

# What to expect at SC Envirothon!



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# Envirothon Overview



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# SC Envirothon Mission

*Strives to advance environmental awareness through an outdoor venue for high school students to assess their knowledge of natural resource management issues and to promote a life-long commitment to environmental stewardship.*



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Founded in 1997 by the  
SC Conservation Partnership

Managed by SCDNR-CD in  
partnership with many groups

Always housed at Clemson Sandhill REC



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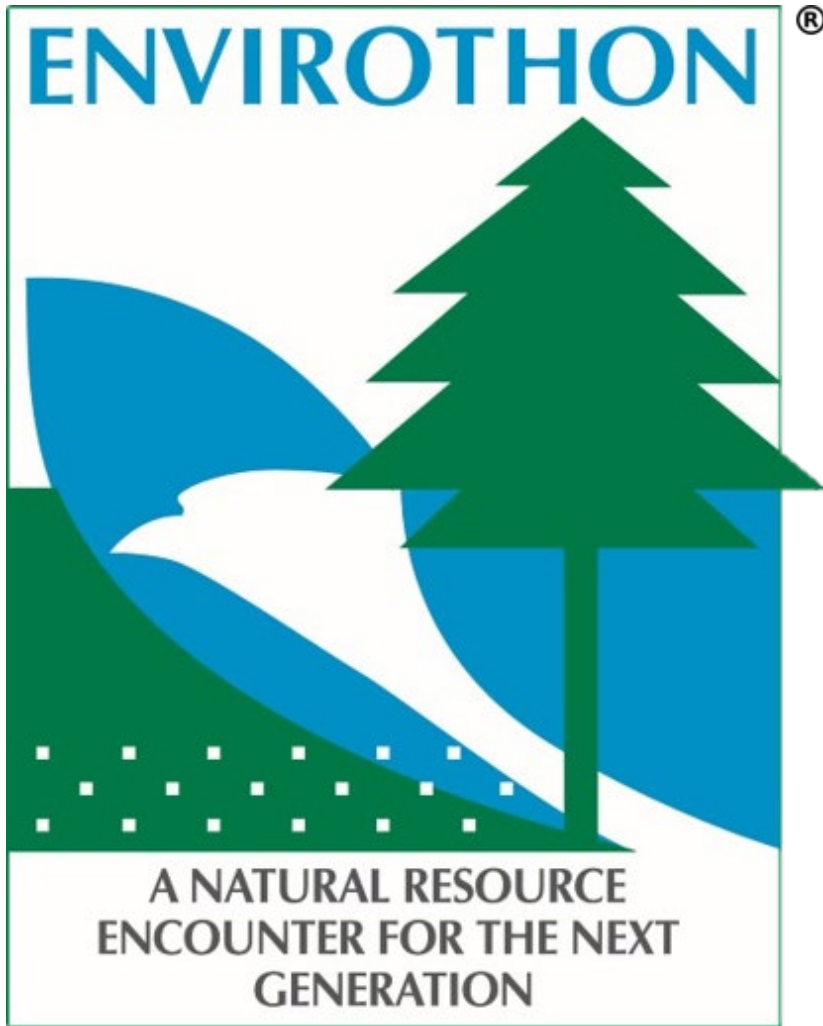
# Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- One per county
- Promote the wise-use of soil and water
- Internship, job, and volunteer opportunities
- Essay, poster, photo contests
- Workshops and classroom lessons
- Sponsor SC Envirothon teams and offer scholarships



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## NCF Envirothon

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Parent organization to local organizations

Began in 1979 in Pennsylvania

Currently in most states, Canadian Provinces, Chinese Delegations, and Singapore reaching over 25,000 students each year!

Partner programs host international competition which determines location and current topic



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# SC Envirothon Resources



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**South Carolina Envirothon**

**2025 SC Envirothon Season**

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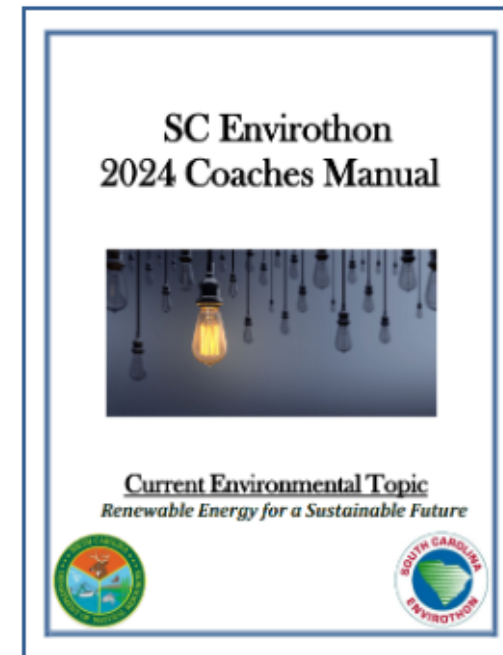


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## SC Envirothon Coach Resources

The resources below are in the [PDF](#) format.

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- [2024 Coaches Manual](#)
- [2024 Envirothon Current Topic Presentation](#)
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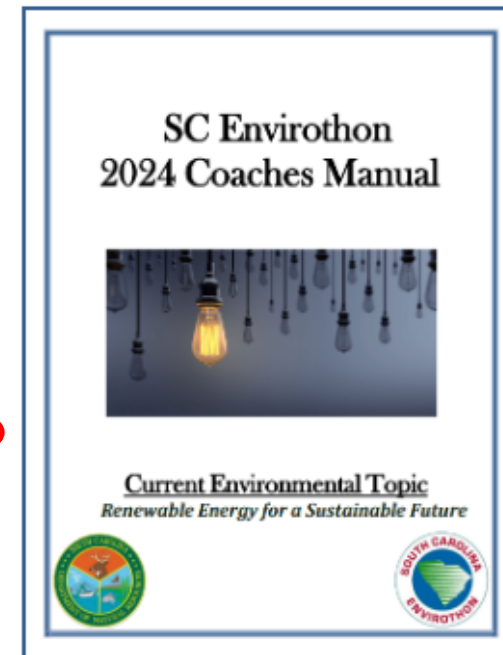


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### SC Envirothon Training Trunk Resources

- [SC Envirothon Training Trunk Binder Contents](#)
- [SC Envirothon Aquatics Station Training Video](#)
- [SC Envirothon Forestry Station Training Video](#)
- [SC Envirothon Soils Station Training Video](#)
- [SC Envirothon Wildlife Station Training Video](#)

If you have any questions regarding study materials, reach out to the appropriate Station Manager (contact information found on page 2 of the Coaches Manual). Filmography thanks to Taylor Main and Alex Prince with SCDNR.

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# SC Envirothon Training Trunks

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Check out from local  
Soil and Water Conservation District

Field guides, Munsell Soil Color books,  
clinometers, DBH tapes, water sampling  
tools, topography activities, etc.

**Don't wait until last minute!**



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# Competition Day!



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# SC Envirothon Program

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- Each program can bring 2 teams (if space allows)
- 5 students per team + 1 alternate
- Alternate can attend and compete with other alternates (if space allows)



# Day of Competition

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- 8:30am Team registration and team photos
- 9:30am Opening Ceremony
- 9:45am Teams escorted to their first station
- 10:00am Competition begins
- 1:25pm Competition ends
- 1:30pm Lunch and Raffle
- 2:00pm Awards Ceremony





# Station Rotation

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- Team leaders guide teams between stations – STAY WITH GUIDE!
- 6 stations around Lake House
- Blow horn indicates end and beginning of test session
  - 30 minutes at each station
  - 5 minutes to rotate between stations



# Stations

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- Soils, Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, Current Issue, Oral Presentation
  - Subject stations – hands-on written exams
  - Oral Presentation – Current topic scenario presentation
- Current topic
  - Changes each year
  - Host state chooses topic
  - 2025 topic – Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change



# Coach Lounge in Lake House

Coaches welcome in the Lake House once competition begins

Must stay off competition grounds

If leaving site, must return before competition ends

Students not allowed in Lake House during competition



# Notable Rules

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NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON FIELD!!!!



No identifying clothing – INCLUDING jackets and umbrellas



Coaches must stay OFF field during competition



Students MUST REMAIN QUIET while waiting to give presentations



Students MUST remain with team guides throughout competition



Accommodation requests



**RAIN OR SHINE!!!**



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# Competition Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – trip to NCFE Competition, \$1000 scholar award and gold medal per student, \$1000 cash prize to coach, 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - \$500 scholar award and silver medal per student, \$500 cash prize to coach, 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - \$250 scholar award and bronze medal per student, \$250 cash prize to coach, 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy

**Station High Score, Most Improved Team, New Team Award** – certificate



# Registration and Logistics



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# Registration Packet due March 31, 2025

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- Complete packet includes:
  - Team Registration Form (1 per team)
  - Student Participant Waivers (1 per student)
  - Coach Volunteer Agreements (1 per coach)
  - \$175 registration fee (contact local Soil and Water Conservation District)
- Send packets [myresb@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:myresb@dnr.sc.gov)





# Important Dates



Monday, March 31, 2025 – Deadline to register



Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Deadline for PDF presentation file



Friday, April 25, 2025 – SC Envirothon Competition



July 20-26, 2025 – NCF-Envirothon Competition  
Mount Royal University, Calgary, Alberta, Canada



# *Marc Cribb Exceptional Leader Award*

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- Nomination form on website with registration materials
- Meant to honor a student who has shown enthusiasm, been faithful, and worked tirelessly for their SC Envirothon Team
- Winner will receive prize and be recognized during awards ceremony at competition



# Questions

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