

Canon ENVIROTHON

Fact sheet

What

Envirothon is a problem-solving natural resource competition for high school students in the United States and Canada. In most states and provinces, Envirothon is co-sponsored by conservation district associations, local conservation districts and cooperating state, federal and provincial resource agencies.

How

Teams of high school students are tested on their knowledge of natural resources - soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and a current environmental issue. Students visit five "in-the-field" test stations where written and hands-on problem solving is required. The event is competitive, but education is the bottom line.

Objectives

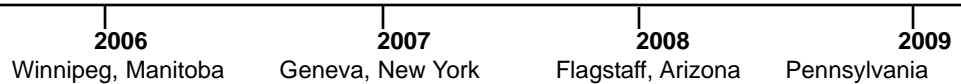
Participants gain a deeper knowledge of the following:

- The effect individual actions have on environmental problems;
- The interactions and inter-dependencies of our environment;
- Current environmental issues;
- The agencies available to assist them in resource protection concerns;
- The need to become environmentally aware, action-oriented adults.

Contests

Local conservation districts, in conjunction with cooperating agencies and educators, organize and run local Envirothon competitions. Winning teams will compete in a state/province contest, and the winning team will compete in the international contest. Conservation Districts, governed by locally elected supervisors, help landowners and land users solve resource management problems.

Timeline



History

Envirothon was started in 1979 by three Pennsylvania soil and water conservation districts. By 1988, the idea had caught on and the first national contest was held. Today, most U.S. states and Canadian provinces participate in the Envirothon, reaching more than 500,000 students across North America each year.

For additional information, contact Canon Envirothon at 1-800-825-5547 or visit the Canon Envirothon website at www.envirothon.org.

