



SC Envirothon Coaches Training

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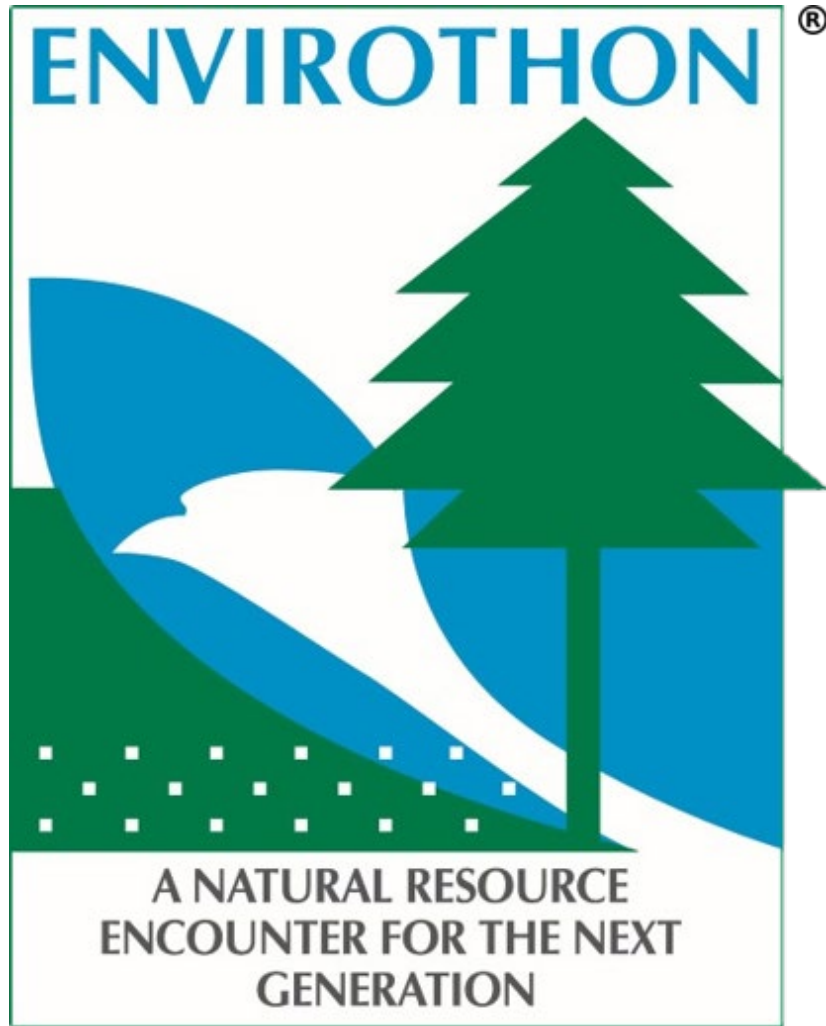


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SC Envirothon Mission

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.





NCF Envirothon

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

Founded in 1997 by the
SC Conservation Partnership

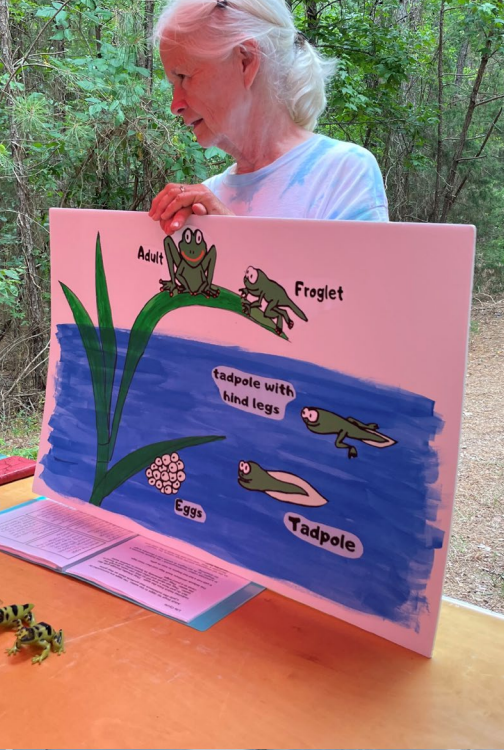
Managed by SCDNR-CD in
partnership with many groups

Hosted 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



State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the soil and water resources of South Carolina are the foundation for the health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the wise use of soil and water in the Palmetto State is essential to a sound environment, a strong economy, and the vibrancy of agriculture, forestry, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, each county in South Carolina is organized as a Soil and Water Conservation District and managed by a board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, these forty-six Soil and Water Conservation Districts are committed to the conservation of soil and water resources through the wise use of soil and water for the benefit of all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, partner to actively implement agricultural, forestry, urban, and educational programs and technical assistance for soil and water conservation and management with the active participation of landowners and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Stewardship Week calls attention to the importance and value of locally-led conservation efforts by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to continually improve the soil and water resources for present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28–May 5, 2024, as

SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our responsibilities to future generations as stewards of our vital soil and water resources.



Henry McMaster
HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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SCDNR - Education - Envirothon

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[SC Dept. of Health & Environmental Control \(DHEC\)](#)

[SC Forestry Commission](#)

[SC Dept. of Natural Resources](#)


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[S.C. Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Tourism \(SCPRT\)](#)

[SC Chapter of Soil & Water Conservation Society](#)

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2026 SC Envirothon Season

2026 SC Envirothon Dates

- January 30, 2026: [Coaches Training Registration Deadline](#)
- February 7: Coaches Training to be held at Clemson Sandhill REC in Columbia, SC
- March 23: [Envirothon Team Registration Deadline](#)
- April 17: SC Envirothon Competition to be held at Clemson Sandhill REC in Columbia, SC
- July 19 – 25: NCF Envirothon Competition to be held in Starkville, Mississippi

2026 Current Topic: Non-Point Source Pollution: It begins at home!

We are very excited to announce the winners of the 2025 SC Envirothon Competition!!!

Congratulations to all of our winners! Thank you to all of our SC Envirothon sponsors, volunteers, and coaches who make this program possible! Sponsors include Hampton Wildlife Fund, SCDNR-Conservation Districts, SC Conservation Districts Foundation, the SC Association of Conservation Districts, among many others.

To see a full list of SC Envirothon sponsors, visit our [Current Sponsors Page](#).

Placement from 2025:

1st place overall - Spartanburg High School Team 2 who will represent South Carolina at the NCF-Envirothon this summer in Alberta, Canada!

2nd Place Overall: Spartanburg Day School Team A

3rd Place Overall: Spartanburg Day School Team B

Aquatics Station 1st Place: Spartanburg High School Team 2
 Aquatics Station 2nd Place: Spartanburg Day School Team B
 Aquatics Station 3rd Place: Dutch Fork High School Envirothon Club

Forestry Station 1st Place: Spartanburg High School Team 2
 Forestry Station 2nd Place: Spartanburg High School Team 1
 Forestry Station 3rd Place: Spartanburg Day School Team A

Oral Presentation Station 1st Place: Dutch Fork High School Envirothon Club
 Oral Presentation Station 2nd Place: Spartanburg High School Team 2
 Oral Presentation Station 3rd Place: Spartanburg High School Team 1

Soils Station 1st Place: Spartanburg High School Team 2
 Soils Station 2nd Place: Spartanburg Day School Team A
 Soils Station 3rd Place: J.L. Mann High School

Wildlife Station 1st Place: Spartanburg High School Team 1
 Wildlife Station 2nd Place: South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture Team 2
 Wildlife Station 3rd Place: Spartanburg Day School Team A



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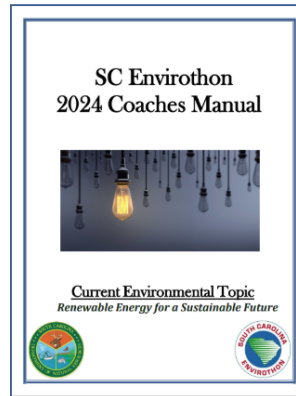


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SC Envirothon Coach Resources

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

- [What to Expect at SC Envirothon!](#)
- [2026 Coaches Training Registration](#)
- [SC Envirothon Oral Presentation Training Video](#)
- [2025 Coaches Manual](#)
- [2025 Envirothon Current Topic Presentation](#)
- [SC Envirothon Training Trunk Resources](#)
- [Soils Study Materials](#)
- [Aquatics Study Materials](#)
- [Wildlife Flashcards](#)
- [Topo 1](#)
- [Soil and Water Conservation District Contract Information](#)



If you have questions as you work through the materials, contact the appropriate station manager (contact information Coaches Manual page 2).

SC Envirothon Training Trunks

Available to teams through their local
Soil and Water Conservation District

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



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Save the date!



- Q&A Webinar will be held **March 12**
 - More details to come
- Recording will be shared afterwards



Recognition



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Competition Prizes



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

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

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

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



Marc Cribb Exceptional Leader Award

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



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Registration and Logistics



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Registration Information

- 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)
- Packets are due March 23, 2026
 - Send packets to eganj@dnr.sc.gov



Competition Day!



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SC Envirothon Program

- 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

- 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



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Station Rotation

- 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

- 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
 - 2026 topic – Non-Point Source Pollution: It begins at home!



Coach's Lounge

- 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



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



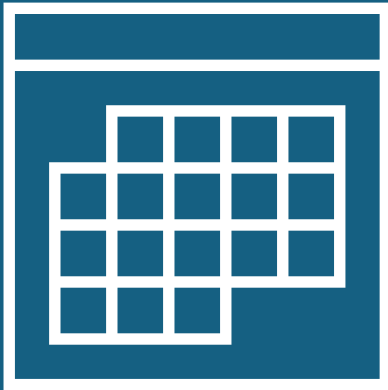
Accommodation requests



RAIN OR SHINE!!!



Important Dates for 2026



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March 12: Q&A Webinar

March 23: [Envirothon Team Registration Deadline](#)

April 12, midnight: Slideshow PDF due

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Questions

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