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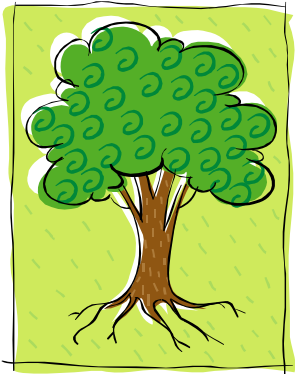
# Capital Region Envirothon

Albany, Montgomery,  
Rensselaer, Schenectady, and  
Schoharie Counties



An Outdoor Hands-On  
Environmental  
Competition For High  
School Students

## What Is An Envirothon?



The Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in 1979, then known as the Environmental Olympics. New York State held its first Envirothon in 1990.

The Envirothon is a scholastic competition for high school students that tests their knowledge on five topics: soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues.

It is a unique approach to environmental education. Teams of five students compete outdoors in exams where cooperation is needed to achieve success. The activities are designed to help students become action-oriented, environmentally conscious adults, and participation can be great fun for both students and their advisors.

## Regional Envirothons

Regional Envirothons are organized by local Soil and Water Conservation Districts in partnership with school teachers. The Capital Region Envirothon includes teams from Albany, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties. Local Envirothons are held across New York State each spring. The winning team from each county then goes on to the New York State Envirothon which, in turn, determines the team that will represent NY in the National Envirothon.



At the competition, students rotate between the five stations and answer questions as a team. Many of the questions are hands-on, involving the use of equipment, maps, and audio/visual identification.

## Getting started

Now is the time to start planning for the upcoming Regional Envirothon. Each high school can bring two teams made up of 3 to 5 students in grades 9 to 12 as well as one middle school team. Contact your county SWCD (see back) to receive a registration/information packet. The next Capital Region Envirothon will be held at the New York State Power Authority's Visitor Center at Lansing Manor in Gilboa, NY.

