

# History

The Envirothon began in Pennsylvania in the spring of 1979. New York State held its first Envirothon in the spring of 1992. High school teachers across the country are recognizing the value of the Envirothon as a means of strengthening the environmental awareness of young men and women.

Winning schools since the Saratoga Regional Envirothon began:

- 1992—Ballston Spa High School
- 1993—Galway High School
- 1994—Saratoga/Warren BOCES
- 1995—Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake HS
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- 2000—Salem High School
- 2001—Ballston Spa High School
- 2002—Ballston Spa High School
- 2003—Ballston Spa High School
- 2004—Ballston Spa High School
- 2005—Ballston Spa High School
- 2006—Oppenheim Ephratah HS
- 2007—Ballston Spa High School
- 2008—Ballston Spa High School

## Sample Questions:

### Forestry:

Q. Approximately how many gallons of maple sap does it take to make one gallon of maple syrup?

A. 40 gallons

### Wildlife:

Q. Entomology is the study of what?

A. Insects

### Aquatics:

Q. Increased acidity in a lake or stream causes the ecosystem to return to what type of condition?

A. Oligotrophic

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# SARATOGA REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

An Event For  
High School  
Students

Sponsored by the  
Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
of  
Fulton, Saratoga & Washington  
Counties



# Saratoga Regional Envirothon: Fulton County ~ Saratoga County ~ Washington County

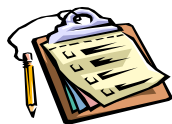
## What Is The Envirothon?

The Saratoga Regional Envirothon is a one-day competition for high school students of Fulton, Saratoga and Washington Counties. The students are tested in five categories: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current environmental issue.



The Envirothon teaches the students about the environment and how they can become involved in protecting our natural resources, now as students, and later as adults. It also teaches them teamwork. The students, representing their school, compete as a five-member team. They must cooperate with one another in order to collectively come up

with the solution and correct answers in each of the five tests. Each test consists of 25 questions, many of which are hands-on and identification type questions.



The teams will also compete in an oral presentation, prepared prior to the competition. The scores of the five written tests plus the oral presentation are combined for a total score for each team.

## Are There Awards?

Yes, one team will be named Grand Champion of the event. Members of this team will receive awards. In addition, each college-bound senior on the Grand Champion team will receive a \$100 award, which will be awarded at High School graduation. Each of the three county winning teams will also re-



ceive team awards and will have earned the right to represent their county at the State Envirothon.

## When & Where Is It?

The Saratoga Regional Envirothon is held in early May, usually at the Saratoga Spa State Park.



The event gets started at 9:00 and runs through lunch, ending at about 2:00 pm.

## Who Can Participate?

All high school students (9th - 12th grades) in the three counties, if the school sponsors them and sends an adult to accompany the team.

