



# KANSAS ENVIROTHON

## What is Envirothon?

Envirothon is an outdoor, natural resource education program for high school students that is organized and coordinated by Conservation Districts. The Kansas Envirothon Committee, a part of the KACD Conservation Youth and Education Committee, oversees the Envirothon activities in Kansas.

In the Envirothon competition, teams of five students work together to complete written tests in five natural resource areas; Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife, and a Current Issue, which changes from year to year. An oral presentation related to the current issue topic is the final part of the competition. Envirothon events are held at three levels; regional, state, and the North American Envirothon for winning teams from U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

Conservation Districts work with local schools and youth organizations to help put teams together, and may provide materials and training for the students prior to the events. Districts are also encouraged to help with the teams' expenses, which includes registration fees for the Regional and Kansas Envirothon events.

## 2017 Competition

The 2017 Kansas Envirothon was held at Camp Aldrich near Claflin, KS. This was the 27th annual competition. Four Regional Competitions had been held leading up to the State Competition on April 26th.

The 17 team field, was bested by the group from Clay Center High School, winning by a narrow margin of just 3 points. Clay Center posted a point total of 456.5 points over defending champions, Holton.

The Current Issue for this year's competition was "Agricultural Stewardship," and each subject area included information on their particular challenges in that area.

The team from Clay Center then went on to participate in the North American Envirothon, which was held at Mount St. Mary's University Emmitsburg, MD.



## Kansas Envirothon Committee

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The Kansas Envirothon website is a primary tool for public outreach as well as a source of information for competing teams. Links are provided to the North American Envirothon website and to educational material in the various resource areas of the competition. Team photos from the most recent contest are posted along with winners from the past twenty years, plus much more. Thanks to KACD for providing this important service.

#### How Can You Help?

Meeting the goals of growing the Kansas Envirothon across the State will require broad-based support from Conservation Districts and private businesses and individuals.

Please consider if you could assist in the following areas:

- Providing volunteers to help plan and coordinate Envirothon events or to serve on the Kansas Envirothon committee
- Work with local school districts to develop and support Envirothon teams in your county
- Provide financial support to the Envirothon Committee to support the events that the Committee organizes throughout the year.

Contact your local Conservation District to find out how you can assist in this premier program.

### **2018 Envirothon Events**

April 11—Regional Envirothon at Parsons.

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April 12—Regional Envirothon at White Memorial Camp, Council Grove, KS

April 25—State Envirothon at Lil' Toledo Lodge, Chanute, KS

July 22—27 NCF Envirothon at Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID