- Judging Room (timer, room prep, etc.) – 7 am
- Photography – 7:30 am
- College and Career Fair – 8:00 am
- Awards banquet program – 12:00
- Banquet host – 12:00

\*\*\*\* Please Check if YES:  Are you EMS certified?

**Thank you for helping make the Ohio Envirothon a success!  
Your assistance is very much appreciated!**

## PROTECTION OF MINORS POLICY REQUIREMENTS

### IMPORTANT: Additional Registration Items for 2026!

Franciscan University has a comprehensive program for safety and security on its campus, which includes a policy for the protection of minors, whether they are University students or minor guests to the facility.

All adults staying overnight on campus will be required to have verification of a completed background check within the past three years. You will also need to watch an online training video.

#### **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

**If you currently have verification of a completed background check within the last three years:**

- ✓ Please email the document to our registration coordinator, Leah Akers:  
[lakers@jeffersoncountyoh.com](mailto:lakers@jeffersoncountyoh.com)

**If you do not have verification of a completed background check:**

- ✓ The OFSWCD has an account with Fastrax to complete and pay for background checks. Please send your **first, middle and last name**, as well as your **email address** to Janelle Mead:  
[jtmead@ofswcd.org](mailto:jtmead@ofswcd.org)

After your name has been provided to Fastrax, they will email you directly with information to be completed for your background check.

#### **PROTECTION OF MINORS TRAINING**

All adults staying overnight on campus will also need to take the online Protection of Minors Training:  
<https://port.franciscan.edu/external/pages/protection-of-minors>

To complete the training:

- ✓ Please watch the **Protection of Minors Training Video**
- ✓ Upon Completion, open the **Protection of Minors Video Verification Form** and complete the form acknowledging that you have watched the video.
  - Please indicate your reason for being on Campus (Ohio Envirothon).
  - For your E-Signature, please type your full legal name.

Upon completion of the form, you will receive an automated email of your confirmation of completion. If you DO NOT receive this email, please email [SCPTeam@Franciscan.edu](mailto:SCPTeam@Franciscan.edu) for confirmation of completion.

#### **YOUTH LIABILITY RELEASE – TO BE COMPLETED FOR ALL STUDENT PARTICIPANTS BY THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN**

A Youth Liability Release form needs to be completed by the parent/guardian of ALL student participants (including those who are 18 years of age).

## ENVIROTHON RELEASE FORM

This form is to be completed by everyone participating in the Envirothon and returned with registration before the competition. Including: each student's parent/guardian, advisors, chaperones and volunteers.

Attendee's Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address, City, State, Zip Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Work/Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (food, medication, insects, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions (asthma, diabetes, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Equipment Used (Epi-pen, inhaler, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please bring any needed medical supplies with you to the testing stations.*

Medications Currently Being Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the Area/Ohio Envirothon may be strenuous and adverse weather conditions may occur. Nevertheless, I assume the risk involved. In the event of an accident, I authorize the Area/Ohio Envirothon to provide emergency medical treatment for me during this event. I have been assured that all reasonable care will be taken to prevent incident: therefore, I will not hold Area/Ohio Envirothon, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, or the event or site host liable should an accident occur.

I also give my consent to the use of any photographs or videos taken of me by officials of the Envirothon or their representatives to be used for promotional and/or editorial purposes only.

Signature of Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to participate in the Area and/or Ohio Envirothon.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Participant \_\_\_\_\_

## CODE OF CONDUCT for Administrators & Volunteers of the Ohio Envirothon

This form is to be completed by **all volunteers** at the Envirothon and returned with registration before the competition.

This Ohio Envirothon Code of Conduct policy is to promote the safety of minors involved in the Ohio Envirothon Competition. While team advisors from each school or team are directly responsible for student participants, Envirothon competition administrators and volunteers are an important component of the program and will be expected to uphold the code of conduct outlined below.

*Please review and sign:*

As an administrator or volunteer of the Ohio Envirothon Program I will adhere to the following code of conduct:

- Accept the responsibility to professionally represent the Envirothon program as well as the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- Conduct myself in a respectful manner, including not cursing or telling inappropriate jokes, sharing details of one's personal life, or using tobacco, alcohol or any illegal substances.
- I will not be alone or one-on-one with a minor participant/student at any time; nor at any time be in sleeping quarters of any student participant unless addressing an issue and accompanied by another chaperone.
- I will not use my smartphone to video or take pictures of any students unless approved by the Envirothon administrators.
- I will refrain from engaging in any criminal conduct.
- I will help to ensure the Envirothon program is a positive and safe environment for all participants.

*I have read and understand the expectations outlined above and agree to comply with the volunteer code of conduct.*

Volunteer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Revised January 2024

1. Students currently in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent home school ranking when Area Envirothons are held are eligible to participate in the Envirothon. Graduating seniors on winning teams may participate in the Ohio Envirothon and NCF-Envirothon during the summer following Area competitions.
2. Each team will consist of five team members. **TEAMS MUST REGISTER AND COMPETE WITH FIVE TEAM MEMBERS.** All team members must be students from the same school, or the same home school association. All teams advancing to the Ohio Envirothon will be certified by their affiliated Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).
3. In the event that multiple teams from the same school qualify at their Area Envirothon, a maximum of two teams per school are permitted to attend the Ohio Envirothon.
4. The four top-scoring teams from each of the five Area Envirothons will be eligible to compete in the Ohio Envirothon. In the event that any of the top four teams cannot advance to the Ohio Envirothon, the team(s) with the next highest score(s) will be eligible to compete. Teams unable to compete at the Ohio Envirothon must notify their affiliated SWCD within seven calendar days following their area competition. That district must in turn contact the OEC area representative and host chair within 24 hours of notification. Area Host chairpersons or OEC area representatives are responsible for identifying the next eligible team and coordinating with their affiliated SWCD to ensure registration forms are submitted.
5. Up to three alternate team members may substitute for regular team members in the Ohio Envirothon if alternates meet the following criteria:
  - a. Must be from the same school as the original competing team.
  - b. Must have been registered at their Area competition (on the official registration forms provided by the Ohio Envirothon Committee (OEC) for Area and Ohio Envirothons). The alternate to be substituted must either be listed on the registration form of the original winning team OR listed as a team member or alternate on another team from the same school that competed at the Area competition.

Only five team members may attend the competition. Alternates not substituting for a regular team member may not attend the competition. Non-emergency substitutions cannot be made after the deadline unless prior approval from the OEC.

6. Each Area Envirothon committee will be required to submit to the OEC copies of the original Area Envirothon registration forms for the four teams advancing to the Ohio Envirothon, as well as team registrations from other teams competing from those same schools. This is to help the Ohio

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Envirothon Host Area confirm that the team members and alternates listed on the Ohio Envirothon registration form are eligible to compete.

7. To be eligible for placings and prizes, teams must compete with FIVE members. In the event of a last-minute family or medical emergency that prevents a member of the original team from attending the competition, thus reducing team size to four members, the advisor or affiliated SWCD must notify the OEC immediately. The committee will then certify the legitimacy of the emergency and confirm if the team of four is eligible to compete for placings or prizes. There is no guarantee that a four-member team will be able to compete for placings or prizes at the State event regardless of circumstance.

8. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is required of all participating teams. This registration fee, along with neatly printed or typed registration and medical forms, must be received by the announced deadline. Late or illegible registration forms may be rejected.

9. It is advised that an SWCD representative accompany winning team(s) from their county to the Ohio Envirothon.

10. Each team must be accompanied by an adult team advisor(s) 21 years of age or older. Each team is encouraged to arrange for an adult male to chaperone male team members and an adult female to chaperone female team members. Team members and chaperones/ advisors are required to stay on-site.

11. The field test will consist of four ecosystem stations lasting 40-50 minutes. Each of the field tests will constitute 1/6th of the total score.

12. All materials/equipment needed for the field-testing portion of the Ohio Envirothon will be provided by the OEC. Students are not to be in the possession of any material/equipment other than those provided on-site. The advisor or coach shall not assist the team during the competition.

13. Resource specialists involved in preparations for Ohio Envirothon testing and/or oral presentation may provide information, materials, or other assistance pertaining to the Ohio Envirothon field testing and/or oral presentation only to those individuals designated by the OEC.

14. Teams competing at the Ohio Envirothon will be provided a copy of the test and answer key in the "post competition packet". (All original team tests and answers will remain the property of the Ohio Envirothon Committee. Once a team hands in the test at the site it becomes the property of the Ohio Envirothon Committee).

15. The oral team presentation will be 5 minutes in length followed by a question and answer period. All five team members must be in attendance during the oral presentation or the team will be considered ineligible for awards. Guidelines for the oral presentation will be provided to teams prior to the competition.

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16. The oral presentation score will be based on 200 possible points. Each team will have three separate scores (one from each judge), which will be averaged for the final score. In the case that a judge is unable to participate, the Ohio Envirothon Committee will appoint someone to fill this opening.
17. The following violations will not be tolerated during the Ohio Envirothon:
- Stealing of, or vandalism to, personal, private or public property.
  - Cheating in any form.
  - Possession and/or use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances, weapons, including firearms or knives.
  - Students are not permitted to leave early from the competition without advisor and/or parental notification to the host and written consent from members of the Ohio Envirothon Committee.
18. A Grievance Committee of three persons will be appointed and identified prior to the Ohio Envirothon to decide on actions to be taken should any of the above stated violations occur. Because students compete in the Ohio Envirothon as a team, the actions of one or more members of a team may be considered to be the actions of the team as a whole.
19. Grievances related to Ohio Envirothon procedures must be submitted to the Grievance Committee within a time period announced prior to the event. The decisions of the Grievance Committee are final. See the Ohio Envirothon Grievance Policy for more details.
20. Any infraction of the Rules and Regulations of the Ohio Envirothon may result in disqualification and dismissal from the event and host site. Other consequences include but are not limited to:
- An Envirothon team may be disqualified from advancing to the next level of competition.
  - A school may be barred from Ohio Envirothon competitions for a period of time, depending on the nature and severity of the incident.
  - A school or individual may be billed for damages.
21. Tiebreaker procedures will be announced prior to the beginning of the competition. The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total at the end of the four testing stations and presentation event. The following Tie- breaker (s) will be utilized: Oral Presentation followed by a randomly selected order of eco-stations announced at the start of the competition.
22. Awards for the Ohio Envirothon will be announced prior to each year's event.
23. The winning team at the Ohio Envirothon will represent Ohio in the NCF- Envirothon competition. In the event that the winning team cannot represent Ohio at the NCF Envirothon, the second-place team will represent Ohio, and so forth.
24. Rules and regulations of the Ohio Envirothon are subject to change by the Ohio Envirothon Committee. Any and all changes will be provided to all teams and advisors.

## CAMPUS INFORMATION

Advisors are responsible for students at all times, except during the site testing, oral presentation preparation, and oral presentation.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: The **UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IS NOT FLAT**, so be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes. If your team will be bringing totes or boxes of hard copy resources for oral presentation preparation, it is recommended that you bring a pull-behind wagon to transport them.

### Dorm Rooms

- Students, advisors, and on-campus volunteers will be housed in dorm style, double occupancy rooms. Residences have shared bathroom facilities on each floor.
- Rooms are air-conditioned.
- Males and females will be housed separately.
- PLEASE complete the roommate preference form for your team(s). Students will be housed with fellow team members of the same sex as indicated on the completed forms.
- Advisors and chaperones are roomed separately from students, but with other team advisors or chaperones. An optional Single Room Fee is available for advisors/chaperones wishing to request a room to themselves (please see Registration Form for more details).
- Dorm rooms are equipped with two Twin-XL beds.
- **NO LINENS, TOWELS, or PILLOWS** will be provided. Please bring your own pillow, towels, and any additional preferred bedding.

**Parking** – parking is FREE on campus.

**Wi-Fi Access** – free Wi-Fi while on campus grounds. Login details will be available at registration.

**Inspired Eats** – there is an Inspired Eats meal station in Antonian Dining Hall to accommodate differing dietary needs, including food allergies and intolerances.

### Packing List – What to Bring

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|---|---|
| ✓ Area Envirothon T-shirt   | ✓ Rain Gear (just in case!)                             |
| ✓ Closed-toed shoes or hiking boots are recommended at testing site | ✓ Sunglasses, Hat, Insect Repellent, Sunblock           |
| ✓ Lightweight pants for testing site                                | ✓ Reusable Water Bottle                                 |
| ✓ Bedding and pillow  | ✓ Alarm   |
| ✓ Towel/Washcloth   | ✓ Health Card & other Medical Information               |
| ✓ Toiletries  | ✓ Prescribed & Over-the-Counter Medications as required |

### Dress Code

- **Monday** – travel attire and comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes for an outdoor cookout/social
- **Tuesday (Testing Day and Oral Presentation Preparation)** – students are encouraged to wear their own **Area Envirothon t-shirt** brought from home to be worn at the testing site; outdoor attire should be worn along with closed-toed shoes. Students can wear whatever they are comfortable in for Oral Presentation preparation.
- **Wednesday (Oral Presentation Day)** – students will be provided with a 2026 **Ohio Envirothon t-shirt** to be worn during their presentation. It is recommended to wear nice slacks with the shirt.

# CAMPUS MAP



- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Christ the King Chapel       | 31. Steel Cross   |
| 2. Rosary Circle                | 32. St. Louis and Elizabeth Halls                       |
| 3. Stations of the Cross        | 33. Veterans Memorial Flagpole                          |
| 4. Portiuncula Chapel           | 34. Piazza dei Santi                                    |
| 5. Tomb of the Urborn Child     | 35. St. Thomas More Hall                                |
| 6. Crèche                       | 36. Sand Volleyball and Basketball Courts               |
| 7. Marian Grotto                | 37. St. Solanus Casey Hall                              |
| 8. Trinity Hall                 | 38. George D. Rice Music Center                         |
| 9. Marian Hall                  | 39. St. John Vianney Hall                               |
| 10. Antonian Dining Hall        | 40. St. Junipero Serra Hall                             |
| 11. St. Francis Hall            | 41. Pabua Hall  |
| 12. J.C. Williams Center        | 42. St. Agnes Hall                                      |
| 13. Pavilion                    | 43. Franciscan Center for Evangelization and Renewal    |
| 14. Finnegan Fieldhouse         | 44. St. Paul Center                                     |
| 15. St. John Paul II Library    | 45. Franciscan Square                                   |
| 16. St. Cosmas and Damian Hall  | 46. Rube's Pizza and Grill, and Jimmy John's Sandwiches |
| 17. Starvaggi Hall              | 47. The Rink at Franciscan Square                       |
| 18. Egan Hall                   | 48. The Rink at Franciscan Square                       |
| 19. Christ the Teacher Hall     | 49. The Rink at Franciscan Square                       |
| 20. St. Joseph Center           | 50. The Rink at Franciscan Square                       |
| 21. Assisi Heights              | 51. The Rink at Franciscan Square                       |
| 22. Physical Plant Services     | 52. Irish Pub   |
| 23. Carapellotti Fieldhouse     |   |
| 24. Rugby Pitch                 |   |
| 25. Trinity Health System Field |   |
| 26. Intramural Fields           |   |
| 27. Vaccaro Field               |   |
| 28. Softball Field              |   |
| 29. Practice Field              |   |
| 30. Holy Spirit Friary          |   |

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### Learning Objectives & Resources

Learning Objectives and Resources can be found on the NCF-Envirothon website.

### Testing Day (Tuesday, June 2ND)

The testing format for the 2026 Ohio Envirothon will consist of four testing stations. This means that every testing station will have questions associated with the core subjects (Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soils). Current Environmental Issue questions will be mixed into each of the station tests.

### Oral Presentation Preparation (Tuesday Night)

Students will be presented with the Oral Presentation Scenario after dinner. They will travel with their team buddy to the assigned sequestration classrooms. All necessary materials (computer, digital photos, maps, etc.) will be provided to the teams by the Ohio Envirothon Committee. Teams are encouraged to bring their own printed resources to use as reference for their presentations. Teams may also bring their own snacks and drinks with them during this time. Advisors will not have any contact with their teams from after dinner until all materials have been checked in. Advisors may greet their teams once the team has handed in their presentation materials at the end of the night.

### Oral Presentation Judging (Wednesday, June 3RD)

The morning of Wednesday, June 3RD, teams will present their Oral Presentations (OP) to a panel of three judges for their OP score. Presentation times will be assigned to teams on Tuesday night.

### Awards Schedule

The Envirothon is, naturally, about much more than prizes and awards, but we know that these are important, too! Awards to be presented at the conclusion of the 2026 Ohio Envirothon include:

- ❖ **Station Level Awards** (Four Eco-Stations and the Oral Presentation)  
Each student on the high scoring team for each station will receive an Eco-Station or Oral Presentation medallion.
- ❖ **"Rookie" Team**  
The high scoring "Rookie" team (first time school has been represented at the Ohio Envirothon) will receive a plaque if there is more than one rookie team competing.
- ❖ **Third Place Team**  
Team will receive a plaque and a check for \$100.
- ❖ **Second Place Team**  
Team will receive a plaque and a check for \$200.
- ❖ **First Place Team**  
Team will receive a plaque and a check for \$300. The team will also go on to represent Ohio at the NCF-Envirothon in July.

### **Advisor Tour**

An Advisor Tour will be offered on Tuesday night while the students are preparing for the oral presentation.

### **Event Communication#Hashtag your Pictures**

What is the best way to tell everyone what the Envirothon is all about? Take a Picture! Tag your photos (and videos) with **#envirothon** or **#ohioenvirothon** so others can follow along!

### **Post Competition Survey**

You and your team will be sent a survey from Ohio Envirothon Committee following the event. Please be sure to fill this out and let us know your thoughts. Your responses will help future hosts plan for successful events in years to come!

### **Thank You Messages**

Once back home, be sure to send personalized thank you notes to your team's sponsors, supporters and any others who may have helped you with your venture to State!

### **NCF-Envirothon**

The first place team at this year's Ohio Envirothon will advance to the NCF-Envirothon to be held at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi July 19 – 25, 2026.

Additional information about the NCF-Envirothon competition including event details and study resources can be found at <https://envirothon.org/the-competition/current-competition/>

## ORAL PRESENTATION RULES

- Each team will prepare and deliver a five-minute oral presentation, utilizing the Microsoft Office Power Point program to generate the visual portion of the presentation.
- The oral presentation scenario will be provided to teams following dinner on the Tuesday of the competition. A representative from each team will participate in an activity to randomly select their presentation times for the following day. Advisors will be dismissed immediately following this activity, and teams will be presented with the scenario.
- Each team will have four (4) hours to develop and practice their presentation.
- Teams may bring and use hard copy reference and research materials (brochures, books, pamphlets, etc.) to assist in preparing their oral presentations. (Please be aware that reference materials are allowed at Ohio's state Envirothon only and are not allowed at the NCF-Envirothon competition level.)

### Rules for Preparation of PowerPoint Presentation:

1. Teams will not have access to the internet during the oral presentation preparation period.
2. Only graphics and pictures that have been loaded on the provided flash drive may be used in the creation of the slide presentation. Graphics\* may be cropped, colored, or re-sized for use on slides.  
\*Please note: Official logos of agencies, organizations, etc. should NOT be cropped or re-colored in any way as they may be trademarked.
3. The use of videos or sound on PowerPoint slides is prohibited.
4. Slides may use the animation features that are available within the PowerPoint software.
5. A maximum of 10 slides can be used per presentation. The slide count includes title slide and slide for citations of reference material.
6. PowerPoint presentations and note cards are final at the time they are turned in on Tuesday at the end of the preparation time. No changes can be made once materials are turned in to Checkpoint Charlie following the preparation period.
7. During oral presentation judging, all team members must wear the Ohio Envirothon shirts provided.
8. During oral presentation judging, no school identification is permitted.

### Ohio Envirothon Oral Presentation Equipment and Supplies:

The items listed below are the only items a team is permitted to use to develop its oral presentation, including all visuals and graphics provided on the flash drive. Use of any other materials is prohibited.

To be provided to each team during Oral Presentation Team Preparation:

#### 1 Laptop Computer with power cord and slide advancer per team

- ❖ Each laptop will utilize the Windows operating system with a recent version of Microsoft Office Power Point installed on it.

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- ❖ NOTE: Students may use only the Microsoft Office PowerPoint program installed on the laptop. Use of any other program is prohibited.
- ❖ Students are allowed to create charts, etc. within the PowerPoint Program to add to their presentation.
- ❖ All laptops will have internet access blocked.
- ❖ Extra laptops will be available at the preparation site in case of equipment failure.

### **1 Flash Drive per team**

- ❖ Each flash drive will be labeled with the team number.
- ❖ Each flash drive will contain folders of graphics and pictures for use in creating Power Point slides.
- ❖ Extra flash drives will be available at the preparation site in case of equipment failure.

### **One (1) Large Ziploc bag per team (labeled with team number) containing:**

- ❖ 25 blank notecards
- ❖ 5 large paperclips (for securing each team member's notecards)
- ❖ 5 pencils
- ❖ 5 pens
- ❖ 1 stopwatch
- ❖ 1 Small Ziploc bag

### **One (1) notebook/folder containing:**

- ❖ Oral Presentation Scenario
- ❖ Oral Presentation Rules and Team Presentation Information
- ❖ Copy of Ohio Envirothon Oral Presentation Score Sheet
- ❖ 10 sheets of scrap paper

### **Oral Presentation Team Preparation Procedure:**

- Each team will have four (4) hours to develop and practice their presentation during the designated Oral Presentation (OP) Team Preparation time. Each team will be assigned to an individual classroom, dorm room, or other meeting space to allow privacy as they consider the scenario and develop their presentation.
- Before preparation, each team will be assigned a volunteer 'Team Buddy' to act as a team monitor during this period. Except for emergency situations, the team advisor, chaperone, and/or other adult guests will have no contact with the team during this time.
- Teams are not allowed to bring anything with them into the preparation space, except for a small bag if needed to hold any medication or personal care items, which will be held by the team buddy until needed; and any hard copy reference and research materials (brochures, books, pamphlets, etc.) to assist in preparing their oral presentations as mentioned above.
- Cell phones and other personal electronic equipment/devices (including smartwatches) are strictly prohibited, unless approved by the Ohio Envirothon Committee prior to the start of the competition to accommodate a physical disability or medical need.

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- When the preparation period concludes, all work on the presentation must immediately stop. The Power Point presentation file must be saved to the computer and the flash drive.
- Teams should place their flash drive and final note cards for their presentation in the small Ziploc bag. All remaining items that were provided by the Ohio Envirothon to the teams for presentation preparation should be placed in the large Ziploc bag and folder provided. The Team Buddy of each team will certify that all of their team's materials are accounted for before the team leaves its preparation room.
- Team Captains and Team Buddies will then return all equipment and supplies to Checkpoint Charlie prior to the team being dismissed.
- No team member may have any contact with their advisor, chaperone, and/or guests until the team OP materials have been officially turned in.
- Advisors and others cannot give presentation input to their students in any manner once their team has begun the official Oral Presentation (OP) portion of the competition, until its conclusion. The OP portion of the competition includes the following: the OP scenario presentation, the OP preparation period, and OP judging. This does not limit the advisors/chaperones from interacting with their students as long as it is understood that absolutely no discussion of the presentation topic or the execution of the presentation itself should be held.

### **Oral Presentation Procedure:**

1. On Wednesday morning of the competition, teams will present to a panel of 3 judges.
2. Upon check-in at the judging area at the preassigned time, each team will receive their oral presentation materials (flash drive and note cards) from the day before. The team will have 10 minutes in a quiet location before they are escorted by a volunteer Team Guide to a practice room with a laptop where they will have 10 minutes to review and practice their presentation. No changes can be made to the saved Oral Presentation PowerPoint file or notecards while in the practice room.
3. After 10 minutes, the team will be escorted to the designated Presentation Judging Room.
4. Only the presenting team, judges panel, team advisor/s (if agreed upon by team), timekeeper, and judging room monitor(s) will be allowed in the room during the team presentation.
5. The Presentation Judging Room will have a volunteer present to help the team with presentation set-up and technological issues if needed. Once ready, the team will begin presenting, at which point the room's timekeeper will start the official timer. The team will have 5 minutes to present to the judges. The room's timekeeper will hold up a green 4-minute warning card, a yellow 5-minute warning card, and a red STOP card at 6 minutes.
6. At exactly the 6-minute mark, the room's timekeeper will stop the team presentation and allow the judges 2 - 3 minutes for questions and answers from the team regarding their presentation.
7. At the conclusion of the question-and-answer period, the team will be dismissed from the room while the judges deliberate and mark their scores. The team will return their OP materials to the judging room monitor.

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## Ohio Envirothon Team Presentation Scoring Sheet

TEAM # <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	JUDGE # <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
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**Scoring Description**

- 0 – Not at all.
- 2 – Major misconceptions or gaps, ineffective, inadequate, inappropriate.
- 4 – Some misconceptions and flaws, minimally effective, somewhat appropriate.
- 6 – Complete and accurate, effective, adequate and appropriate.
- 8 – Complete, very detailed, logical, well supported and organized, highly effective.
- 10 – Profound, in-depth, done in an insightful manner, points to a most effective strategy.



PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF PLAN (60 point maximum)	CHECK SCORE					
A. How well did the presentation address or identify:	0	2	4	6	8	10
• The current issue?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• All the players/interest groups/stakeholders affected by the problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The major natural resource areas (soils/land use, wildlife, aquatic ecology, forestry)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The specific environmental problem and related issues regarding the problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The interrelationship between the environment, natural resources, and the different natural resource management strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Were references and resources cited in the team presentation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subtotal</b>						<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
<b>APPLICATION OF DATA (80 point maximum)</b>						
A. How well did the team demonstrate a solid understanding of:	0	2	4	6	8	10
• The ecological/environmental issues related to the problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The economic issues related to the problem, including the cost and benefits of the proposed plan, funding sources, cost of doing nothing, economic impacts on resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Social and/or cultural issues related to the situation (private property rights, traditions, urban issues, environmental justice)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Political issues (regulations, mandates, impact on political system/community)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. The team presented one unified, viable solution to the problem addressing the resource issue.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. The main points were clearly stated and supported, conclusions clearly defined and convincing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Does the solution have the potential to be implemented with long-term sustainability to natural resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Does the solution reflect or address the concerns of all affected groups and issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subtotal</b>						<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
<b>QUALITY OF PRESENTATION AND REQUIRED ELEMENTS (60 point maximum)</b>						
A. The presentation was well organized with a clear introduction and strong conclusions.	0	2	4	6	8	10
B. Participants exhibited professionalism and enhanced the presentation with good eye contact, gestures, voice inflection, and originality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Visual aids were used to make major points and show conclusions. (Should be correct, eye appealing, readable, neat)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Judges questions were answered logically and concisely with all team members participating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Add up to 10 points for equal participation of all team members in presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Give 10 extra points if time falls between 4:00 minutes and 6:00 minutes – time was: <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subtotal</b>						<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
Overall Comments						
<b>Final Score (out of 200 possible)</b>						<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>

## GRIEVANCE POLICY

### **Grievance Committee**

A grievance committee of three members will be appointed by the Ohio Envirothon Committee during the May meeting prior to that year's competition.

Grievance committee members will not have a team from the county in which they work and/or reside competing in the Ohio Envirothon.

Grievance committee members must attend the entire competition.

### **Who may File a Grievance?**

- The Advisor of a registered team
- An OEC member
- An adult volunteer for the Ohio Envirothon competition

### **Filing a Grievance**

Grievance forms will be available at each testing station, checkpoint Charlie, the registration table, and the awards banquet.

A written grievance must be submitted on an official form no later than one hour after the conclusion of the activity in question (field testing, oral presentation preparation, oral presentation, or awards banquet).

### **Reviewing the Grievance**

Grievance committee members will investigate all complaints and make a determination.

A decision will be made by the committee in a reasonable time frame not to exceed one week from the close of the competition.

Advisors involved in the grievance will be notified as to the decision of the committee.

All decisions made by the grievance committee/OEC will be final.