

2012 Northeast Ohio Area II Envirothon

Hosted by Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District

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

DATE: December 15, 2011

The Area II Envirothon will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Kidron Community Park in Kidron, Ohio. (Address is 4434 Kidron Rd., Dalton, Oh 44618) Please review the following information to help prepare for the event:

- ◆ A blank registration form is enclosed for your use to send or email to your schools. The letter and forms should be sent to the schools by January 3, 2012. **Registration forms are to due to Wayne SWCD by March 23, 2012.** This is a firm deadline. Wayne SWCD is located at 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, Oh 44691.
- ◆ 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 (March 30th) by the Wayne SWCD office to the Area II districts and school advisors after registration forms are received. Via email unless otherwise requested. If you do not receive a confirmation by April 2, 2012, contact Debbie Pettijohn at 330-262-2836. Contest packets with the agenda, maps, and any other updated information will be e-mailed later to districts and to 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 2012 environmental issue is “Nonpoint source pollution/Low impact development”. 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, but you may access Wayne County’s Soil survey at: (this is a .pdf version of the survey book)
http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/H_Nav2/Soils/OhiosSoils/CountySurveysPDF/tabid/17839/Default.aspx or also use the USDA NRCS web soil survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/> .

- ◆ There will be hard copies of the Wayne County Soil Survey available the day of the contest at the soil site for use during the contest only.
- ◆ We hope to be able to provide light lunches and beverages for staff, volunteers, school advisors, students and bus drivers. Further details will be sent after registrations are received.
- ◆ 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 1.) Participating on an adult team [please mark on registration form] 2.) Remaining in the community building, or 3.) Visiting Lehman's Hardware, {a 25 min. informative video about the Amish lifestyle is always shown in the "buggy barn", or you can browse the store, read, or shop. <http://www.lehmans.com/store/article/1270?Args>}
- ◆ The top 4 winning teams of this contest will compete in the State Envirothon Contest June 11-12, at Deer Creek State Park in Pickaway 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 April 25, 2012!

Please call or email if you have any questions.

All registration packet information for schools will

Also be posted on our website:

<http://wayneswcd.org/envirothon.html>

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