



Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Hamilton County Envirothon Rules and Regulations

1. The 29th annual Hamilton County Envirothon is Wednesday May 3rd, 2023, from 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, 103 County View Drive, Lake Pleasant.
2. Students should dress appropriately as the event will be held rain or shine on the Adirondack EcoTrail behind the District office.
3. Students in grades 9 through 12 may participate, or ages 14 - 18.
4. A team will consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 members. Team members may not be drawn from different school districts. More than 1 team from each school or home school are encouraged to participate. An alternate may be utilized if a regular team member cannot participate. Alternates may attend the Hamilton County competition for the experience but will not assist their team during the exams.
5. Registration forms must be submitted by Monday March 27th 2023. Complete one form per team. Forms are available online at <https://forms.gle/qifBVfGpctAmxju28>
6. At least one adviser or chaperone per two teams must attend the event. These people must accompany their team(s) during the competition but will not assist their team(s) during the exams.
7. The 5 exam categories are Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics, and this year's Current Issue: Adapting to Changing Climate.
8. Students have 20 minutes to complete each exam, followed by 5 minutes of answer review with the presenter. They then have 5 minutes to hike to the next testing station.
9. Presenter decisions are final on all events.
10. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the school or home school.
11. Please bring a bag lunch.
12. There will be a winning team in each of the 5 exam categories, as well as overall first, second, and third place. The overall winning team is the team with the highest cumulative score for the five exams. Each exam totals 100 points, for a maximum of 500 points.
13. In the event of a tie, teams will answer a tie-breaker question(s).



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14. Certificates will be awarded during a ceremony following lunch, and the first place plaque will be awarded.
15. Hamilton County's winning team has the opportunity to compete at the [New York State Envirothon](#) May 24th – 25th, 2023 at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva NY. The winner of the state competition will compete at the [National Conservation Foundation's Envirothon](#) July 23rd- 29th, 2023 in New Brunswick, Canada.
16. Envirothon Coordinator, Katie WhitKovits is available to speak with students interested in the event and can show a short video.
17. Study materials are available:
 - [District's website](#)
 - [NYS Envirothon website](#)
18. Rules and regulations are subject to change. Any changes will be explained to all teams and advisers.
19. By participating in the Hamilton County Envirothon, all parties agree to have their photos and / or video taken and published in print and/or electronically unless a written, signed, and dated request is submitted to the District before the day of the event.