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### **2020-21 Connecticut Envirothon**

Dear Educator/Advisor,

It's time to begin another year with the Connecticut Envirothon Program! The Connecticut Envirothon Steering Committee is gearing up to provide a quality **virtual** learning program for 2020-2021.

This year we will be utilizing virtual workshops in various forms such as video, electronic handouts, specimen kits, etc. Envirothon has been very successful at training students on each of our major components: forestry, aquatics, soils, wildlife and a rotating current issue. We are in the process of re-vamping the curriculum materials provided on the website and are brainstorming virtual workshops useful for classroom use as well for preparing your team for the Competition in May.

Each May, participation in Envirothon culminates with the Field Competition where the student teams rotate through five practical testing stations. The winning team is sent to represent Connecticut at the North American/International Envirothon competition. This past May, Connecticut Envirothon looked a little different with the competition switching to a virtual platform via Google Classroom. Each core topic had a designated day where that station's test was administered to the teams. For current issue, the teams submitted a PowerPoint presentation. As we hope that there will not need to be another virtual field day event in May 2021, our Envirothon Steering Committee is hard at work looking into all options for this school year.

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 Connecticut Envirothon program also provides a great opportunity for students to interact with professionals in the environmental field, both during virtual training workshops and at the competition in May.

Please be on the lookout for more emails from CT Envirothon. The Steering Committee will have a tentative workshop schedule out by the end of October featuring all virtual workshops. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the program, please feel free to contact us to learn more about this incredible opportunity or to register a team for participation during the 2020-2021 academic year. You can also visit our website at **[www.ctenvirothon.org](http://www.ctenvirothon.org)**

Sincerely,

Jane Seymour, Connecticut Envirothon Chairperson 2020-2021