

Envirothon

Level VI

Advisor: James Schneider

Membership Criteria: Students in grades 9 - 12 who have an interest in learning more about the environment and current issues with the environment. Teams are limited to 5 kids with up to 2 alternates. There is a junior level for grades 6 - 8 as well with the same team sizes.

Goals: The goals of the envirothon program is to foster learning about environment and how to apply that to real-life problems. The program also gives an opportunity for students to show that knowledge in a competition. They are tested in 5 areas (forestry, soils, aquatics, wildlife, and current events). They also give a presentation on a current topic in environmental science.

Budget: The cost of the for envirothon would be for me to advise the team. The cost of the competition is covered by the county soil and water conservation district. The district would need to provide transportation to the regional competition and a sub (sometimes this is covered by the conservation district). If the team were to make it to the state competition there would be a cost for transportation and hotel rooms for the team and advisor plus a sub for 1 day (some of which the soil and water district helps to cover). A former board member informed me that Upper Red Lake Association may be willing to donate money and we would also ask the local Ridge Runners Club as well.

Planned Activities: Envirothon will meet several time throughout the fall and winter and then more regularly in the spring when we learn what the presentation will be about. We will compete at the Region VIII competition in Bemidji. The junior high squads meet virtually though the Google Classroom to get their information and share ideas amongst the membership.

Practices: Practices will be held before/after school to accommodate as many of the participants' schedules as possible. We will meet throughout the fall 1 to 2 times per month and then regularly in the spring. We have met from 7:30 - 8:00 and two years ago we met after school from 3:30 - 5:30. This may need to be adjusted based on our members. We have also used a few lunch times as well.

Student Participation: We hope have 1 senior high team for this year and possibly add a junior high team or two in the spring. Both levels of teams will compete at the Region VIII competition in Bemidji in May. We will have a sign up in the next week or two.

Time: The time required for me as an advisor outside of the school day is as follows.

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| 5 hours | — Paperwork, pre-scenario research, background research |
| 40 hours | -- Practices |
| During school day | -- Regional Competition |
| (1.5 Days -- State Competition (36 hours - 8 during school hours for 28 hours)) | |
| 73 hours | Total |