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2025 Vermont Envirothon Competition: Inspiring Future Environmental Leaders

White River Junction, VT — Vermont High School Educators and Coaches.

The White River Natural Resource Conservation District and the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts are thrilled to announce the upcoming **2025 Vermont Envirothon Competition: Inspiring Future Environmental Leaders**.

The 2025 Vermont Envirothon Competition will take place on May 16, 2025 (location TBD), offering high school students in grades 9 -12 an incredible opportunity to explore environmental science, enhance STEM skills, and build teamwork and leadership abilities.

The winning team will represent Vermont at the North American Envirothon in Alberta, Canada, from **July 20–26, 2025**. There, they will join peers from across the continent to address critical environmental challenges.

Registration is currently open for educators and volunteer coaches to sign up school teams of five students. The cost is \$75 for the first team and \$50 for a second team.

Envirothon is a hands-on, competitive program in which students tackle environmental science topics, including aquatic ecology, forestry, soil, land use, wildlife, and a rotating current environmental issue. This year's focus is **Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change**. The Envirothon inspires students to connect with Vermont's natural world while fostering critical skills like problem-solving, public speaking, and teamwork.

“Whether private, public, or homeschool, this program helps support school or third-space curriculum in a relevant, inspiring, and engaging way.” Said Hannah Phelps, Education Specialist with Vermont Fish and Wildlife and the Wildlife Station Leader for Envirothon.

There will be a training for teachers and coaches on **Thursday, January 30th, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.** This workshop offers new and prospective Envirothon coaches an overview of the NH and VT Envirothon programs, with opportunities to brainstorm strategies, ask questions, and explore ways to overcome challenges when starting a team.

Virtual training sessions for students will take place every Friday in February 2025. An in-person training will occur on April 18, 2025 (location TBD).

Community and business members can donate to help cover the costs of the program and school registration fees.

To register teams or inquire about donating, contact Envirothon Coordinator Lucas Goldfluss at lucas@winooskinrcd.org or (802) 497-5513. For more information, visit www.vacd.org/programs/envirothon/ or reach out to Jennifer Byrne at whiterivernrcd@gmail.com.

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Key Details of the Vermont Envirothon

- Date of Competition: May 16, 2025 (location TBD)
- North American Envirothon:** July 20–26, 2025, in Alberta, Canada.
- Target Audience: Vermont high school students (grades 9–12).
- Team Structure: Five students per team, guided by one or more coaches.

Training and Preparation

- Virtual Training Dates:
 - February 7: Wildlife
 - February 14: Soils
 - February 21: Forestry
 - February 28: Aquatics
- March (Dates TBD): Current Issue Speaker Series
- In-Person Training: April 18, 2025.

Unique Program Highlights

- Hands-On Learning: Teams analyze and present solutions to real-world scenarios before a panel of judges.
- Core Topics: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Wildlife, and Current Environmental Issues.

- Resources for Participants: Free training kits, digital and print materials, and personalized support from experts.

Why It Matters

- Impact on Students: Builds environmental literacy and essential skills like collaboration and public speaking.

- Educational Integration: Many teachers incorporate Envirothon topics into their curricula to enhance classroom learning.

- Long-Term Benefits: Prepares students to tackle environmental challenges as future leaders.

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