

2021 Maryland High School Envirothon Scheduled for April 26-29 *More than 50 Teams from 13 Maryland Counties to Compete Virtually*

ANNAPOLIS, MD – April 21, 2021– Student interest in natural resources and the outdoors is at an all-time high, with more than 50 teams of high school students from 13 Maryland counties slated to compete in the 30th annual Maryland Envirothon competition set for April 26-29, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Envirothon competition will be held virtually. For security reasons, the online competition will be closed to the public, however, invited guests will be able to attend the awards ceremony virtually on May 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. where the winning teams announced.

The Envirothon is an intense problem-solving environmental competition for high school students who are passionate about the outdoors and Maryland's natural resources. Working in teams, students are challenged to identify and categorize living resources, perform soil surveys and solve other complex natural resource issues. Students will be tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife and aquatics as they compete for scholarships and prizes. The winning team will represent Maryland at the national competition scheduled to be held in a virtual format later this year.

What The 30th Annual Maryland Envirothon Competition for High School Students

Where Virtual/Online

When April 26, 2021 – *Soils*

April 27, 2021 – *Forestry* April 28, 2021 – *Wildlife* April 29, 2021 – *Aquatics*

May 6, 2021, 7 p.m. - Virtual Awards Ceremony

Who 52 teams representing the following counties will compete:

- Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County
- Calvert County
- Carroll County
- · Charles County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- St Mary's County
- Washington County

SPECIAL NOTE TO EDITORS AND REPORTERS:

- For quotes, questions and background information, please contact **Barry Burch**, *chairman of the Maryland Envirothon Committee*, at barronb29@aol.com or 240-215-5004.
- For login information for the awards ceremony on May 6, 2021 at 7 p.m., please contact **Craig Hartsock**, *Maryland Envirothon Coordinator*, at chartsock@atlanticbbn.net or 301-707-6042.

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