

2016 Northeast Ohio Area II Envirothon

Hosted by Stark Soil and Water Conservation District

TO: All Area II Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Envirothon Teams

DATE: November 13, 2015

The Area II Envirothon will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 Sippo Lake Exploration Gateway, 5712 12th St NW, Canton, OH 44708. Please review the following information to help prepare for the event:

- ◆ A blank registration form is enclosed for your use to send to your schools. The letter and forms should be sent to the schools by January 4, 2016. **Registration forms are to be returned to your office and then due to Stark SWCD by March 28, 2016. This is a firm deadline.** Stark SWCD is located at 2650 Richville Dr SE, Ste. 100, Massillon, OH 44646.
- ◆ Schools will need to complete one Ohio Envirothon Release Form for **each advisor, team member, and alternate**. The Envirothon release forms are to be returned with their registration forms. Every student and adult participating in the Envirothon must have a release form on file to be eligible to compete. We must also have release forms for staff members and guests that are planning to attend.
- ◆ T-shirts will be given to all Envirothon participants.
- ◆ Confirmation emails will be sent by the Stark SWCD office to the Area II districts and school advisors after registration forms are received. Contest packets with the agenda, maps, and any other updated information at that time will be emailed to districts who will then distribute them to the advisors.
- ◆ The Ecostation format will be used again this year, where questions from all five areas of content (aquatics, soil, forestry, wildlife, environmental issues) will be asked at each station. The 2016 environmental issue is “Invasive Species”. More information on this topic can be found on the North American Envirothon’s website (www.envirothon.org). The other four testing stations are soils, forestry, aquatics, and wildlife.
- ◆ Soil Surveys will not be provided in CD but you may access Stark County’s Soil survey at: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

- ◆ There will be hard copies of the Stark County Soil Survey available the day of the contest at the soil site for use during the contest only.
- ◆ ***Teachers and coaches do not accompany the students*** as they move through the testing stations from about 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Options during that time include participating on an adult team (please mark on registration form), or participate in a geology program presented on site by Stark SWCD.
- ◆ The winner of this contest will compete in the State Envirothon Contest to be held at Bowling Green University in Wood County June 13th and 14th, 2016.
- ◆ Tentative Schedule:

7:30 a.m.	Staff/Volunteers Arrive
8:00 a.m.	Staff/Volunteer Team Meeting
8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Orientation
10:00 a.m.	Competition begins
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
1:45 p.m.	Departure
- ◆ **Reminder: Dress for the weather! The event is held outside rain or shine!**
In the event of very severe weather, the competition will be brought inside and site-specific questions will be eliminated from the test.

We look forward to seeing you on April 28, 2016!

Please call or email if you have any questions.

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