



# Michigan Envirothon

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*"Inspiring Environmental Stewardship in Michigan's High School Students"*

## Michigan Envirothon Seeks Competitors

EAST LANSING, Jan. 8, 2010 – The Michigan Association of Conservation Districts is seeking high school teams to compete in its annual Michigan Envirothon. Michigan Envirothon is an outdoors environmental competition for high school students with teams competing to represent Michigan in the Canon North American Envirothon.

Michigan Envirothon gives students the opportunity to learn about the environment by working with natural resources professionals from state, federal and other conservation organizations. Team members use their environmental knowledge and the skills they learn to compete in hands-on outdoor competitions.

Students interested in participating in the Michigan Envirothon register as a team of five students, each team must have an adult advisor. The deadline for registering for the Michigan Envirothon is February 12, the registration fee for each team is \$100. Any high school student in Michigan is eligible to participate in the Envirothon.

During the Envirothon competition teams are tested in an outdoors, hands-on setting, on seven conservation topics including, agriculture, aquatic ecology, energy, forestry, soils/geology, wildlife and a unique topic selected each year. Each team also completes a community outreach project addressing a natural resources concern in their community.

Teams first compete in regional competitions held in March in preparation for the state competition. In 2010 the state competition will be held at the Leelanau Outdoor Center in Maple City on May 13 and 14. The winner of the Michigan Envirothon will compete in the Canon North American Envirothon at California State University in Fresno that includes teams from across the United States and Canada.

The Michigan Envirothon was established in 1994. In 2009, 31 teams, including 180 students, participated in the competition. For more information about the Michigan Envirothon including registration materials call the Michigan Envirothon coordinator by phone at (517) 324-4421, by e-mail at [mienvirothon@macd.org](mailto:mienvirothon@macd.org) or visit [www.michiganenvirothon.org](http://www.michiganenvirothon.org).