



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 hands-on learning program for 2023-24.

Connecticut Envirothon is part of an extensive network of educators and natural resource professionals throughout the United States, Canada, Singapore, and China that focuses on preparing high school students to be responsible stewards of and decision-makers for our natural resources. Through online content, uploaded educational webinars, and in-person hands-on workshops, Connecticut Envirothon has successfully trained students on four core components - forestry, aquatics, soils, and wildlife - as well as a rotating current issue, which this year is "Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future." Connecticut Envirothon is STEM-compliant, and we're sure that you'll find the curriculum materials valuable in the classroom and in preparing your team for the competition.

Each May, participation in Envirothon culminates with a Field Day Competition where student teams rotate through five practical testing stations. While the student teams compete, teachers attend an educational program focused on next year's issue. The winning team is sent to represent Connecticut at the International NCF-Envirothon competition. This year's competition is in Geneva, New York.

Envirothon provides an excellent opportunity for students to interact with professionals in the environmental field during training workshops and the competition in May. It also offers excellent networking opportunities for science educators from across the state. Encourage your students to learn about science outside of the classroom!

We will have an advisor orientation on Tuesday, October 3rd, from 5pm-7pm at the CT DEEP Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center at 341 Milford Street Burlington, CT – please see the enclosed invitation. The orientation will offer an opportunity to learn more about the program and meet the study topic leaders and advisors from other schools. Please get in touch with us to learn more about this incredible opportunity or to register a team for participation during the 2023-2024 academic year. You can also visit our website at www.ctenvirothon.org.

Please see the enclosed registration form, calendar of events, and brochure for additional information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Karen Nelson and Paul Benjunas

Connecticut Envirothon Co-Chairs 2023-2024