



PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON

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Dear Friends of the Envirothon:

Would you like to:

- Support Pennsylvania's Youth?
- Share your expertise with hundreds of students committed to conserving our natural resources?
- Inspire and motivate others in conservation, preservation, and overall environmental awareness and stewardship?
- Experience the Natural Challenge of the Envirothon?
- Have fun while doing all of the above?

The Pennsylvania Envirothon is seeking volunteers to help us fulfill our mission to educate high school students in natural resources and environmental sciences. What better way to ensure that Envirothon students receive a quality natural resource education than by investing your time and talent? **Please join us as a Volunteer at the 2022 Pennsylvania Envirothon state competition.**

We need individuals to serve as:

- Oral Presentation Component Judges
- Oral Component Scorers
- Station Travel Officials
- Food Service Volunteers
- OC Room Manager

The Pennsylvania Envirothon is a conservation district led natural resource program for high schools students. We invite all conservation district staff and directors, natural resource and environmental agency and organization partners, sponsor representatives, and others who want to join the volunteer team to sign up today. We have a volunteer position for everyone!

The 2022 Pennsylvania Envirothon is being held with virtual Oral Component Presentations the week of May 16th, and an in person Field Testing Event on May 25th. The host sites for this year's Oral Component will be in Cumberland, Indiana, Monroe, and Snyder Counties, with the Field Testing Event at Camp Mt Luther in Union County.

Envirothon Volunteer Registration must be completed **online** by visiting the [Pennsylvania Envirothon's Registration](#) page. We look forward to receiving your commitment.

Sincerely,

*Pennsylvania Envirothon
Board of Directors*

2022 PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PACKET

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Volunteer Registration, Deadlines, and Submission Information

Volunteer Registration is due April 1. You will be notified by April 22 with your volunteer assignment(s).

ALL REGISTRATION WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE PA ENVIROTHON WEBSITE. REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL ALL FORMS ARE EMAILED TO paenvirothon1@gmail.com

ALL Volunteers must complete the following forms and information:

- Volunteer Commitment – Online registration Pennsylvania Envirothon website, click [Registration](#).
- Volunteer Certifications (PSP Criminal History and Child Abuse History Clearances**) – send a copy to paenvirothon1@gmail.com
- Adult Release Form – send a copy to paenvirothon1@gmail.com
- Adult Medical Form – send a copy to paenvirothon1@gmail.com

Reminder, to volunteer the Commitment must be completed online, and the clearances, medical form, and release form must be emailed to paenvirothon1@gmail.com. Release form and Medical Form can be found on the PA Envirothon website under [Registration](#).

For more information, contact:

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Volunteer Responsibilities for the Pennsylvania Envirothon

The volunteer positions are listed below along with a general description of responsibilities. In addition, time commitment required for each position is noted.

Virtual Oral Component – Week of May 17th, 2022

Oral Component Judge – As a judge you will be asked to participate in judging up to six presentations at one of the four locations. The presentation will be a 10 recorded video, and there will be a ten-minute live Q&A with the team via Zoom, you will then have ten minutes to complete the scoring sheet before the next presentation. Prior to the event you will be required to attend virtually a training to review your responsibilities as a judge, the scoring sheet, and guidance on the Q&A session.

OC Room Manager – At the Virtual OC event you will be responsible for the management of your individual judging room. This will include operating the laptop to run the prescheduled zoom meetings, starting and stopping videos, timing the Q&A period as well as coordinating with PA Envirothon troubleshooters if problems arise. Review of the format, equipment, etc will be conducted on site during the test run conducted prior to the first presentation.

OC Scorers – At the Virtual OC event you will be responsible for the review and tallying of score sheets as the presentations are completed. You will check the score sheets for completeness and tally the scores and serve as a doublecheck for other scorers as well. You will be responsible for clarifying scores on site with judges if questions arise to ensure that a complete and accurate score for all presentations is completed by the end of the day.

Please make sure to indicate on the volunteer form which of the four sites you are able to attend. Please review both the site and the day to make sure you are available.

*All **Virtual Oral Component Volunteers** will receive an email about their assignments and specific instructions for the testing day.

FIELD TESTING EVENT VOLUNTEERS – May 25th, 2022

Station Travel Official – At the station testing, you will receive instructions from PA Envirothon Board members. As a station travel official you will be responsible for a group of teams. You will move them from station to station; accompany team members to restroom; monitor the group for any inconsistencies; etc. This responsibility requires a lot of walking with some hills to maneuver.

Food Service Volunteer – You will receive instructions from PA Envirothon Board members. As food service volunteers, you will be responsible to assist with the delivery of coffee, water, and lunch for all participants to all stations. You will also assist in setting up an afternoon snack for the participants. This will require some lifting and walking. Volunteers must be able to lift/carry up to 40 lbs.

Station Judge – You will be responsible for the smooth operation of your assigned station. You will assist the station partner with clock management, and be the primary liaison between the station and the PA Envirothon Board should any questions, problems, or situations arise that are beyond the scope of the station partner. You should be familiar with the rules of the event and will be responsible for enforcing those rules.

Station Scorer – You will assist station partners with scoring of the tests as they are completed. You will collaborate with the station partner if questions need addressed when scoring the tests. You will be responsible for scoring and double checking scores to ensure accurate station test scores are submitted.

*All **Wednesday** volunteers will receive an email about their assignments and specific instructions for the testing day. **Time commitment – It is recommended that you report by 8:00 a.m. and prepare to stay until 4:30 p.m.**

Pennsylvania Volunteer Certifications

General Information

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, certification for volunteer requirement begins August 25, 2015 and must be renewed every 60 months.

- Adult Volunteers are defined as:
 - Being responsible for the welfare of children; or
 - Having direct volunteer contact with children (care, supervision, guidance or control to children AND routine interaction)
- Must obtain Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History and Child Abuse History Certifications
- FBI Federal Criminal History Certification not required as long as:
 - Position is unpaid
 - PA resident continuously for the past 10 years
 - Signs a disclaimer affirming no charges in other states that would prohibit selections as a volunteer

Pennsylvania Envirothon Volunteers include, but are not limited to the following: team advisors, coaches, and chaperones, staff, and event volunteers.

Copies of the following certifications must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Envirothon prior to being considered as an Envirothon volunteer.

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance - Can be obtained at <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
- Child Abuse History Clearance - Can be obtained at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis
- FBI Background Check Exemption, if qualified.
 - Volunteer qualifies if he/she has been a resident of the Commonwealth of PA for the entirety of the previous 10 years AND has never been convicted of a disqualifying offense.
 - UPJ Exemption form is provided for signature.
- FBI Federal Criminal History Clearance
 - *Only required if the volunteer does not qualify for exemption from FBI Background Check
 - Cost: \$27.50
 - Can be obtained at <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>
 - Service codes: **Volunteer** (1KG6ZJ), **Employee** (1KG756)

When assisting with the Pennsylvania Envirothon, certifications must be less than one (1) year old and must be renewed every 60 months from the date on your oldest certification. The applicant or employee is responsible for paying any cost associated with obtaining the certifications. Please black out social security numbers if they are displayed on any of the forms.

Further information on how to obtain clearances can be found at www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov.

ADDRESSES AND LOCATIONS OF VIRTUAL ORAL COMPONENT TESTING LOCATIONS

May 17th

Monroe County Conservation District

8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

May 18th

Indiana County Conservation District

435 Hamil Road,
Indiana, PA, 15701

May 19th

Cumberland County Conservation District

310 Allen Road, Suite 301
Carlisle, PA 17013

May 20th

Snyder County Conservation District

10541 Rt 522
Middleburg, PA 17842

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMP MT LUTHER – MAY 25TH FIELD TESTING EVENT

Mount Luther
355 Mt. Luther Lane
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

DIRECTIONS

Mount Luther is located in central Pennsylvania in Union County near Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania. We are about 15 miles from Lewisburg and about 45 miles from State College, midway between Mifflinburg and Hartleton. The camp is north of Route 45.

From the north (Williamsport and I-80), follow Route 15 South to Lewisburg and turn west on Route 45, and continue through Mifflinburg on Route 45. Continue on Route 45 W until you come to Christ's United Lutheran Church (about 3.5 miles outside of Mifflinburg) which will be on your left. Follow the directions below.

From the south, follow Route 15 to about 4 miles beyond Liverpool. Turn west on Route 104 and continue to Middleburg and then Mifflinburg. Turn west onto Route 45 at Mifflinburg and go about three miles until you come to Christ's United Lutheran. Follow the directions below.

From the west, follow Route 45 from State College through Hartleton. Continue on Route 45 E until you come to Christ's United Lutheran Church, which will be on your right.

FROM CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

If traveling on Route 45 West, you will turn right onto Pleasant Grove Road at the church. If traveling east, you will turn left onto Pleasant Grove Road. Look for the street signs. There are green and white signs with directional arrows for Mount Luther from the Lutheran Church all the way back to the camp. You will stay on Pleasant Grove Road until you come to Moll Road. There, you will take a left (again, there is a green and white sign at this "Y" in the road.) The camp is about 2.6 miles from Route 45.