



UPDATES

Pennsylvania Envirothon

Spring 2009

Pennsylvania State Envirothon – One-Day Event in 2009

The Pennsylvania State Envirothon Board of Directors has officially ruled that the 2009 Pennsylvania State Envirothon competition will be a **one-day** event. This decision was made due to the stressed economy and financial hardships for the PA Envirothon, schools, and conservation districts. The one-day event is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19** at the **Bald Eagle State Park** located in Howard, Pennsylvania (Centre County). The oral presentation component has been eliminated from the 2009 event.



Eliminating the Oral Component for one year is a temporary setback. We are confident that our efforts in researching and seeking additional sponsorships, and grant opportunities, in addition to other funding avenues will enable us to sustain the program at the level you've all come to know. We are hopeful that a two-day event will be reestablished in the year 2010.

We are anticipating that 66 counties will bring teams to Bald Eagle State Park to demonstrate the students'

knowledge of soils/land use, wildlife, aquatic ecology, forestry, and current issues. The Pennsylvania Envirothon has always prided itself in providing a quality educational program that produces outstanding students, who, through hard work and commitment, become some of Pennsylvania's most environmentally conscientious, action-oriented citizens. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors is proud of the history, growth, and success of the program, and the Board will make every effort to return the program to a two-day event.

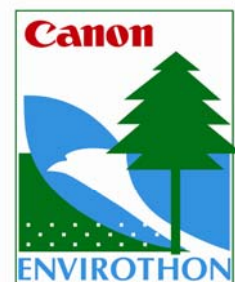
“Let the Games Begin” - 2012 Canon Envirothon

Many of you have expressed interest in assisting with planning, organizing, and implementing the 2012 Canon Envirothon. Now that Canon Envirothon has selected Susquehanna University as the host site, we can begin this lengthy process. So whether you registered to volunteer at a previous Fall Staff Conference, expressed an interest to either Leigh or Lorelle personally, or were awaiting the announcement of the host site before committing – we're looking for your help. We intend to hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 16th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the various committees and the

responsibilities, seek volunteers for those committees, assign tasks, and begin work to coordinate a special 25th Anniversary Canon Envirothon competition and celebration. We plan to hold the meeting in a central location, which will be determined once we review who is planning to attend.

If you are interested in assisting with the 2012 Canon Envirothon in any way, please contact Co-chairs, Leigh Beamesderfer and or Lorelle Steach at the following email address: Canon2012@lccd.org

We look forward to meeting you all in June and working with you over these next 2-3 years as Pennsylvania hosts the 2012 Canon Envirothon. “Let the Games Begin!”

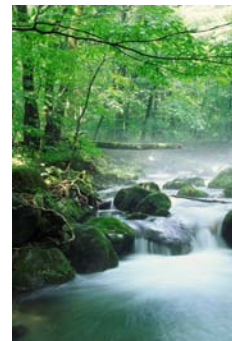


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Items of Interest

Creek Connections at Allegheny College (Meadville)

Creek Camp is a week-long camp that gives rising 10th and 11th graders the opportunity for hands-on experience and field work in Northwestern Pennsylvania's waterways. Join Creek Connections for a one-week overnight camp at Allegheny College to explore the French Creek Watershed. Have fun learning about the different aspects of the creek environment while exploring with experts in many different fields and participating in hands-on science. Students spend their days studying biology and fresh water ecology at a level they can't achieve in the classroom. At night students are housed in the dorms at Allegheny College.



Two sessions are being offered this summer— Session I—July 12—17 and Session II—July 19—24.

For more information visit: <http://creekconnections.allegheny.edu/creekcamp.html> or contact Laura Branby at lbranby@allegheny.edu or 724-822-3290.

Forestry Suppliers offers 10% Discount

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Conservation Leadership School

The Penn State Conservation Leadership School (CLS) is being offered to students between the ages of 15 and 18 who want to learn about the environment and conservation during a one-week program that emphasizes field-based, hands-on learning, group problem solving, and leadership. The Conservation Leadership School is being offered twice this summer, June 21—27 and July 5—11. For more information, please visit: <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu/CLS> or call (814) 865-8301.

2009 Pennsylvania Envirothon—Tentative Schedule of Events

Location: Bald Eagle State Park, Howard, PA, Centre County

Date: Monday, May 18, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

A Monday evening program (optional) will take place at the Bald Eagle State Park for teams that are arriving early and staying overnight near the park. If you attend the program, please take advantage of the early team registration that will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – State Competition - Station Testing

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Team Registration (teams must arrive by 8:45 a.m.)

9:00 – 9:25 a.m. – Orientation

9:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m. – Station Test rotations (test and review; lunch will be provided)

2:25 – 3:10 p.m. – Evaluations and Snack

3:10 – 4:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony

****9:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.** – Advisors' Program and Tour of Stations**

“Note from the Chairman”

Some Bald Eagle State Park History



I am very excited to report that the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors is regenerating its partnership with the DCNR Bureau of State Parks. The 2009 Pennsylvania State Envirothon will be held on May 19th at Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County.

The site is located northeast of Milesburg in central Pennsylvania and is a 5,900 acre park developed around the Foster Joseph Sayers

Reservoir. The valley, creek, mountain, and state park are named for the American Indian chief Woapalanne, which means bald eagle. In the late mid-1700s, the Lenni Lenape chief briefly dwelled at Bald Eagle's nest, near Milesburg. The village was along the Bald Eagle Creek Path, a portion of a warrior's path from New York to the Carolinas, which now is State Route 150.

As one of the few navigable tributaries of the West Branch Susquehanna River, Bald Eagle Creek became a branch of the Pennsylvania Canal in the mid-1800s. Flooding destroyed the short-lived canal system and newly developed

railroads replaced the canal.

Recreational activities are plentiful at Bald Eagle State Park from fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking to environmental education programs, and camping.

The park boasts both modern and primitive camping facilities accommodating tents and camping vehicles. It also has a network of 11 miles of hiking trails that guides hikers through a variety of habitats (forests, fields, wetlands).

We look forward to seeing many of you at Bald Eagle State Park.

Andy Patterson, Chairman

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Envirothon T-shirts

The Pennsylvania Envirothon program will once again make it possible for conservation districts to pre-purchase Envirothon T-shirts for their winning county team, district staff, and district directors. Purchasing these T-shirts as gifts has become very popular with many conservation districts over the past few years.

Orders must be picked up at the State Envirothon event.

This year's T-shirts are yellow haze with a navy print logo (pictured at right.)

T-shirt prices include:

S, M, L, and XL — \$12.00

2XL and 3XL — \$13.00

For an order form, please email the Pennsylvania Envirothon office at paenvirothon@pennswoods.net or call 814-623-7900 ext. 111.





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Upcoming Events at a Glance

April / May

County Envirothon events are held in all 67 counties.

May 19

Twenty-sixth annual Pennsylvania State Envirothon will be held at Bald Eagle State Park, Centre County.

August 2–8

Twenty-second Annual Canon Envirothon will be held at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC.

2010

Twenty-third Annual Canon Envirothon will be held at the University of California, Merced, CA, July 31–August 7.

2011

Twenty-fourth Annual Canon Envirothon will be held at the Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.

2012

Twenty-fifth Annual Canon Envirothon will be held at the Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA, July 22–28.



Mark your Calendars!

Pennsylvania Envirothon Mission

The Envirothon is an environmental education program made available to Pennsylvania Conservation Districts in partnership with related state and federal agencies and other organizations. The Envirothon program is designed to test high school students' knowledge of Pennsylvania's natural resources and environmental sciences. The program emphasizes the importance of environmental sensitivity while stressing a need to achieve a social, ecological, and economic balance. The Pennsylvania Envirothon provides future generations with the ability to be better equipped to address the complex natural resource concerns facing today's world as well as the challenges of tomorrow.



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