



UPDATES

Pennsylvania Envirothon - June 2022

Penncrest High School Wins the 2022 Pennsylvania Envirothon

The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors is happy to announce Penncrest High School from Delaware County as our 2022 Envirothon Champions. Along with a \$1,000 Scholarship for each student on the team, Penncrest will get the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in the 2022 NCF-Envirothon international competition which will be held in Ohio, July 24 – 30.



Penncrest High School Envirothon team, pictured with Stephon Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, Agricultural Education Excellence Commission (left) and Secretary Russell Redding, PA Department of Agriculture (right).

After a 2nd place performance in 2021, Delaware County was able to take home 1st place this year by achieving top scores Aquatics, Current Issue, and Forestry. The students were able to score an impressive 556.3 out of a total of 600 Points, never scoring worse than an 86 on any of the station tests. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board would like to thank all of our participating teams for their hard work and accomplishments this year! Please join us in wishing Penncrest High School the best of luck at the upcoming international competition.

2022 Envirothon—Best of the Rest—2nd through 5th



Second Place

North East School District, Erie County, with
a score of 525.2

Third Place

Bangor Area HS, Northampton County, with
a score of 507
Highest Score on the Wildlife Test



Fourth Place

Pleasant Valley High School, Monroe County, with
a score of 505.7



Fifth Place

Palmyra Area High School, Lebanon County, with
a score of 502.7
Highest Score on Soils and Land Use



2022 Envirothon—Best of the Rest—6th through 10th

Sixth Place

York Home School Association, York County, with a score of 487



Seventh Place

Carmichaels Area High School, Greene County, with a score of 486.7



Eighth Place

Bradford Area High School, McKean County, with a score of 479



Ninth Place

Homeschoolers for Christ, Indiana County, with a score of 464.7



Tenth Place

Canton High School, Bradford County, with a score of 455.7



DEP Environmental Education Grants Help to Pave the Way to Envirothon Success

In April 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced that it was awarding \$632,897 worth of Environmental Education Grants to various local and statewide organizations to help address the need for education about environmental justice, climate change, and local water quality. The Pennsylvania Envirothon has been a fortunate recipient of these EE grants for the last several years. This year the Pennsylvania Envirothon intends to use our grant award of \$65,710 to implement a statewide project that encourages high school students exploration of environmental issues and provide them with tools for creating healthy communities through stewardship actions. This opportunity has allowed the Pennsylvania Envirothon to purchase resource materials to provide to county Conservation Districts for use in local Envirothon training events. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board would like to thank DEP for this opportunity.

DEP Environmental Education Opportunities for Your Local School or Organization!

On the heels on this year's grant awards, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has also announced that it was expanding its upcoming Environmental Education grant round! Do you have a great Environmental Education project in mind? Do you need funding to purchase resources, pay for travel, or pay for personnel costs? We encourage you to check out this program!

The 2023 EE Grants Program will begin accepting applications on August 1, 2022, and the deadline is December 9, 2022.

There are lots of resources to help you apply! Check out previously funded projects, view application materials, and more at the program website: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/EnvironmentalEducation/Grants/pages/default.aspx>. Have questions? Contact Kathleen Banski, Environmental Education Program Coordinator, at 717-772-1857 or kbanski@pa.gov.

Plus, you can attend a program webinar to walk through the entire process.

Save the Date: 2023 EE Grants Program webinar: September 27, 2022 Noon-1:30 p.m.

Overview of the 2023 EE Grants Program and Q&A with the grant advisors.

Registration is required.

2023 Current Issue Announced

The NFC International Envirothon has announced that their 2023 Competition will be held at Mount Allison University, New Brunswick with a tentative date of July 23rd through July 29th 2023. New Brunswick as the host of the 2023 event has decided that the current issue will be:

Adapting to a Changing Climate. The changing climate is one of the most complex issues facing the world today. It spans many disciplines and aspects of everyday life: science, socio-economics, environment, health, politics, as well as moral and ethical values. With this current issue topic students will learn about factors contributing to a changing climate, the effects of these changes on the environment and natural resources, and the unique challenges facing natural resource dependent communities. As they explore the impacts on human social and economic systems, they will learn about management strategies for mitigating and adapting to a changing climate, and the roles of innovative technologies and programs in responding to local and global changes.

Thank You To All Of Our 2022 Envirothon Volunteers

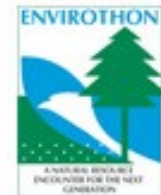
The heart and soul of Envirothon programming at the local, state, and national level are the dedicated volunteers that help to keep things afloat. This year our state Envirothon had over 70 volunteers involved with everything from station testing, travel assistance, food service, and providing lessons for Envirothon Teachers. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Board would like to thank the individuals, state agencies, Conservation Districts, and private businesses that dedicate their time to making this event possible. Without you, our return to an in-person event in 2022 would not have been the success that it was, and we are already planning for 2023!

2022 Recap and Highlight Video

The 2022 Envirothon Highlight Video can be found at:
<https://tinyurl.com/recap22> **OR** You can scan the QR Code to the right.
Please feel free to share this out to anybody that was involved with this year's State Event. Be sure to watch for your family, friends, and teachers.
Many thanks to Envirothon Board Member Hannah Bequeath for putting together this excellent video.



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