



## PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON

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# 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon Registration Packet and Important Information

- Enclosed you will find information on how to register and what to expect for 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon competition. Please familiarize yourself with the information included and be ready to assist winning advisors/teams with the registration process.

### Important Dates

May 3, 2024-Registration Deadline

May 3, 2024-Oral Component Released

May 13, 2024- Oral Presentations Deadline submit by 9 am

May 15-17-Virtual Oral Component Presentations

May 22, 2024 Field Testing -Camp Mt. Luther, 355 Mount Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

### 2024 Important Changes and Reminders

- **County Coordinator Certification Forms and Team Registration will be completed online through our website [envirothonpa.org](http://envirothonpa.org).**
- **TEACHERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEAM MEDICAL FORMS**
- **T-Shirts will be included in registration and part of the registration form.**
- **Registration Fee- \$200 must be paid by check.**
- **All Pennsylvania Rules and Regulations must be followed.**

If you have any questions about the event or registration, please contact:

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# 2024 PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON TEAM REGISTRATION PACKET

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**County Envirothon Coordinator** - Congratulations on a successful Envirothon event and thank you for your hard work and willingness to be the liaison between the Pennsylvania Envirothon and the teams/advisors. Please make sure to complete the following steps in order to ensure your team is successfully registered for the 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon!

1. Following your event, complete the [2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon – Team Certification form](#). This form will be available on our webpage. **Team registration is NOT complete until we receive this form from the county coordinator.**
2. Assist the winning team and advisor in the registration process.
  - The registration deadline is May 3, 2024. Please make sure that your team is aware of this deadline and completes registration.
3. Please provide the advisor with your contact information in case they have questions during the registration process. Questions from County Coordinators please contact either the PA Envirothon Executive Director or Registration Chair.
4. **Please emphasize to team advisors**-the registration process for medical forms has changed. **Advisors will not submit medical forms to PA Envirothon. They should bring student medical forms to the event.** They can bring either a school produced medical form or the PA Envirothon form posted on our webpage, envirothonpa.org.
5. A \$200 registration fee is due at the time of registration. The Team Certification Form will also serve as an invoice for the team registration fee of \$200. Payment must be made to The Pennsylvania Envirothon by check or money order. Payment should be mailed to Pennsylvania Envirothon, 10541 Route 522 Middleburg, PA 17842.
6. The oral component scenario will be released on **May 3, 2024**, it is YOUR responsibility to get this information to your team. The scenario will be posted on our website. An oral component guide will also be released. Please ensure your winning team has a copy of this guide.

## **2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon TEAMS – Online Registration**

- Registration opens April 1, 2024 for the Pennsylvania Envirothon state competition and must be completed by **May 3, 2024**.
- **Visit [www.envirothonpa.org/registration](http://www.envirothonpa.org/registration) to complete your team registration.**
- All registration information and forms are available electronically and posted on the [Pennsylvania Envirothon](http://www.envirothonpa.org) website.
- Please read through the registration process carefully and enter all required team and advisor information.
- **Pennsylvania Envirothon will not be collecting team medical forms-advisors are responsible for bringing student medical forms to the competition.** A school produced medical form or the PA Envirothon form posted on our webpage, [envirothonpa.org](http://envirothonpa.org) is acceptable.
- Media release forms are also included in online team registration.
- Registration Fee is \$200 and due at the time of registration.
- Payment for the registration fee must be paid by check or money order should be made payable to Pennsylvania Envirothon and mailed to Pennsylvania Envirothon, 10541 Route 522 Middleburg, PA 17842

- **Pennsylvania Envirothon Rules and Regulations**

Please review the enclosed PA Envirothon Rules and Regulations with your team. On the team registration form, team advisors must indicate that the team has read and clearly understands the Pennsylvania Envirothon Rules and Regulations by checking Yes. A copy of the rules and regulations can be found on pages 7-9 of this packet.

- **Media Release – Permission to Use Photos and Names**

On the team registration, team advisors must indicate whether they grant permission to Pennsylvania Envirothon to use names, photographs, or videos of team members produced during the 2023 Pennsylvania Envirothon State Competition in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of the Pennsylvania Envirothon by checking Yes or No. Team advisors should follow school permission/policy, and contact PA Envirothon for anyone who is not granted permission for Media Releases.

## **Oral Presentation Component Instructions and Rotation Schedule**

The oral component is mandatory and all teams participating in the Pennsylvania Envirothon are required to participate. The oral component score makes up one-sixth of the team's total score. All teams will be provided with instructions, the scenario and a scheduled timeslot on **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

Oral Component presentations will be held via Zoom Wednesday, May 15 through Friday May 17, 2024. Teams will be assigned a time slot and be expected to log on to their assigned Zoom meeting for a "live" Question & Answer session with a panel of judges. **PLEASE REVIEW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE ORAL COMPONENT COMPETITION.**

**If your team is unable to present at its scheduled time, please contact PA Envirothon Board Chair, Jason Winey at 570-837-3000 ext 3 as soon as possible. We will try to reschedule the team's presentation time.**

## **Field Station Testing**

The 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon Field Station Testing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Camp Mt. Luther, 355 Mount Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Team registration is at 8:00 a.m-9:00. at the Evergreen Center. The first rotation Field testing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday, May 2, 2024– Camp Mount Luther (CML)**

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Team Registration/Arrival – CML Evergreen Center
9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.	Welcome/Event Orientation
9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	Rotation #1 (Test & Review)
10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.	Rotation #2 (Test & Review)
11:00 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Rotation #3 (Test & Review)
11:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.	LUNCH (Bag lunch at Station #3)
12:15 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.	Rotation #4 (Test & Review)
1:00 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Rotation #5 (Test & Review)
1:45 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.	Rotation #6 (Test & Review)
2:25 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Evaluations at last station
2:45 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	SNACK – CML Evergreen Center
3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony & Photos – CML Evergreen Center

## Teacher and Coach Workshop – Camp Mount Luther Evergreen Center

The teachers and coaches attending the 2024 Pennsylvania State Envirothon competition at Camp Mount Luther have the opportunity to attend a workshop and present feedback on the program.

9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. Welcome/Event Orientation

9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. Advisor Welcome/Opening Remarks

9:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Teacher Program

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Information sharing

12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tour of Testing Stations

Teachers and coaches can tour the testing circuit and review a copy of each station's test during the official "Teacher and Coach Tour." **This is the only time during the competition that teachers and coaches will be permitted on the testing circuit. Teachers are required to stay on premises during the event and will be contacted in case of a student Emergency.**

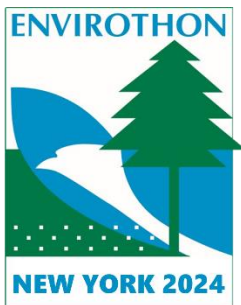
### Discovery Station



The Pennsylvania Envirothon includes one non-testing station. For 2024 PA Envirothon will partner with Shell and students will have the opportunity to learn more about agrivoltaics.

### NCF-Envirothon

The winning team for the PA Envirothon will advance to the NCF competition. More details can be found on the NCF competition website.



## 2024 NCF-Envirothon New York

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Geneva, New York

Dates: July 28 - August 3, 2024

*[Hosted by New York State Envirothon](#)*



## RULES and REGULATIONS

REVISED - September 26, 2023



### Eligibility Requirements

1. Team members must be enrolled in grade levels nine (9) through twelve (12) or in an equivalent non-traditional school program ranking. *Students can only participate in a maximum of four high school state Envirothon events.*
2. Each team or team member shall participate in only one county event per school year.
3. All members on a team must represent the same educational unit (public, private, parochial, non-traditional school).

### Team Requirements

4. County conservation districts, or the PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization, must register a team of exactly five (5) members and one (1) to two (2) advisors/chaperones (non-student adult, 20 years or older) in order to compete in the state level event.

Each team is encouraged to arrange for a male to advise/chaperone male team members and a female to advise/chaperone female team members. For the purpose of housing, male and female team members may be assigned to different floors and/or buildings.

5. Each team must start the state competition with five (5) team members. The team can finish with four (4) but no fewer than four (4) members. The start of the state competition is defined as the completion of the submission of the team's official oral component video.
6. Substitution requirements:
  - a. Absolutely no substitutions can be made after the start of the state competition.
  - b. In the event that a team chosen to attend the Pennsylvania State Envirothon cannot send five (5) original team members that competed together at the county level, the advisor, with approval of the county conservation district or the PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization, is permitted to make substitutions for one (1) or two (2) of the original five (5) team members only. Each team must be made up of at least three (3) members of the original team and no more than five (5) total members. All members and substitutions must represent the same educational unit and have competed in the same county event.
  - c. In the event that no substitutes can be found, a team may start and participate with four (4) members as exhibition only. Teams competing as exhibition only will not be eligible for ranking or prizes.
  - d. In the event a county's winning team cannot attend the state event, the next highest scoring county team may be sent in its place so long as the Pennsylvania Rules are met, and that team meets the requirements of the county conservation district or the PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization. The county conservation district's or a PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization's decision is final.
7. Non-traditional schools (home, cyber, and charter schools) may form their own team specifically for participation in the Pennsylvania Envirothon, and they must petition a county conservation district or a PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization for recognition to participate in an Envirothon event. All team members must participate in the same county event in order to participate at the state level. How non-traditional school teams are organized to participate in a county Envirothon event is at the discretion of a county conservation district or a PA Envirothon Board-approved sponsoring organization.

## Competition Regulations

8. For liability reasons only registered participants (team members and advisors/chaperones) are permitted on the competition/event site.
9. Each county team will rotate AS A TEAM through the testing stations (Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soil and Land Use, Wildlife, Current Issue, and Discovering Energy [non-testing station]).
10. Advisors/chaperones are not permitted on or near the testing circuit during the event. Advisors/chaperones will be given an opportunity to tour the testing stations during the official advisor tour.
11. Any team, team member, team advisor, or team chaperone discovered on, near, or around the testing circuit before the competition begins shall be subject to disqualification.
12. All oral component and test scores are final. Tests and scoring materials will remain the property of the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors.
13. Envirothon members shall only use reference and resource materials provided by agency or Envirothon representatives at the stations. No personal reference or resource materials are allowed on the testing circuit.
14. All team members and advisors/chaperones must wear Envirothon provided identification tags at all times during the event.
15. No electronic or battery-operated devices (i.e., ipods, cell phones, smart watches, pagers, calculators, computers, camcorders, cameras, or taping devices, etc.) are allowed during the oral component preparation and presentations or on the testing circuit. Media personnel (press, camera crew, and agency personnel) will be provided, in advance, with an identification badge.
16. No backpacks or similar cases shall be taken to the oral component preparation and presentation or on the testing circuit. A small container for carrying personal items, (i.e. lip balm, medications, sunscreen, etc.) is allowed.
17. The winning team at the Pennsylvania Envirothon is the team with the highest cumulative score, which includes scores from the five testing stations and the oral component. The oral component will be one-sixth of the total score.
  - a. Station tiebreakers – In the event of a tie at any given station, predetermined tie breaking question(s) will determine the winner of that station.
  - b. Overall Score tiebreakers – In the case of an overall tie, the soils test score will determine the placement for the final scores in the Envirothon.
18. English shall be designated the official language of the Pennsylvania Envirothon. All written (field) tests and oral presentation scenarios shall be in English.
19. No pets of any kind may be brought on the site of the Pennsylvania Envirothon.

## Oral Presentation Component

The problem-solving oral presentation component is conducted as follows:

20. The scenario for the oral presentation is posted to the Pennsylvania Envirothon website two Fridays prior to the oral component due date. It is also emailed to all county Envirothon coordinators on this day.
21. Teachers/coaches shall NOT prepare their team's presentation, but may provide general guidance, such as review the rubric and clarify the scenario. Questions about the content of the scenario will not be answered by representatives of the Pennsylvania Envirothon (i.e., interpret the scenario on your own).
22. The oral presentation component takes place the week prior to station testing day, a schedule of exact date and times will be given to each registered school when the scenario is released



23. Teams will be expected to be ready at their scheduled time for the watching review of their submitted oral component video, and the following question and answer period.
24. Each team has until the Monday prior to the virtual OC to record and submit their oral component video.. Teams are expected to record their video as if presenting in person to a panel of judges. Videos should have all members of the team present and on screen while using their prepared powerpoint program as a visual aid.
25. Each team has 12 minutes for its presentation before a panel of five – seven judges. The judges then have up to 8 minutes to ask questions. Presentations must be at least five (5) minutes long but no longer than 10 minutes.
26. Team members are required to wear appropriate clothing that does NOT identify the origin of their school or county.

#### **Pennsylvania’s Representative to the NCF- Envirothon regulations**

27. In the event Pennsylvania’s winning team from the state level competition cannot attend the NCF-Envirothon, the next highest scoring team may be sent in its place.
28. The Pennsylvania Envirothon must register a team of five (5) members and one (1) or two (2) advisors/chaperones to compete in the NCF-Envirothon.

The NCF-Envirothon rules require a mixed gender team to have a male and a female advisor/chaperone, no exception.

#### **Concluding Rules and Regulations**

29. Any team involved with any infraction of the rules or inconsistencies shall be subject to disqualification. If any rule is suspected of being violated, the infraction shall be reported to the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors for action.
30. The Pennsylvania Envirothon Rules are subject to change by the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors. Any and all changes will be announced before the competition begins.
31. Any exception must be considered by the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors, and all decisions made by the Pennsylvania Envirothon Board of Directors are final.

## Directions to Camp Mount Luther 355 Mount Luther Lane Mifflinburg PA 17844

**From the north** (Williamsport and I-80), follow Route 15 South to Lewisburg and turn west on Route 45, and continue through Mifflinburg on Route 45. Continue on Route 45 W until you come to Christ's United Lutheran Church (about 3.5 miles outside of Mifflinburg) which will be on your left. Follow the directions below.

**From the south**, follow Route 15 to about 4 miles beyond Liverpool. Turn west on Route 104 and continue to Middleburg and then Mifflinburg. Turn west onto Route 45 at Mifflinburg and go about three miles until you come to Christ's United Lutheran. Follow the directions below.

**From the west**, follow Route 45 from State College through Hartleton. Continue on Route 45 E until you come to Christ's United Lutheran Church, which will be on your right.

### FROM CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

**If traveling on Route 45 West, you will turn right onto Pleasant Grove Road at the church. If traveling east, you will turn left onto Pleasant Grove Road. Look for the street signs. There are green and white signs with directional arrows for Mount Luther from the Lutheran Church all the way back to the camp. You will stay on Pleasant Grove Road until you come to Moll Road. There, you will take a left (again, there is a green and white sign at this "Y" in the road.) The camp is about 2.6 miles from Route 45.**

## Hotels in the Area

Best Western Plus Country Cupboard Inn	7701 West Branch Highway, Lewisburg, PA 17837	570-524-5500
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson	134 Walter Dr, Lewisburg, PA, 17837	570-524-6600
Hampton Inn	140 International Dr, Lewisburg, PA, 17837	570-522-8500
All Suites Inn Budget Host	4663 Westbranch Highway, Rt. 15, Lewisburg, PA	570-522-9213
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott	70 Hardwood Drive, Lewisburg, PA	570-523-0095
Comfort Suites	4775 West Branch Highway , Lewisburg, PA 17837	570-524-8000

## Campgrounds in the Area

Hidden Valley Camping Resort	162 Hidden Valley Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844	570-966-1330
Raymond B Winter State Park	17215 Buffalo Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844	570-966-1455
Nittany Mtn KOA	2715 Millers Bottom Road, New Columbia, PA 17856	570-568-5541