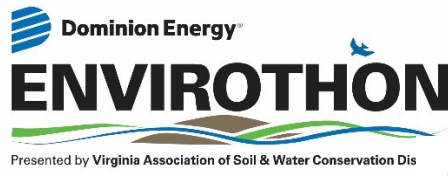


Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> year of



2023-2024

### Did you know.....

- Envirothon is an International Competition for high school students
- Last year teams from the USA, Canada, China, Singapore and Russia were involved
  - There are 47 Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) in Virginia
    - You're in the Piedmont SWCD (part of Area V)
    - Envirothon looks great on a college application or resume
- You get your picture on the SWCD social media pages, in the local papers and in the annual report
  - Envirothon member gain valuable research and public speaking skills
    - The knowledge you gain will benefit you for life
    - The knowledge you gain makes you look cool in the outdoors!

### How it works.....

- ✓ A team is made up of 5 members (with 1-2 alternates-they fill in if member can't)
  - ✓ Teams learn content (Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, Special Topic)
  - ✓ This years Special Topic: **Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future**
    - ✓ Teams come up with an oral presentation solution
- ✓ MARCH 22-Teams attend the Area Workshop (AKA mock-Envirothon/training event)
- ✓ APRIL 18, 2024-Teams compete against eachother in the area competition at Ferrum College  
(this includes teams from Area V)
  - ✓ The top 3 teams from each Area advance to the State Competition location TBD



**Area V**

- ✓ Top 3 winners of the State Competition advance to the International Competition held in Geneva, New York

### What you can do now.....

- Start learning and reviewing
- Begin research for Oral Presentation Problem

Go here:

- <https://piedmontswcd.org/envirothon/> (click on the links in the past newsletters)
  - <https://www.symbaloo.com/mix/envirothon> (visit links to knowledge)
  - <https://vaswcd.org/additional-study-resources/> (all you need know and more)

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