



Envirothon (Environmental & Natural Resources) CDE

Purpose

The purpose of the Environmental/Natural Resources Career Development Event is to stimulate interest in environmental/natural resources issues as taught by the agricultural education curriculum.

This event consists of five components:

1. Demonstrating an understanding of environmental/natural resource issues;
2. Recommending practices for conservation of environmental/natural resources;
3. Identifying the basis for environmental practices;
4. Analyzing and evaluating national and global issues; and
5. Identifying and developing plans to address national and global issues.

Sponsor

Mr. Ned Hudson & Mrs. Dianne Hudson currently sponsor this event.

State Event Superintendent

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Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in good standing.

Teams shall consist of 5 members. Teams of less than 5 will not be considered for the state envirothon competition but will be allowed to compete in the FFA division to select the team that shall represent North Carolina in the national FFA Environmental and Natural resources FFA CDE held at the National FFA Convention. Advisors of the teams qualifying for the national event must determine a process to select the 4 members that will compete. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in the area are ineligible.

FFA members may not participate in a Career Development Event that leads to a state level event after July 1, following their high school/early college graduation. Members winning a previous state event in this area or that have participated in a previous national event in this area are ineligible.

The use or possession of cellular phones or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

The North Carolina FFA Association, in keeping with the FFA mission and purposes, does not permit the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, or Juuls at any FFA facility or at any FFA activity.

Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. Participants are allowed to wear long pants, an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate high school or FFA t-shirt.

The North Carolina FFA Association strives to promote a positive image at all Official FFA



Events. *The dress code policy was established to address the issue of appropriate attire at all Official FFA Events. Members should adhere to this policy for all events. A ten percent reduction will be applied to all individual scores from a chapter if a participant from that chapter violates the dress code during that career event.*

Procedures for Administering the Event

- FFA chapters may participate in the North Carolina Envirothon. The Envirothon serves as the qualifying event for the National FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.
- The North Carolina Envirothon will be conducting area events to qualify teams to advance to state-level competition. FFA chapters must compete in the area events. The overall top seven teams in the area event will then qualify to compete in the state-level Envirothon. The highest-scoring FFA team in each area will advance to the state event. The top scoring FFA team may or may not be in the top seven teams that advance to the state event.
- Soil and Water Conservation Areas are different from the North Carolina FFA Association Regions. There are eight (8) Soil and Water Conservation Areas in North Carolina. A map of the Soil and Water Conservation Areas is attached. Your FFA chapter must compete in the appropriate Soil and Water Conservation Area.
- FFA chapters must follow the rules and guidelines established by the Soil and Water Conservation Areas as well as the North Carolina Envirothon.
- **FFA chapters are allowed to enter multiple teams at the area level. If a chapter has more than one team advance to state-level competition, then the FFA Advisor MUST designate the official team at the time of registration prior to the state event. The designated team will count toward final placing of the official FFA results.**
- **When registering your chapter FFA team, the team name must have “FFA” in some**

portion of it. For example: Smith HS FFA, FFA, or FFA Blue.

- **The highest placing FFA team in the North Carolina Envirothon will be the certified team that represents the North Carolina FFA Association in the National FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event at the National FFA Convention.**
- Teams that participate in the Envirothon are comprised of five (5) members; however, the highest-ranking FFA team that is certified to compete in the National FFA Event may only have four (4) team members. **Since only 4 out of the 5 members of a state qualifying team can compete in the national event, the one member from the team representing North Carolina, that does not compete in the national event, will still be eligible to compete in the state event.**
- The State FFA Coordinator will distribute area event information to all FFA chapters as soon as it is available each year.
- The State FFA Coordinator shall serve as a member on the North Carolina Envirothon Committee.

Additional information can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ncenvirothon.org/north-carolina-envirothon-program/contest-rules>

State Awards

The awards for the state event will be presented annually at the state FFA convention to include a team 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaque and a travel monetary award. The high scoring individual will receive a plaque.

National Career Development Event Participation State winning teams advancing to the national career development event will be automatically registered for the national event. It is the responsibility of the FFA Chapter Advisor to complete all necessary national certification and waiver forms and return them to the state FFA Coordinator by the assigned due date.



State winning CDE teams that choose not to participate at the national level should contact the state office by Sept. 1 prior to national convention. Teams that fail to inform the state office prior to Sept. 1 will be ineligible to participate in that same CDE for the next year (chapters may appeal to the State FFA Board of Directors). Teams that do not compete at the National Convention will be required to pay back the travel award.

Bibliography

National FFA Career Development Events Handbook

North Carolina Envirothon Reference Notebook – available from Sandra Weitzel or your Soil and Water Conservation Area Director for \$10 each

FFA teams must abide by the State Envirothon Rules found at www.envirothon.org

State Envirothon Rules

Established by the State Envirothon Committee

- Students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete as a team.
- All team members must be from the same high school or local home study groups.
- Each team will consist of no more than five members.
- Teams must be accompanied by a team advisor and/or a Soil & Water Conservation District representative to the Meet.
- During the competition, the advisors may not **travel** with the teams.
- The advisors shall not assist their team in any way during the actual competition.
- Advisors will be responsible to assure that teams display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility.
- Drugs and alcohol are NOT permitted during any part of the competition. (Rules applicable to the local area will be adhered to)
- No clothing or other identification of local schools, towns, cities, or counties will be permitted.
- All identification keys to be used will be furnished by the State Envirothon Committee. Biltmore sticks used in the competition will be provided to the teams at the Forestry Station.
- The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total. Certain questions will be pre-selected as tiebreakers. The tied teams will have their pre-selected questions compared until the tie is broken.
- Rules & regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained in advance to all teams and advisors.
- No advisors, alternates, or spectators are allowed in testing areas.
- Once the teams are registered on the day of the event, alternates may not be substituted for team members unless it is an emergency (Names listed on the pre-registration form may be changed prior to the event).
- The judge's decisions are final on all events.
- In the event that the winning team cannot represent the state at the National Competition, the team with the next highest score will be eligible to compete.
- All grievances must be reported before final judging.



- Advisors must send team's health form when final names are submitted.
- Each Area will submit the names of the seven teams from that Area eligible to compete at the state competition along with a copy of their medical consent form to-the State Envirothon Coordinator as soon as possible after the Area Competition.
- Violations of these rules can result in the disqualification of a team or a lesser penalty

