

## *Coach Directions*

### *2018 Missouri Envirothon*

Congratulations! You've been working hard and we appreciate your efforts. The agenda for the state competition, directions to the site, and hotel information for those who may need to stay overnight are all available on the website 2 weeks prior to the state competition. Also the parental consent/photo release form signed by the parent for each student must be received from the Regional competition in order for your team to compete. Only the five (5) team members may attend the competition, no alternates. Teams competing with less than 5 students will have an automatic point loss, please see the rules for more explanation. Coaches must sign a photo release form, too. **Please make sure you have reviewed the current rules with your team**, (they are available on the web site).

**Please have your team at the registration area no later than 8:00 a.m.** Oral presentation materials including note cards must be turned in at registration. During registration, students will receive their competition schedule, a team number and a Missouri Envirothon T-shirt. Students must wear their Envirothon T-shirts during the entire competition to ensure anonymity. Students are not allowed to change clothes for the oral presentation. The oral component will be held at an indoor station. Students will compete at three stations in the morning and three stations in the afternoon.

Coaches will be attending some training in the morning. During the afternoon time will be included for the coaches to visit the ecosystem test stations, however, no communication with the students will be allowed during this time. Any coach who talks with their students during the test station visit or about the testing during the day is subject to disqualification of his or her team.

Students and coaches should bring a backpack or tote to carry jackets and other miscellaneous items. Please advise students to bring a poncho (in case of rain), sunscreen, hats, insect repellent and sunglasses. They will find it advantageous to dress in layers because of the time of year. If you have any students with special needs, please inform the committee ahead of time so appropriate measures can be taken.

As coach you will need to be aware of any medical concerns (such as allergies to bee stings) and bring a copy of each student's school medical form (including health insurance information) to the competition. You will retain these forms -- to be used only in case of emergency.

All 5 team members of the first place team will compete in the North American Envirothon competition (no substitutions). The 2018 North American Envirothon will be hosted at Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, July 22 - 28. The entry fee, which includes room and board for five team members and two coaches, has already been paid. A travel stipend provided by the Missouri Envirothon Committee should help with travel arrangements necessary for the team and coaches to attend this competition. Over fifty teams are expected to compete at the North American Envirothon for prizes and scholarships. If the winning state team cannot compete, the second place team will represent Missouri at the North American Envirothon and will receive the travel stipend.

The state winning team may be asked to participate at a state Soil and Water Commission meeting to give their oral presentation to the Commissioners, and may be asked to attend the Soil & Water State Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach in November for official presentation of their award.