



ONTARIO ENVIROTHON

The Team Sport for Environmental Smarts

Envirothon is Ontario's only outdoor environmental competition for high school students.

Envirothon gets students outdoors, to experience nature first hand and hands on! Envirothon is a unique team competition that rewards students for learning about the natural world around them. Local conservation organizations partner to provide students with interactive field trips and workshops to help them understand forests, soils, wildlife, aquatic ecosystems and the human impact on all of the things we value in nature. Envirothon uses field testing to develop critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and communication skills.

Envirothon builds environmental knowledge and understanding with an incredible group of young people across Ontario who are on their way to becoming the leaders of their generation.

The Ontario Envirothon is a program of the Ontario Forestry Association, a non-profit, registered charity that has been dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of Ontario's forests, and to developing stewardship of forest ecosystems since 1949.

"I loved Envirothon, it was one of the most memorable things I did in High School. Actually, my participation in Envirothon, I am sure helped me to get a full national scholarship to college, based on leadership, character and community service." – Former Participant

How Envirothon Works...

10,000 students participate in Ontario Envirothon workshops, field trips and regional competitions and use Envirothon materials in the classroom across 24 Envirothon regions.

24 teams from across Ontario compete at a 4-day Provincial Envirothon Competition.

1 team will represent Ontario as Provincial Champions at the North American Envirothon.

Ontario Envirothon Quick Facts

- The Ontario Envirothon began in 1994. Since that time it has grown to reach over 10,000 Ontario students each year.
- 74% of students said that Envirothon led them to consider a career in science.
- 100% of students would recommend Envirothon to a friend.
- Teachers tell us that Envirothon provides trusted environmental education resources for use in their schools.

Ontario Envirothon Community Partners

Algoma - *Natural Resources Canada*, Algoma District School Board, Algoma Forest Coalition, Avery, Bioforest Technologies, Boniferno Mill Works, Brookfield Power, Brookfield Power (Ontario Wind Operations), GP Flakeboard, Huron Superior Catholic High School, John Burghout, Meakin Forest Enterprises, Midway Lumber, Ministry of Natural Resources, Mitig Forestry Services Ltd., New North Greenhouses, Northern Lights Energy, Quattra, Sault Ste. Marie EDC, SMP Resources, St. Mary's Paper, Vorlicek Logging, Weyerhaeuser Company, Ontario Forestry Research Institute, Sault College of Applied Arts and Technology Bancroft - *Bancroft Stewardship Council*, Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association, Bancroft District Ministry of Natural Resources

Dufferin/South Simcoe - *Dufferin/South Simcoe Stewardship Council*, North Simcoe Stewardship Council, Ministry of Natural Resources – Midhurst District, Kids for Turtles, Dufferin County, Mansfield Outdoor Centre, Springwater Provincial Park

Durham/Peterborough - *Durham Land Stewardship Council*, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Fleming College, Ontario Power Generation Elk Lake - *Elk Lake Eco Resource Centre* Grand River - *Wellington County Stewardship Council*, *Brant Resource Stewardship Network*, Waterloo Stewardship Network, Grand River Conservation Authority, Apps Mill Nature Centre, Guelph Lake Nature Centre, Leave No Trace Grey-Bruce - *Bruce Resource Stewardship Network*, Grey County Forest Stewardship Network, Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association, Ministry of Natural Resources – Owen Sound, Ministry of Natural Resources – Great Lakes Management Unit, Bruce Peninsula National Park, Bruce County, Ontario Parks – MacGregor Point Provincial Park, Sun Trail Outfitters, Retired Teachers Association, Bruce Trail Association, Bruce County Woodlot Association, Owen Sound Field Naturalists, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Halton Peel York - *York Environmental Stewardship Council*, *Halton-Peel Woodlands & Wildlife Stewardship*, Canadian Forest Equipment, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Hamilton-Wentworth – *Hamilton - Wentworth Stewardship Council*, Ministry of Education, Hamilton Conservation Authority Huron Perth - *Huron Stewardship Council*, *Perth Stewardship Network*, Ministry of Education, Friends of Hullett (Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area), Hamilton Conservation Authority, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Leeds/Grenville - *Grenville Land Stewardship Council* Lanark - *Community Stewardship Council of Lanark County*, Mississippi Valley Conservation, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources – Kemptville District, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Ontario Parks – Murphy's Point Provincial Park, Agriculture Canada – Dave Kroetsch, Eastern Ontario Model Forest, Friends of the Tay River Niagara - *Friends of Fort Erie Creeks*, Heartland Forest, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Land Care Niagara, Niagara Falls Nature Club Mattawa/North Bay - *Canadian Ecology Centre*, Ministry of Natural Resources – North Bay Parry Sound – Muskoka Haliburton - *Parry Sound/Muskoka Stewardship Council*, *Haliburton Stewardship Council*, Ontario Parks Renfrew - *Renfrew Stewardship Council*, Renfrew County Cattleman's Association, Renfrew County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture, Renfrew Fur Council, Friends of Petawawa Research Forest, Ian Miller and Michelle Stein, Canadian Institute of Forestry – Algonquin Section, The Bonnechere River Watershed Project, Petawawa Recreation Centre, Algonquin College, Mountain Equipment Co-op, Renfrew County Woodlot Association, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources – Pembroke District, Ottawa Valley Forest Inc., Kiwanis Club of Pembroke Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry - *St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences*, Raisin River Conservation Authority, Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada, Eastern Ontario Model Forest, Lorax Forest Management Consulting, Canadian Geographic, TD Friends of the Environment Sudbury - *Science North* Toronto - University of Toronto – Faculty of Forestry, City of Toronto – Forestry Department, High Park Nature Centre, Citizen's Environment Watch, Ontario Science Centre, World Wildlife Fund, Canadian Wildlife Federation Thunder Bay - *Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research*, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, The Trip Outdoors, Northern Unique, Both Hands Bread, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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