

2013



**TEAM REGISTRATION
PACKET—FFA Only**

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENT



2013 ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

May 1st, 2013 - 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL

Congratulations on winning your Land Use Council Envirothon competition. I know that you have spent a lot of time preparing for this event. We look forward to seeing you at the State Competition on May 1st. Listed below is some information that will keep you informed about what to expect at the competition. We hope you will find this information helpful.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 48 hrs after your local contest, the Registration Form is due to the Grundy County SWCD office.
- April 10th is the first day you will be able to receive your study material from your local SWCD office.
- April 12th is the deadline for Release and Code of Conduct forms to the Grundy County SWCD office.
 - o **(please make copies for each member)**

STUDY MATERIAL & 5TH CATEGORY INFORMATION

On the Illinois Envirothon website (<http://www.aiswcd.org/Programs/envirothon.htm>) you can find the current objectives and resources for each of the five categories. This study information can be downloaded for your use at any time. The study material you receive on April 10th will contain the information listed on the website, plus any of the books that are used as resources. You have the option of purchasing these books for your students to utilize throughout the year. Otherwise, the books will be the only new information the students will have to review before the Illinois Envirothon.

Please bring your study material to the state competition and return it when you register your team.

We would ask that **you keep** all the information that was given to you concerning the 5th category. This information along with additional information (handed out during oral presentation situation) will be used by your team for their oral presentation. After the awards ceremony, your team can pick up their oral presentation material (posters) to take home with them.

ADVISORS

After Opening Ceremonies there will be an advisor meeting. During this time we will also be having a lesson on next year's current environmental issue. This should last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. After this you will have free time to do as you wish until students are done with testing at 5:00 p.m.

TEST QUESTIONS

Test questions at the state competition are true/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank and identification. In an attempt to work towards changing the testing format at the Illinois Envirothon, there will be at least one open ended question on each of the 5 category tests. A rubric will be developed to help in grading these questions.

REGISTRATION AT COMPETITION

When you arrive at the camp to register, please make sure you and your team members are in your LUC competition t-shirts or your FFA Chapter t-shirts (if you have some) for your team photo. These pictures will be e-mailed to the school from Brooke or Natalie within a week or two of completion of the contest. Remember to bring study material to registration to turn back in.

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CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact the 4-H camp during the Illinois Envirothon, please dial 217/762-2741.

ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON COORDINATORS CONTACT INFORMATION:

Brooke Baker and Natalie Mahler

Grundy County SWCD - 3605 N IL Rt 47, Suite B, Morris, IL 60450

Phone: 815.942.0359 x3 - Fax: 815.942.5379

E-mail: Brooke.Baker@il.nacdnet.net or Natalie.Mahler@il.nacdnet.net



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON REGISTRATION FORM (FFA only)

This form will register your team for the 2013 Illinois Envirothon, May 1st, 2013
at the U of I 4-H Park Memorial Camp in Monticello, Illinois.

Land Use Council _____ LUC Envirothon Contact Person _____

Winning County _____ High School _____

School Address, City, Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ Fax Number () _____

Advisor/Coach Email Address _____

5 Member Team includes:

	NAME	Grade	Shirt Size	M/F	Repeat Participant	FFA Member*
Team Captain						
Team Member #2						
Team Member #3						
Team Member #4						
Team Member #5						

**For a FFA team all 5 members must be current FFA members.*

	NAME	Shirt Size	M/F	Repeat Participant	FFA Advisor
Advisor/Coach					
Advisor/Coach					

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$100 and payable to: Illinois Envirothon % Grundy County. Please include check with registration materials and mail to the address at the bottom of the page.

Media Contact for Local Outlets

Newspaper Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Newspaper Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Radio Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

Television Contact Name _____ E-mail _____

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION FORM IS 48 HRS AFTER LOCAL CONTEST
ATTN: ENVIROTHON FAX: 815.942.5379 &/or
GRUNDY COUNTY SWCD, 3605 N IL RT 47, SUITE B, MORRIS, IL 60450



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON RELEASE FORM

All team members must fill out and return for the 2013 Illinois Envirothon,
May 1st – 2nd, 2013 at the 4-H Memorial Camp in Monticello, IL

Name of Participant _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone number () _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone number () _____

Home Address, City, ST, Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone number () _____

Health Concerns (medications, allergies, etc) _____

Medical Condition (diabetes, asthma, physical disability, etc) _____

If currently taking medication, please provide the following information:

Name of Medication _____

Prescribing Physician/phone number _____

TALENT RELEASE

I hereby grant the right to photograph my dependent and use the photo and/or other digital reproduction of him/her or other reproduction of his/her physical likeness for legally acceptable publication purposes, whether electronic, print, digital or electronic publishing via the Internet to the Illinois Envirothon and to its employees, agents, assigns, and or sponsors.

Signature of participant _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

PARENTAL CONSENT(MEDICAL)

I, the parent/guardian of _____ hereby give permission to the physicians and attendant staff to perform such diagnostic, therapeutic and operative procedures for him/her as they deem necessary, and refer him/her to an off-site physician when deemed appropriate. I further give permission to have my son/daughter referred to a physician off-site in the event it becomes necessary.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Relationship: _____

(Signature gives consent for full participation, medical release, travel and photo consent.)

DEADLINE FOR RELEASE FORM IS APRIL 12, 2013
ATTN: ENVIROTHON FAX: 815.942.5379 or
GRUNDY COUNTY SWCD – 3605 N IL RT 47, SUITE B, MORRIS, IL 60450



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON CODE OF CONDUCT FORM

I, _____ understand:
(Name of participant, please print)

- I will be responsible for my behavior and actions
- I will be representing my school and will conduct myself in a dignified and responsible manner
- I will abide by my school rules and activity code of conduct, since this is a school related activity
- No tobacco products, intoxicants, drugs, or weapons are allowed on site or will be used, or in my possession at the Illinois State Envirothon Contest or at the North American Envirothon
- Discriminatory behavior, sexual misconduct, or harassment will not be tolerated
- Theft or destruction of public or private property will not be tolerated
- Fighting or other acts of violence that endanger the safety of the participants or threatening another person will not be tolerated
- Engaging in any activity, which is illegal or disruptive, will not be tolerated

Acceptable behavior and conduct is being courteous and respectful of others, follow and obey all the rules, treat all people and animals humanely, respect property of others, respect the authority of those in leadership roles, avoid profane and abusive language, be honest and honor commitments, do your best and always try to improve yourself, and accept responsibility for your own choices and actions.

If you fail to meet the standards set above the following rules will apply for the Illinois Envirothon Contest.

- If a member of a team is found to have violated the code of conduct he or she will be disqualified from the competition, along with the team, and the team will forfeit all awards.
- The school in question will be banned from participating in the Illinois Envirothon for two (2) years; this includes all members of the team.
- The student/school will reimburse their Council or their county SWCD the cost of their team registration.

If the team progresses to the North American Envirothon International Contest, the following rules will apply.

- If a member of a team is found to have violated the code of conduct he or she will be disqualified from the competition, along with the team, and the team will forfeit all awards.
- The school in question will be banned from participation in the Illinois Envirothon and North American Envirothon for two (2) years; this includes all members of the team.
- The student/school will also reimburse the Envirothon Committee the cost of the team registration and the cost of the transportation to the event, i.e. airfare, gas, and car or van rental.

The Envirothon Co-Coordinator and members of the Illinois Envirothon Committee will enforce this policy.

I have read and agree to abide by these guidelines. By signing, I acknowledge that I have reviewed this information.

(Student's signature)

(Date)

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

(Advisor's signature)

(Date)

The Illinois and North American Envirothon are offered and operated on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or physical/mental challenges.



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON RULES & REGULATIONS

The Illinois Envirothon, an activity of the AISWCD shall be conducted under the following rules and regulations:

1. The Illinois Envirothon will be held in May after all county/regional competitions have been completed.
2. Students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in the current school year are eligible to compete.
3. Each participating Land Use Council will send one champion team or one designated team to the Illinois Envirothon, for a total of 16 teams.
 - a. The teams must have competed in a county or land use council (LUC) Envirothon in order to participate in the Illinois Envirothon. Contestants may participate in only one (1) county or one (1) LUC competition.
 - b. The winning teams will be sponsored by the local SWCD. Participating SWCD must be in good standing with AISWCD, as defined by their by-laws, to participate in the Illinois Envirothon Program.
 - c. If male and female students are represented on a team, then male and female chaperones must accompany the team.
4. All teams MUST have 5 members present from the same school and/or organization/association to be eligible to win and advance to the next level of competition.
 - a. Each team MUST retain at least three (3) of the original five (5) team members to compete at the Illinois and Canon Envirothon. Two (2) alternates, if needed, may be pre-registered one week prior to the competition, by contacting the AISWCD office to be eligible for substitution to compete in the Illinois Envirothon.
 - b. If a team member becomes ill or must leave during the Illinois Envirothon Competition due to an emergency, a review panel will determine if a penalty should be assessed to a team in the oral presentation for the absence of a complete team of five.
5. All participants of the Illinois Envirothon will be provided with overnight on-site accommodations. No members or advisors are allowed to leave the competition site without approval from the Envirothon Coordinator.
6. Each team member is responsible for his/her behavior and actions. No tobacco products, intoxicants, illegal drugs, or weapons, are allowed on site or will be used, or in his/her possession. Discriminatory behavior, sexual misconduct, or harassment will not be tolerated. Theft or destruction of public or private property will not be tolerated. Fighting is forbidden and other acts of violence that endanger the safety of the participants or threatening another person will not be tolerated. Engaging in any activity, which is illegal or disruptive, will not be tolerated. Each team needs to remember that they are representing their school and county during this competition and should conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action as stated in the "Code of Conduct" form signed by the participating student, their team advisor, and legal guardian. This policy will be enforced and carried out by the Envirothon Coordinator and/or designated member of the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
7. Illinois Envirothon study materials will be handed out to winning teams no earlier than two (2) weeks prior to the state competition.
 - a. State test questions will cover any information in the resource materials that were provided by the Illinois Envirothon Committee, as well as any information provided by the resource presenters at each station.

8. Illinois Envirothon competition will consist of five (5) written tests – soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatics and a current environmental issue to be determined each year by the Canon Envirothon committee.
 - a. Students will travel as a five (5) member team and be allowed a predetermined amount of time at each station for test completion.
 - b. Student notes and materials will not be allowed during the competition. Students will need to only carry a clipboard and pencil with them during the competition. Any other materials will be provided at each of the testing stations.
9. The advisors/coaches may NOT travel with the team during testing. Activities will be conducted requiring the advisors/coaches attendance. NO CONTACT with students will be allowed during testing.
10. A fifteen (15) minute oral presentation will be given on the current environmental issue.
 - a. This presentation will be given in front of a panel of judges. A maximum of 10 minutes will be given for judges questions after the team has finished their presentation.
 - b. All five (5) team members must participate orally in the presentation.
 - c. During oral presentations, all team members must wear the Illinois Envirothon T-shirt.
 - d. Oral presentation scores will be based on a criteria sheet approved by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
11. Camcorders, tape recorders, and other audio/visual equipment are not allowed by the participants during testing. Team advisors may videotape their team's oral presentation. Students will not be allowed to carry any electronic devices such as cell phones, two-way radios, laptops etc. during testing and oral presentations.
12. Resource presenters' decisions are final on all events. Contested decisions will be reviewed by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
13. Scoring for the Illinois Envirothon will be:
 - a. Each of the five station tests will be 1/6th of the score.
 - b. The Oral Presentation score will be 1/6th of the score.
 - c. The scores from 13 (a) and 13 (b) will be totaled together to determine the winning team, which will be the team with the highest cumulative score.
 - d. Tie breakers shall be as follows: Current Issue written test score; Aquatics score; Forestry score; Soils score; Wildlife score.
14. The winning team from Illinois Envirothon will represent Illinois at the Canon Envirothon. The location and date will be announced annually. In the event that the first place team cannot represent Illinois at the Canon Envirothon, the second place team will represent Illinois and so forth.
 - a. The entry fee required for the Illinois state team to attend Canon Envirothon will be paid by the Illinois Envirothon. This fee covers entry fees, accommodations, and on site meals for the winning teams, including five (5) team members and two (2) chaperones (one for each gender, if needed). Transportation costs to and from the Canon Envirothon will be the dual responsibilities of the winning team and the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
15. The Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained to all teams and advisors before the competition begins. Any suggestions or improvements of the Rules and Regulations will be considered by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.



ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON POLICIES

1. The dates for the Illinois Envirothon Competition will be selected by the Illinois Envirothon Committee and held between May 1 and May 15th.
2. The Illinois Envirothon Competition shall last two days.
3. There are five (5) resource stations: Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and a Current Environmental Issue.
 - a. The Current Environmental Issue shall parallel the issue from the North American Envirothon Committee as closely as possible in order to further encourage familiarity of the issue for the winning Illinois team in competition at the North American Envirothon
 - b. The five stations will be conducted by cooperating agencies and/or independent environmental professionals
4. Transportation to the Illinois Envirothon will be at the cost and responsibility of the participating teams.
5. All study materials needed for the Illinois Envirothon will be provided by the Illinois Envirothon Committee.
 - a. Study materials will be distributed two (2) weeks prior to the competition dates by a SWCD representative.
 - b. Study materials should not be copied due to copyright laws.
 - c. The study materials for Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife and Forestry are to be returned during registration at the Illinois Envirothon. The Current Environmental Issue study materials are to be brought as they may be needed for Oral Presentations at the Illinois Envirothon.
 - d. Study materials are to be returned in the condition in which they were received. Any materials damaged or missing will be replaced at the expense of the school/individuals.
6. Schools are encouraged to bring items (5 each) for the winning school to take to the North American Envirothon for trading items. Please include your school name and address so appropriate credit can be given.
7. There will be no refunds on registration costs for the Illinois Envirothon. This is paid by the sponsoring soil and water conservation districts (SWCD). They have the right depending on the circumstances to hold the school accountable for reimbursement.

AT COMPETITION

1. The Illinois Envirothon will be held rain or shine. Be prepared for any type of weather.
2. If a school forfeits or is disqualified they are responsible for reimbursing their SWCD the team registration fee.
3. Clothing – County t-shirts are to be worn on the first day and the Illinois Envirothon t-shirts received at the competition are to be worn on the second day.
4. Awards for the Illinois Envirothon will be as follows:
 - a. Certificates for all participants
 - b. Awards appropriate for display at school for the top three (3) teams
 - c. Team members from the first place team will receive individual awards
 - d. Individual awards for the highest score in each of the resource topics (one award only)
 - e. Certificates for the team with the highest score in each of the resource topics

NORTH AMERICAN ENVIROTHON

1. This five day event is held during the period mid-July to early August at a location in the United States or Canada. Dates are determined by the North American Envirothon Committee and the host location representatives.
2. Illinois Envirothon will pay the registration fee for the team and two chaperones. The Illinois Envirothon will provide financial assistance for travel arrangements.
3. The Illinois Envirothon t-shirt will be worn on specific days during the North American Envirothon Competition.

2013 Illinois Envirothon Student (FFA only)

Teams should not arrive before 11 a.m.

May 1

11:30 – 12:30	Registration of teams (Have LUC team or Chapter t-shirts on for team photos)
12:30 – 12:50	Opening Ceremony – Dining Hall (Seating by LUC - find sign)
12:55 – 1:35	Station Testing
1:45 – 2:25	Station Testing
2:35 – 3:15	Station Testing
3:25 – 4:05	Station Testing
4:15 – 4:55	Station Testing
5:00	Depart for home

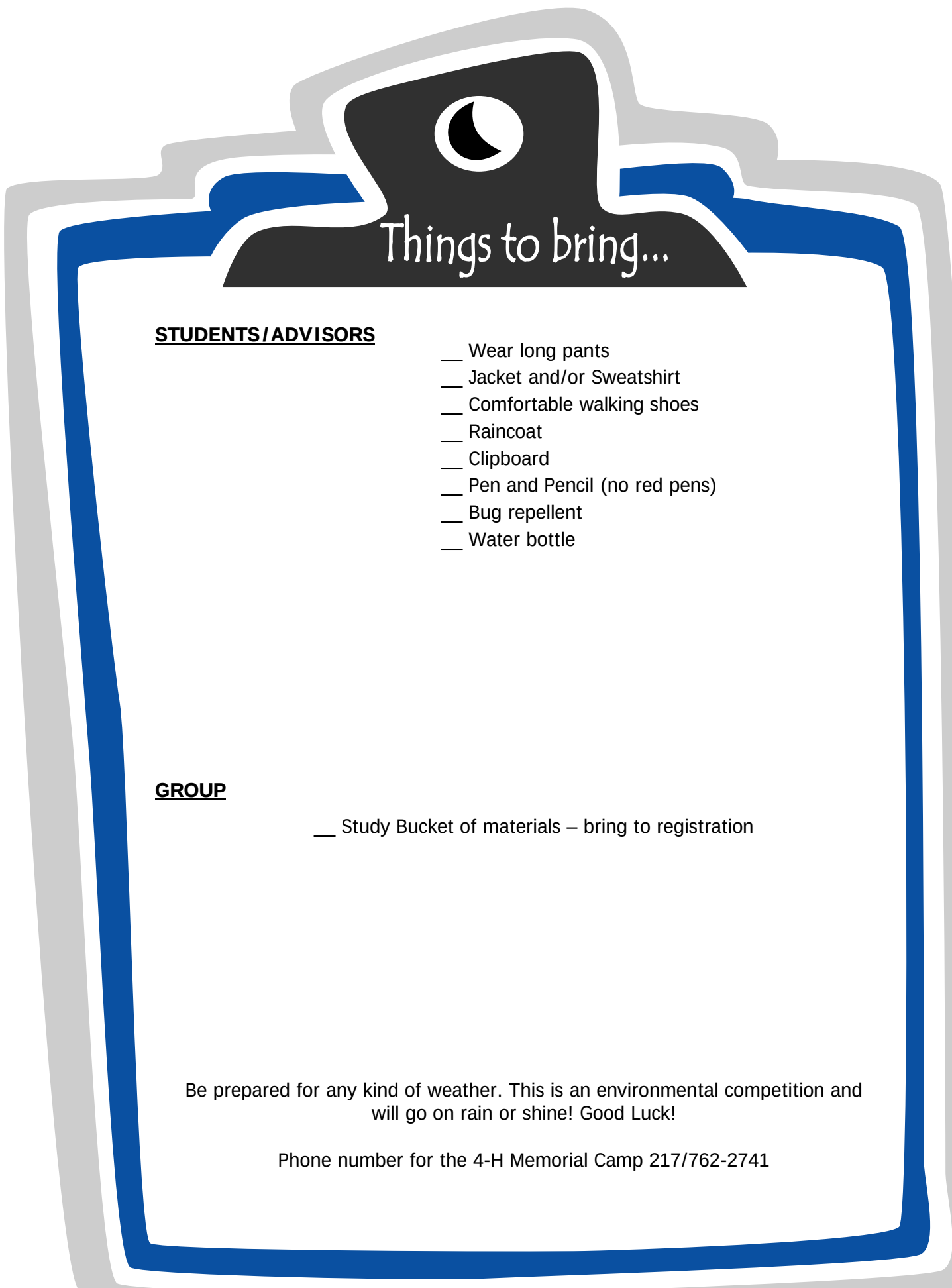
2013 Illinois Envirothon Advisor Schedule (FFA only)

Teams should not arrive before 11 a.m. and have had lunch prior to arriving. No lunch is provided.

May 1

11:30 – 12:30	Registration of teams (Have LUC team or Chapter t-shirts on for team photo)
12:30 – 12:50	Opening Ceremony – Dining Hall – (Seating by LUC - find sign)
12:55 – 2:00	Advisor Meeting/Tour of Stations
2:00 – 5:00	Advisor free time
5:00	Depart for home

- ❖ Monticello lunch options - there are several restaurants in Monticello to choose from such as Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, etc. you can look at their Chamber website to view listing and times: <http://www.monticellochamber.org/member-directory.php>
- ❖ Station Testing – 20 minute presentation, 20 minute test, 10 minutes to walk to the next station
- ❖ Score sheet will be emailed out to each team on Monday.



Things to bring...

STUDENTS/ADVISORS

- ☐ Wear long pants
- ☐ Jacket and/or Sweatshirt
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Clipboard
- ☐ Pen and Pencil (no red pens)
- ☐ Bug repellent
- ☐ Water bottle

GROUP

- ☐ Study Bucket of materials – bring to registration

Be prepared for any kind of weather. This is an environmental competition and will go on rain or shine! Good Luck!

Phone number for the 4-H Memorial Camp 217/762-2741

Directions to 4-H Memorial Camp in Allerton Park

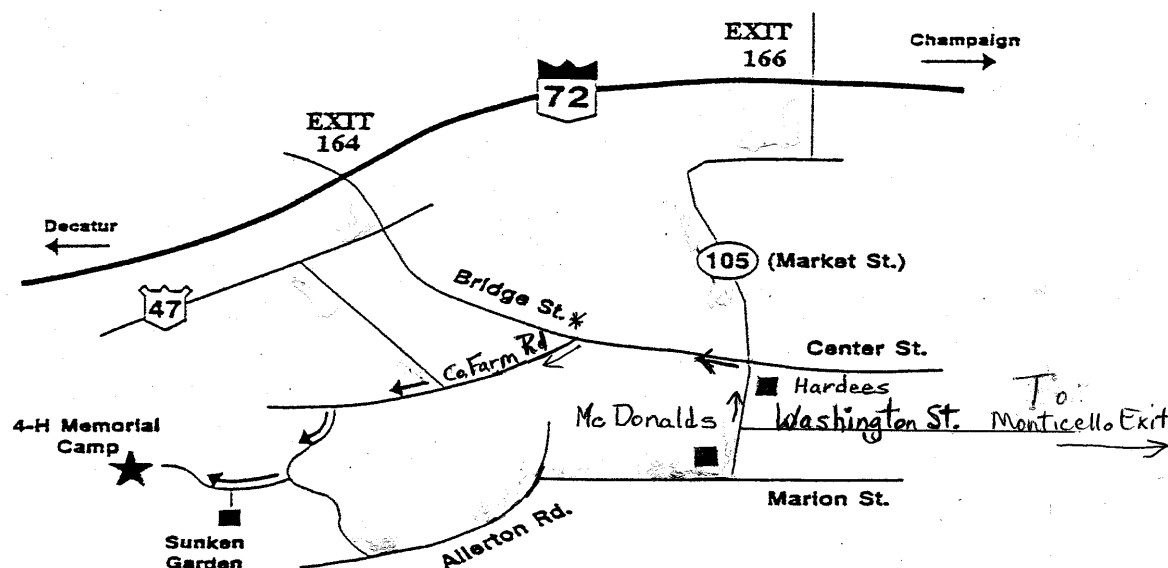
(look for Illinois Envirothon signs)

From the North or Northwest: From Rockford take I-39 or from Peoria take I-74 to Bloomington. Exit Rte. 51 south to Clinton. Take Rte. 10 east from Clinton to Rte. 48/10 intersection north side of Weldon. Turn right onto Rte.48. In approx. 8 miles (shortly after crossing over an interstate) at the first opportunity, turn left (sign says Cisco). Stay on this road (which curves left of the town of Cisco) until you see a University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Turn right. Turn right again at a T-road. Then turn left at next road (entrance to the Park). Travel on this road until you see 4-H Memorial Camp sign. Turn right into the camp.

From the Northeast: From Kankakee take I-57 to the Decatur exit (I-72) west of Champaign. Exit I-72 at Bridge St. (exit 164) north of Monticello. Turn left toward Monticello. Turn right at the 4-way intersection. Left at the brown University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Right at a T-road. Left at the top of a hill. Proceed into the Park to the Memorial Camp sign. Turn right.

From the West: From Springfield take I-72 east to Weldon/Cisco exit. Turn right. Left at the first road toward Cisco. Follow this road which will curve left around Cisco. Turn right at the brown University of Illinois Allerton Park sign. Right at the T-road. Left at the top of a hill. Proceed to Memorial Camp sign.

From the South: From the south take I-57 north to the Monticello exit. Turn left. Travel west approx. 20 miles. Upon entering Monticello, you will be on Washington St. Continue past the Court House. Turn right at the stop sign(Market St.). Turn left at the stop light onto Bridge St. After crossing the bridge, turn left immediately onto County Farm Rd. Follow this road until you see signs directing you to turn left into the Park. Travel through the Park turning right at the 4-H Memorial Camp sign.



*Three ways to reach 4-H Memorial Camp

* NOTE: DO NOT USE ALLERTON RD ENTRANCE. BRIDGE IS STILL CLOSED.

Phone Numbers

Camp Office - 8 am - 4 pm 217-762-2741

Camp Director Residence (please, emergency only) 4 pm - 8am 217-762-7420