

Important Information - Soils (2015 – 2016)

Soils Objectives and Practice Exercises

Study objectives and practice exercises are identified for the soils section of the Connecticut Envirothon. They will help students focus on the most critical aspects of soil science identified by the soil scientists of the CT Envirothon soil committee.

Study Materials

If your school team participated in the Envirothon in the past and you have some soils study materials already, you may need to update some of the material. Study materials are identified as either essential or optional. Please consult the document titled “2015 List of Study Materials” in the soils section of the CT Envirothon website. <http://www.ctenvirothon.org/> The Envirothon website has links to all of the essential and optional study materials.

Soils Workshop

The annual soil workshop for Envirothon students will be Saturday October 17, 2015 at the Tolland County Agriculture Center at 24 Hyde Ave. from 8:00 am to 1:30 PM.

Be prepared to spend time outdoors looking at soil. You will get dirty (that’s a good thing)!

This year the workshop will include basic soils lectures, a general overview of invasive species, definitions, and pathways of introduction and spread, and a hands-on breakout sessions on soil texturing, invasive earthworms, map reading, describing and interpreting soils in a soil pit, and soil health assessments. Some of the subject matter this year will satisfy the soil related learning objectives for this year’s current issue, Invasive Species. This is your chance to come well prepared for the state competition next spring.

For further information on this workshop (including directions to the site), please consult the Connecticut Envirothon website at: <http://www.ctenvirothon.org/>

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Please feel free to call or email me with soils questions.

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