

## ☞ What is the Envirothon

The Envirothon is a competitive problem solving natural resource event in which high school students are educated in five (5) resources areas:

☞ *SOILS*

☞ *AQUATICS*

☞ *FORESTRY*

☞ *WILDLIFE*

☞ *A SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE*

## ☞ The History of the Envirothon

The Envirothon began in 1979 in one Pennsylvania county. Today, more than 45 states and 7 Canadian Provinces have envirothon programs and have sent teams to the Canon Envirothon competition. In every state the Envirothon is sponsored by the local soil conservation districts and their state associations. Canon USA is the major sponsor of the international event and as such has had the event named after them.

## ☞ How does the Envirothon work?

Each soil conservation district establishes a local Envirothon resource committee consisting of foresters, soil scientists, wildlife experts, fisheries experts, environmental leaders, and park and recreation leaders.

This committee works together to plan activities such as forestry field days, nature trips, night hikes, community tree plantings, and classroom training. The training is year long and culminates with each county's local competition.

The team that wins the local competition goes on to compete at the state level. The Maryland state winner goes to the Canon Envirothon. The Canon Envirothon is a five day event where teams from each participating state and province put their knowledge and skills to work at solving an environmental problem.

While learning about natural resources and environmental issues, students gain communication skills and begin to build conservation partnerships. Our environment benefits, too, from interest, involvement and enthusiasm generated in these groups of future decision makers.

## ☞ The Objective of the Envirothon

- ☞ to test the environmental knowledge and understanding of high school students concerning state resource issues (while having fun!)
- ☞ to cultivate within students a desire to learn more about their environment.

The payoff for the conservation districts, and all participating natural resource agencies and organizations, will be a more aware and concerned citizenry in the future.

## ☞ The St. Mary's County 2009 Budget

Resource Materials -----	\$600.00
Transportation-----	\$2,100.00
Meals-----	\$1,200.00
Awards-----	\$800.00
Maryland State Envirothon	
Registration-----	\$500.00
T-Shirts -----	\$1,200.00
Facilities Rental-----	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL-----</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>

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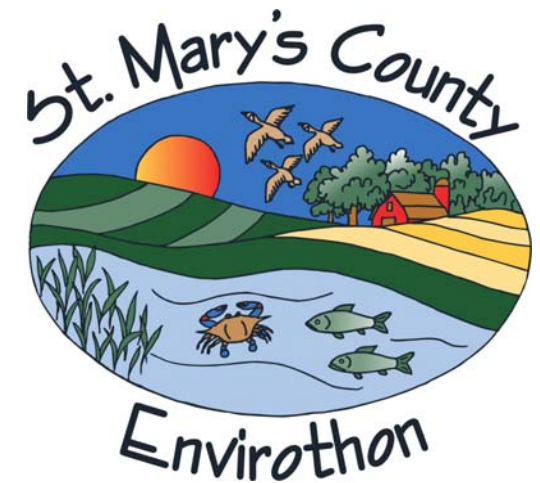
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