Ontario Forestry Association

Providing Quality Forest Education Resources Since the 1940’s
Ontario Envirothon
The team sport for environmental smarts
“The value of Envirothon is that is brings young people together with teachers and the community. They all come away with a real understanding of how important the natural world is.”

- Dr. Joseph MacInnis Underwater Explorer, Order of Canada Recipient
What is the ENVIROTHON?

High school students working in teams:

- Take part in outdoor workshops and competitions;
- Find solutions to environmental problems;
- Gain exposure to people working for the environment;
- Take part in environmental improvement projects.
How Ontario Envirothon Works

10,000 students participate in Ontario Envirothon workshops, field trips and regional competitions in 24 Regional Envirothon events.

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

1 team will represent Ontario at the North American Envirothon Championships.
Envirothon Participants Learn About….

- Forestry
- Aquatic Ecology
- Soil and Land Use
- Wildlife
- Current Issue: 2008-2009 Biodiversity in a Changing World
Why Envirothon?

Reaches over 10,000 Ontario High School Students Each Year with Environmental Messages

Leadership Program

Environmental Education Resources for Schools
Envirothon engages communities to educate youth and to improve the environment
88% of students felt encouraged to take part in local environmental projects due to their involvement in Envirothon
Permanent Sponsor Sign Placed at Pinehurst Conservation Area, Brant County on May 8, 2008 (150,000 visitors annually)
72% of Envirothon students have changed their actions as a result of participating in the Envirothon program.
86% of students told us that they will recommend Envirothon to a friend
“Thanks so much. It was a very valuable experience!! I learned so much more than I would have in a classroom. Great hands on experience.”

-Student at 2008 Envirothon
Envirothon

“is an invaluable outdoor learning program. How can students be concerned about the environment when they are not exposed to nature?”

- Teacher
“It (Envirothon) affects many students’ lives in a very positive way!” - Teacher
The Wonderful Regional Coordinators

The regional competitions are made possible by a fantastic group of valuable coordinators. Thank you to them for their dedication and hard work.
Community Partners


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


2009 Provincial Envirothon Competition

Biodiversity is Grand

May 6th – 9th

Tim Horton Onondaga Farms
Top Ten Reasons to Participate

1. It provides teacher’s with quality curriculum study guides which can be integrated into the classroom;
2. Students will be exposed to a variety of career options from forestry to ornithology;
3. It helps to develop tomorrow’s environmental leaders.
4. The program teaches students to work co-operatively and to use critical thinking and problem solving skills to learn about environmental topics and issues;
5. Envirothon gets students outdoors while maintaining an academic environment;
6. Envirothon provides career mentoring opportunities through direct contact with resource professionals, researchers and technicians in field conditions.
7. The program increase students’ awareness of the natural balance and complexity of environmental ecosystems;
8. Envirothon increases students’ understanding of basic science concepts in a variety of areas.
9. The program provides opportunities for students to experience differing views and concepts relative to environmental issues;
10. It provides opportunities for students to experience new ideas, geography, and culture through travel and interaction throughout Ontario and North America.
Envirothon Student Teams are Composed of:

1. Environmental Club

2. Group of interested students

3. Group of Geography Class students

4. Grade 11 Environmental Science students

5. Grade 12 Environmental Studies students

6. Envirothon Club
What are plants which are shade tolerant referred to as?

In which part of a tree does new growth occur?

“awesome!”