

Pennsylvania Envirothon
State Competition
EVENT INFORMATION



May 23 & 24, 2017
University of Pittsburgh
Johnstown (UPJ)

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Our Mission

The Pennsylvania Envirothon educates high school students in 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 learning objectives emphasize awareness, knowledge, and attitudes through outdoor hands-on applications while addressing the complex natural resource concerns facing today's world as well as the challenges of tomorrow.

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Welcome Message

Congratulations and welcome to the 2017 Pennsylvania Envirothon! We're glad that you have chosen to become part of one of the most rewarding environmental natural resource experiences for Pennsylvania's high school students. For over 34 years, high school teachers have recognized the value of the Envirothon experience as the only competition in the nation that challenges students to think critically about the natural world.

The Envirothon Program, a product of Pennsylvania's conservation districts, is now offered to students in more than 47 states and nine Canadian provinces. The winning team from this year's State Envirothon will represent Pennsylvania at the 2017 NCF-Envirothon scheduled for July 23 – 29 at Mount St. Mary's University located in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Special thanks is extended to the following partners for taking a lead in the administration of the Envirothon stations both at the 2017 state Envirothon and at many of the county Envirothon events held across the state:

<i>Soil & Land Use</i>	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
<i>Wildlife</i>	PA Game Commission
<i>Aquatic Ecology</i>	PA Fish and Boat Commission
<i>Forestry</i>	PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry
<i>Current Issue</i>	PA Envirothon, PA Dept. of Agriculture
<i>Discovering Energy</i>	<i>One Million Lights – Solar Energy</i>
<i>Advisor Forum</i>	<i>Eco-Schools USA</i>

Our partners provide the station resources, learning objectives, and tests for the Envirothon – as well as their expertise, support, and enthusiasm. We couldn't do it without them! The same is true of the **University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown**.

We hope you enjoy your Envirothon experience and thank you for "Accepting the Natural Challenge."

William Kahler, Chair
Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors

EVENT SCHEDULES

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ)

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Team Registration** – UPJ/Living Learning Center
NO lunch provided.

12:15 – 5:30 p.m. **Oral Component** – Teams are required to participate in the oral component at their scheduled time.

4:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Dinner** – Dinner will be available for ALL teams in the UPJ Student Union.

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Program and Trivia** – UPJ/Living Learning Center
Everyone is invited to join Stacy Foster - Certified Timber Rattlesnake Construction Monitor and venomous snake handler – who will share with us the truths, myths, and misconceptions about the Timber Rattlesnake. Envirothon trivia will also take place. Join us for these fun activities; you must be present to win any available prizes.

10:30 p.m. **All students return to assigned dorm rooms.**

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 – University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ)

(Advisors are cautioned to allow sufficient time for breakfast and checkout. Because of a tight schedule, the Envirothon cannot be delayed for teams that arrive late.)

6:30 a.m.	-	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast – Student Union
7:00 a.m.	-	8:15 a.m.	Checkout/Key Return – LLCNT
8:15 a.m.	-	8:50 a.m.	Team Registration/Arrival - LLCNT
9:00 a.m.	-	9:15 a.m.	Welcome/Event Orientation
9:15 a.m.	-	9:25 a.m.	Walk to Testing Stations
9:30 a.m.	-	10:10 a.m.	Rotation #1 (Test & Review)
10:15 a.m.	-	10:55 a.m.	Rotation #2 (Test & Review)
11:00 a.m.	-	11:40 a.m.	Rotation #3 (Test & Review)
11:40 a.m.	-	12:10 p.m.	LUNCH (Bag lunch at Station #3)
12:15 p.m.	-	12:55 p.m.	Rotation #4 (Test & Review)
1:00 p.m.	-	1:40 p.m.	Rotation #5 (Test & Review)
1:45 p.m.	-	2:25 p.m.	Rotation #6 (Test & Review)
2:25 p.m.	-	2:40 p.m.	Evaluations at last station
2:45 p.m.	-	3:10 p.m.	SNACK - LLCNT
3:10 p.m.	-	4:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony & Photos - LLCNT

Reminders for teams and advisors

1. Teams of students **MUST** be accompanied to the event by chaperone(s).
2. No electronic devices or battery operated devices (i.e., i-pods, cameras/camcorders, cell phones, computers, etc.) are allowed during the oral presentation prep or on the testing circuit, or at the testing stations..
3. Clipboards and pencils are provided for test taking.
4. No backpacks or similar cases shall be taken on the testing circuit.
5. No personal reference or resource materials are allowed on the testing circuit. Teams need to bring “nothing.”
6. The testing stations will be 40 minutes in length.
7. Advisors are not allowed to travel with their teams during the day.

Advisors Forum Schedule – UPJ – Cambria Room Student Union Building

9:10 a.m.	-	9:25 a.m.	Welcome/Event Orientation
9:30 a.m.	-	9:40 a.m.	Advisor Welcome/Opening Remarks
9:40 a.m.	-	11:30 a.m.	Eco-Schools USA Holly Shields, LEED Green Associate Regional Education Manager, Mid-Atlantic National Wildlife Federation Mary Ann Boyer Co-Founder & Principal, Boyer Sudduth Environmental Consultants
11:30 a.m.	-	12:15 p.m.	Information sharing
12:15 p.m.	-	12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	-	2:30 p.m.	Tour of Testing Stations

Advisors will tour the testing circuit and review a copy of the test at each station during the official “Advisors Tour” which is scheduled during the Advisors Forum. **This is the only time that advisors will be permitted on the testing circuit.**

Oral Component – Tuesday, May 23rd

The oral component is mandatory, and all teams participating in the Pennsylvania Envirothon are required to participate. A tentative schedule has been developed with an approximate starting time of 12:15 p.m. Upon arrival, teams will be given materials, which they can use to make any visuals and final preparations for their presentation. After receiving their materials, teams will have one hour to prepare. Each team will have up to 10 minutes to present its conclusions on the scenario. A panel of 5-7 judges will have up to 10 minutes to ask questions. Scores will be tallied; the high and low score for each team will be discarded and the remaining scores will be averaged.

The scores from the oral component will be combined with the field station exam scores deciding the winning team. The oral component will be one-sixth of the overall score.

We look forward to having all teams participate in the 2017 Pennsylvania Envirothon Oral Component. This gives students the opportunity to show the application of knowledge that they learned while preparing for the Envirothon.

2017 Oral Component Scenario – Announced May 17th

The Oral Component scenario will be posted on the Pennsylvania Envirothon website on **Wednesday, May 17th**, approximately one week prior to the event. Teams will be able to utilize existing resources, research new information, and obtain input and guidance from advisors to enhance their presentation. Please review the **Oral Component Rules & Guidelines** for a complete listing of what can and cannot be used during the team's presentation.

Required for all students – No open toed Shoes at Station Testing

The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors is requiring that all students do not wear open toed shoes during the field station testing on Wednesday. This is for the students' safety because of the terrain and location of the stations. No flip-flops please.



Special Needs to Note

1. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors wants to make the State Envirothon an enjoyable, educational experience that is available to ALL Pennsylvania high school students. The Board stands ready to provide reasonable accommodations for participants as outlined by the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act.



2. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors does everything that it can to accommodate the dietary needs of all event participants; however, we regret there are some situations where we cannot accommodate a specific dietary need. If any team members or advisors have special dietary restrictions, please let us know at your earliest convenience so that we can try to make arrangements, or you should plan to bring your own meals to the event.



3. Emergency medical services will be available during the Envirothon. All students, advisors, volunteers, and board members are required to complete a medical release form in order to be able to participate in the Envirothon competition. The information provided will assist medical personnel in providing proper treatment and will facilitate any contacts that need to be made.



4. The Pennsylvania Envirothon provides opportunities for photographs to be taken, which may be used in promotional tools by the program, public relation press releases, as well as by the media. Parents/guardians must give written permission for their students to be photographed.



Lodging Information & Directions

Off Campus Lodging

Comfort Inn & Suites, 455 Theatre Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904 –
(814) 266-3678

Sleep Inn, 453 Theatre Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904 –
(814) 262-9292

Super 8 Motel, 627 Solomon Run Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 –
(814) 535-5600

Hampton Inn, 129 Commerce Ct., Johnstown, PA 15904 –
(814) 262-7700

Holiday Inn Express, 14400 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904 –
(814) 266-8789

This information is provided without any implied endorsement from the Pennsylvania Envirothon.

Directions

Directions and information may be found by visiting the UPJ website at <http://www.upj.pitt.edu>.

From Eastern, Southern or Western Points: Take PA Turnpike (Route 76) to Somerset Exit (Old Exit #10). From Somerset, take Route 219 North to the Geistown/Elton Exit, PA Route 756. Make a right off the exit, then another right onto Theatre Drive. Follow signs to campus.

Alternate route from Eastern or Southern Points: PA Turnpike (Route 76) to Bedford Exit (Old Exit #11). At exit, turn left on Business Route 220, and then left again onto Route 220 (I-99) North towards Altoona. Exit onto Route 56 West. Follow Route 56 for approximately 30 miles until you reach a traffic light near the community of Windber. Continue on Route 56 for about 3 miles until you come to a traffic light at Theatre Drive. Make a right onto Theatre Drive. Follow signs to campus.

From Directly Northern Points: Take Route 219 South to the Geistown/Elton Exit, PA Route 756 (Note: do not take the Johnstown Expressway exit). At the traffic light (bottom of exit ramp) turn left onto Route 756. At the second traffic light turn right onto Theatre Drive. Follow signs to campus.