

# Vermont Envirothon

## Hands-on natural resource education for Vermont high school-aged students

Would you like to help your students explore environmental issues and gain *practical* knowledge and experience in natural resource management? The Vermont Envirothon helps students focus on Vermont's environmental issues related to aquatics, forestry, soils, and wildlife resources through real-world learning in a teamwork environment.

Vermont Envirothon is co-sponsored by a variety of agencies and organizations working in natural resource conservation. The program provides an opportunity for hands-on field experiences guided by resource



### How does it work?

An Envirothon team consists of five students plus one alternate who are mentored by a coach. A coach can be a teacher, school administrator, youth group leader, or even a parent who has an interest in working with young people and natural resources. *(Your entire class or group can participate in learning about Vermont's natural resources by participating in the program. However, only 2 teams per school/group can compete at the event in May. Additional students can participate as alternates.)* Once a team is formed, teams register by filling out the form on the back of this brochure and sending it in with a check for the appropriate registration fee. You will then receive resource materials that cover the four main areas of the Envirothon: aquatics, forestry, soils and wildlife. There will also be information on a fifth area called the "Current Issue." This is a real-world issue or problem that the environmental community is attempting to solve and relates to all of the four main interest areas of the Envirothon. The job of an Envirothon coach is to help the team learn the concepts and lessons provided in the materials as well as aid them in preparing a community-based project/speaking presentation on the current issue. Registration is suggested as soon as possible to provide maximum time for preparing for the culminating event.



To help you coach, we can connect you with resource professionals who can offer to take you out in the forests and fields to look closer at the concepts you are learning. A training day for all Envirothon teams takes place on April 1, 2020 at Marsh Billings Rockefeller NHP & Billings Farm in Woodstock, providing you with the opportunity to meet other coaches and high school level students who are also interested in the natural world. At the event on May 19, 2020 (this year at Shelburne Farms), the team that demonstrates the greatest overall knowledge is selected to represent Vermont at the International Envirothon, held this year at the University of Nebraska, July 26-August 1, 2020.



2019 winning team from Bellows Falls Union High School

**Over 2,000 Vermont students have participated in the Vermont Envirothon since it began in 1996. Students have come from public schools, homeschool groups, 4-H Clubs, FFA, church youth groups and Vo-Tech Centers.**

## Vermont Envirothon Partners

The Vermont Envirothon is supported by federal, state, local agencies and groups working in natural resource conservation. In Vermont these currently include:

- ◆ Vermont's 14 Natural Resource Conservation Districts
- ◆ VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation
- ◆ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation
- ◆ VT Fish & Wildlife Dept.
- ◆ Green Mountain Nat'l Forest
- ◆ VT Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
- ◆ VT Assoc. of Conservation Districts
- ◆ Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England
- ◆ Society of American Foresters—Green Mt. Division
- ◆ Northwest RPC & Rutland RPC
- ◆ Green Mountain Audubon Society

### 2019-2020 Timeline

September—March:  
Teams form, register and receive resource information.

April 1, 2020:  
Training Day

May 19, 2020:  
Vermont Envirothon

July 26—Aug, 1, 2020:  
International  
NCF- Envirothon

## Vermont Envirothon Registration Form

*Educating today's youth to be tomorrow's environmental decision-makers.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

School/Club \_\_\_\_\_

School/Club Address \_\_\_\_\_

School/Club Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Conservation District \_\_\_\_\_

Team Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of anticipated teams (5 students per team + Alternate)  
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Registration Fee: \$75.00 for first team; \$50.00 each additional team.

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about Vermont Envirothon, go to [www.vacd.org](http://www.vacd.org).

Information about the International NCF-Envirothon can be found at [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org).

### Make Checks Payable To:

**Vermont Association of  
Conservation Districts (VACD)**

**Send to:  
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c/o LCCD  
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Morrisville, VT 05661**

### Need more information?

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