



## Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

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### Maryland Teens Compete in First Round of Envirothon Competitions

**ANNAPOLIS, MD (April 12, 2023)** – High school science students from across the state are heading outdoors to compete in the first round of qualifying heats leading up to the [2023 National Conservation Foundation \(NCF\) Envirothon](#), North America's largest environmental education competition for high school teens.

The Envirothon is a demanding outdoor natural resources competition for teens that are passionate about the outdoors and the environment. Students participating in the [Maryland Envirothon](#) have been studying the state's natural resources since the beginning of the school year. As part of their extracurricular training, they identify and categorize living resources, perform soil surveys, estimate wood yield from trees, and solve other complex natural resource issues. Students are taught by soil scientists, wildlife specialists, foresters, and environmental engineers from local, state, and federal agencies and private environmental organizations. The competition includes a special environmental issue that changes from year to year. This year's environmental issue is *Adapting to a Changing Climate*.

Teams compete by applying their knowledge and problem-solving skills in these natural resource areas. The county team with the highest score wins the local or regional competition and advances to the Maryland Envirothon, scheduled for June 15-16 at the Western 4H Park in Garrett County. The winner of the Maryland Envirothon will go on to represent the state later this summer at the North American competition in New Brunswick, Canada, where more than 500 teenagers will compete for scholarships and prizes.

The Envirothon is sponsored by Maryland's Soil Conservation Districts and the State Soil Conservation Committee and supported by other state and federal programs. Dates and contact information for upcoming county Envirothon competitions are listed below:

- **Allegany County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 27, 2023  
Place: Rocky Gap State Park  
Contact: Adam Heavner, Allegany Soil Conservation District, [ahevner@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:ahevner@atlanticbbn.net) or 240-609-3500
- **Anne Arundel County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 18, 2023  
Place: Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center  
Contact: John Czajkowski, Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District, [john@aaacd.org](mailto:john@aaacd.org) or 410-571-6757
- **Calvert County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 26, 2023  
Place: Kings Landing Park  
Contact: Jennifer Carlson, Calvert Soil Conservation District, [jennifer.carlson@md.nacdnet.net](mailto:jennifer.carlson@md.nacdnet.net) or 410-535-1521, ext. 3
- **Cecil County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 21, 2023  
Place: Fair Hill Nature Center  
Contact: Mari Markkula, Cecil Soil Conservation District, [marimarkkula@cecilsd.com](mailto:marimarkkula@cecilsd.com) or 410-398-4411, ext. 3

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- **Charles County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 19, 2023  
Place: Gilbert Run Park, Charlotte Hall  
Contact: Dee Saunders, Charles Soil Conservation District, [DeeDee.Saunders@md.nacdn.net](mailto:DeeDee.Saunders@md.nacdn.net) or 301-638-3028
- **Eastern Shore Envirothon (Kent and Queen Anne's counties)**  
Date: April 27, 2023  
Place: Tuckahoe State Park  
Contact: Jenny Lee, Kent Soil Conservation District, [jenny.lee@maryland.gov](mailto:jenny.lee@maryland.gov) or 410-778-5150, ext. 3293
- **Frederick County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 25, 2023  
Place: Cunningham Falls State Park  
Contact: Barry Burch, Walkersville High School, [barronb29@aol.com](mailto:barronb29@aol.com) or 240-215-5004
- **Garrett County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 26, 2023  
Place: Hickory Environmental Center  
Contact: Jeannie Frazee, Garrett Soil Conservation District, [jeannie.frazee@maryland.gov](mailto:jeannie.frazee@maryland.gov) or 301-501-5856
- **Harford County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: May 16, 2023  
Place: Broad Creek Boy Scout Camp  
Contact: Andrew League, Harford Soil Conservation District, [andrew.league@maryland.gov](mailto:andrew.league@maryland.gov) or 410-638-4828, 5224
- **Howard County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 27, 2023  
Place: Howard County Conservancy Mt. Pleasant Farm  
Contact: Kristal M. McCormick, Howard Soil Conservation District, [kmccormick@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:kmccormick@howardcountymd.gov) or 410-313-0680
- **Montgomery County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 27, 2023  
Place: Agricultural History Farm Park  
Contact: John Harne, Montgomery Soil Conservation District, [john.harne@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:john.harne@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 301-590-2855
- **Prince George's County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 26, 2023  
Place: William S. Schmidt Outdoor Environmental Education Center  
Contact: Kim Rush Lynch, Pr. George's Soil Conservation District, [karlynch@co.pg.md.us](mailto:karlynch@co.pg.md.us) or 301-574-5162
- **St. Mary's County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 27, 2023  
Place: Hunters Hill Farm  
Contact: Bruce Young, St. Mary's Soil Conservation District, [bruce.young@stmarysscd.com](mailto:bruce.young@stmarysscd.com) or 301-475-8402 ext. 3
- **Washington County Envirothon Competition**  
Date: April 26, 2023  
Place: Washington County Public Schools Board of Education  
Contact: Ginger Noble, Washington County Soil Conservation District, [ginger.noble@maryland.gov](mailto:ginger.noble@maryland.gov) or 301-797-6821

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