



CONNECTICUT ENVIROTHON

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Dear Educator,

It's time to begin another year with the Connecticut Envirothon Program! The Connecticut Envirothon Steering Committee is working hard to provide another quality learning program for 2016-2017. We have been energized by increased school participation while working with an expanding list of supporters and sponsors.

The Envirothon is a part of a large network of educators and natural resource professionals throughout the United States and Canada all focused on preparing high school students to be responsible stewards of and decision makers for our natural resources. The Connecticut Envirothon program provides a great opportunity for students to interact with professionals in the environmental field during training workshops and the competition in May. Utilizing electronic handouts and the hands-on workshops, Envirothon has been very successful at training students on each of our major components: forestry, aquatics, soils, and wildlife. We also cover a rotating current issue, which this year is focusing on Agricultural Soil & Water Stewardship.

Each May, participation in Envirothon culminates with the Field Competition where the student teams rotate through five practical testing stations. While the student teams are competing, teachers attend an educational program focused on the next year's current issue. The winning team is sent to represent Connecticut at the North American Envirothon competition.

Envirothon is STEM compliant and provides excellent networking opportunities for science teachers from across the State. Encourage your students to learn about science outside of the classroom!

Please see the enclosed calendar of events, registration form, and brochure for additional information about the program. We hope to see you at the orientation meeting on Thursday September 22nd from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at Goodwin College in East Hartford. At the orientation, you will have a chance to learn more about the program and meet our study topic leaders and coaches from other schools. Please feel free to contact us to learn more about this incredible opportunity or to register a team for participation during the 2016-2017 academic year. You can also visit our website at www.ctenvirothon.org

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folger, CT Envirothon Chair