

Current Issue Presentation - Scoring Sheet

The Current Issue Presentation is worth one-fourth of the team's total Mass Envirothon score. Team presentations should be judged on the five sets of criteria listed below. Each set is worth 20 points for a total of 100 points. The points awarded by each judge will be averaged with those awarded by other scoring judges on the panel to determine the team's score. **The team will see a copy of this sheet. Comments and suggestions for teams are welcome from both review judges and scoring judges.**

Sections 1, 2, and 3 should be scored using the following ranges of point values as a guide:

- 0 = team no-show*
- 1- 4 = no formal presentation, team engages in some discussion of the topic with judges*
- 5- 8 = presentation demonstrates little or no investigation, many misconceptions and gaps in knowledge*
- 9-12 = presentation demonstrates incomplete investigation, some misconceptions and gaps in knowledge, incomplete proposal*
- 13-16 = presentation demonstrates evidence of some field observations and investigation using at least one local primary resource, solid understanding of concepts, adequate knowledge, solid proposal*
- 17-20 = presentation demonstrates insightful understanding of concepts, in-depth knowledge, uses a balance of research from field observations, interviews, and secondary sources, proposal ideas clearly presented and well-supported*

1. Overview of local outdoor recreation resources and issues

- The team describes the outdoor landscape of their community, and tells the story of their explorations this year
- The team provides background on who uses what places for what kinds of recreation in their area (including any nearby state parks).
- The team provides evidence of conversations and interviews with people in the community -- including opportunities, problems, differences of opinion.
- The team provides evidence of researching their town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

SCORE (20 points possible): _____

Comments:

2. Focus on a specific, high priority outdoor recreation issue

- The team outlines the facts of the issue: What places are involved? Who is affected? What are the opinions (or lack of opinions)? What are the possible solutions, if any, that have been proposed (e.g. in the Open Space and Recreation Plan)?
- The team is clear on why this issue should be a high priority, including the downside if the issue is not addressed
- The team provides evidence that they have considered the energy and climate change implications of this issue
- The team notes information and research that is still needed for a good decision

SCORE (20 points possible): _____

Comments:

3. Proposal for next steps to address the issue

- The team proposes specific steps that need to happen, and who should be involved
- The team notes any needs for immediate action
- The team provides evidence that they have considered what these steps will cost, and what the benefits are that will make the cost worthwhile

SCORE (20 points possible): _____

Comments:

Sections 4-5 should be scored using the following rubric as a guide

0	=	No Presentation
1-4	=	Very Ineffective
5-8	=	Poor
9-12	=	Somewhat Effective
13-16	=	Very Effective
17-20	=	Extremely Effective

4. Quality of Presentation

- The presentation would be compelling for a broad community audience
- The presentation is organized and clear
- The team uses of maps and other visual aids
- Team members share responsibility for presentation
- The team uses time effectively (close to full 15 minutes allotted, but not over time; apportioned well)

SCORE (20 points possible): _____

Comments:

5. Overall Quality

These points are awarded based on the judge's overall appraisal of the team's work including

- Initiative, effort, and adventuresomeness
- Critical thinking and creativity
- Thoroughness in research
- Integrity
- Thoughtful, clear answers to questions

SCORE (20 points possible): _____

Comments:

TOTAL SCORE (sum of sections 1-5, 100 points possible): _____