



# 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 gearing up to provide another quality learning program for 2018-2019.

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 "*Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge & Technology to Feed the World*". We sincerely hope that you find the curriculum materials provided on the website and at the workshops useful for classroom use as well for preparing your team for the Field Competition.

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.

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.

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!

The Envirothon is a part of a large network of educators and natural resource professionals throughout the United States, Canada, and China that focuses on preparing high school students to be responsible stewards of and decision makers for our natural resources.

Please see the enclosed calendar of events, registration form, and brochure for additional information about the program.

We will be having a teacher orientation at the Forestry Workshop on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Tolland agriculture Center in Vernon. 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 2018-2019 academic year. You can also visit our website at [www.ctenvirothon.org](http://www.ctenvirothon.org)

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Folger, CT Envirothon Chair