

2011 Northeast Ohio Area II Envirothon

Hosted by Erie Soil and Water Conservation Districts

TO: All Area II Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Envirothon Teams

DATE: December 6, 2010

The Area II Envirothon will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Old Woman Creek in Huron. Please review the following information to help prepare for the event:

- ◆ A blank registration form is enclosed for your use. Registration forms are to be returned to the Wayne SWCD office by Friday March 25th, (and then due to Erie SWCD by March 31, 2011.) This is a firm deadline. Erie SWCD is located at 2900 Columbus Avenue Room 131, Sandusky OH 44870.
- ◆ Schools will need to complete one Ohio Envirothon Release Form (enclosed) for each advisor, team member, and alternate. The Envirothon release forms are to be returned with their registration forms. Every student and adult participating in the Envirothon must have a release form on file to be eligible to compete. We must also have release forms for staff members and guests that are planning to attend.
- ◆ T-shirts will only be given to the top four Envirothon teams.
- ◆ Confirmation letters will be sent by the Erie SWCD office to the Area II districts and school advisors after registration forms are received. Contest packets with the agenda, maps, and any other updated information at that time will be mailed to districts who will then distribute them to the advisors.
- ◆ The Ecostation format will be used again this year, where questions from all five areas of content (aquatics, soil, forestry, wildlife, environmental issues) will be asked at each station. The 2011 environmental issue is “Estuaries. More information on this topic can be found on the Canon Envirothon’s website (www.envirothon.org). The other four testing stations are soils, forestry, aquatics, and wildlife.
- ◆ Soil Surveys will not be provided in CD format unless requested but you may access Erie County’s Soil survey at: <http://www.erie-county-ohio.net/eswcd/>
- ◆ There will be hard copies of the Erie County Soil Survey available the day of the contest at the soil site for use during the contest only.

- ◆ Light lunches and beverages will be provided for staff, volunteers, school advisors, students, and bus drivers.
- ◆ Teachers and coaches do not accompany the students as they move through the testing stations from about 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Options during that time include participating on an adult team (please mark on registration form), or waiting in the Old Woman Creek Dorm building (an educational program will be provided).
- ◆ The winner of this contest will compete in the State Envirothon Contest June 13-14, Bowling Green State University, in Wood County.
- ◆ Tentative Schedule:
 - 7:30 a.m. Staff/Volunteers Arrive
 - 8:30 a.m. Registration
 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Orientation
 - 10:00 a.m. Competition begins
 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch
 - 1:15 p.m. Awards Ceremony
 - 1:45 p.m. Departure
- ◆ Reminder: Dress for the weather! The event is held rain or shine. In the event of very bad weather, the competition will be brought inside and site-specific questions will be eliminated from the test.

We look forward to seeing you on May 3, 2011!

Please call or email if you have any questions.

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