

## Take the Envirothon Challenge in 2012!

The Area II Envirothon will be held on April 25, 2012 at Kidron Community Park in Kidron, OH (4434 Kidron Road Dalton, OH 44618). This event is hosted by the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

### What is the Canon Envirothon?

The ENVIROTHON is designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources among high school students. A competitive outdoor team event, the Envirothon offers a unique and enjoyable learning experience. A team consists of 5 students, all from the same high school. An adult advisor (or advisors) must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during the competition.

The Envirothon tests students' knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. This year's current environmental issue is "*Nonpoint source pollution/Low impact development.*" In addition, the Envirothon encourages cooperative decision-making and team building. While each student on an Envirothon team is challenged to contribute his or her personal best, the score that counts at the end of an Envirothon is the team score.



Five "Area Envirothons" are conducted around Ohio each spring. The top four teams from each of these Area competitions progress to the Ohio Envirothon in June. In 1996 the Ohio Envirothon was expanded to a 2-day event, incorporating a team presentation requirement that further challenges all participating students. The state level Ohio Envirothon is held in a different part of Ohio each year. The top-scoring team in the Ohio Envirothon is eligible to compete in the Canon Envirothon ([www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)), hosted by a different state or Canadian province every year.

In Ohio, the Envirothon is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Natural resource and environmental specialists from many agencies, organizations, colleges, universities, park districts and businesses devise the Envirothon questions and staff the various testing ecostations.

The Ohio Envirothon is financed by grants, donations from businesses and through contributions to the Don Rehl Memorial Envirothon Fund. Many local businesses also provide services and products in support of Area and Ohio Envirothons.

**If you are a teacher in Cuyahoga County, use the enclosed forms to register your team.  
Show off your school's superior environmental education curriculum.**

**Sample test resources and materials are available to help  
your team prepare, so register today!**