

# Mass Envirothon 2010 Frequently Asked Questions

## **What should I wear?**

The Envirothon is held in the field, rain or shine or wind or mud. Please dress accordingly! Some specific items to bring: an extra layer for cooler weather than you expect, raingear, hat, waterproof footwear, insect repellent and sunscreen

## **What else should I bring?**

The following items are proven useful tools for the day: clipboard, sharpened pencils, ruler.

## **What should I leave behind?**

The following items are not permitted during the competition: cell phones or electronic devices, field guides or any other test aids.

## **What if the weather is bad?**

The Envirothon is about being outdoors! See #1 above.

## **How does the Registration Process work on the morning of the event?**

You will receive a registration checklist before the day of the event. Be sure to read it carefully and make sure you have the forms all signed and in order when you arrive. Your team schedule for the competition is assigned based on order of registration. Alternates have a choice of joining an alternate team or staying with their coach (see below). Team presentation materials are transported to assigned presentation tent before competition

## **What if we are late?**

Registration for teams closes at 8:30! You must be registered by 8:30 (or in line, if there is a line) to be guaranteed a chance to compete! We will do our best to offer a good experience to late teams, but they may not be able to participate in the competition.

## **What do the coaches do during the competition?**

We do our best to provide coaches (and alternates/guests who decide to accompany coaches rather than join an alternate team) with a worthwhile learning experience. Coaches are assigned a schedule that allows them to view their team's presentation. Other possibilities: a sample ecostation, a chance to observe another team's presentation, an introduction to next year's current issue.

## **What is it like to be on an alternate team?**

Being on an alternate team is a way to get an experience of the competition. As an alternate or guest, you are formed into to a team with alternates and guests from other teams. Alternate teams participate just like regular teams at the ecostations. They can even win an individual ecostation! Alternate teams are assigned a schedule that allows them to view their own team's Current Issue presentation. Alternate teams are for serious participants only! Don't sign up if you don't plan to take the competition seriously.

## **How is the competition scored?**

There are 400 points possible. Each of the four ecostation tests is worth 75 points, for a total of 300 points. The current issue presentation score is worth 100 points (Each Current Issue scoring judge awards up to 100 points, and these scores are averaged to determine the team's presentation score of up to 100 points).

## **What competition results will be available before we leave the Envirothon?**

The scoring room works as fast as it can to compile the competition results during the competition and after it ends. At the 2:00 p.m. Awards we expect to announce winners of each ecostation and the current issue, plus the overall competition winners. We expect to be able to provide each team with its ecostation scores and its current issue score sheets with comments from judges.

## **Can our team participate in the Service Project?**

This year's Envirothon includes the option of participating in a trails project with the Student Conservation Association/Americorps crew at Otter River State Forest. Space is limited and you must pre-register.

## **What do we need to do before we leave?**

Stop by the Registration Tables for important information.

Pick up your team picture and Current Issue score sheets with judges comments

Return Evaluation surveys (or arrange to return them electronically)