



Coordinator's Update

Envirothon is quickly approaching, the first Regional competition is only a month away! I hope you are as excited as I am about this year's regional and provincial events.

In this issue of Enviroweb you will find information on the upcoming competitions, including what you need to bring and where to go. Please see page 3 for details on the competitions.

Envirothon is Social! You can now keep in touch with us and your fellow Envirothon participants by joining us on Facebook. Join us by clicking the 'Like' button the Manitoba Envirothon **Official** page. Keep up to date with the upcoming competition, connect with friends, ask questions, tell us your Envirothon stories, post photos, and stay connected after you graduate. Join us at: [facebook.com/manitobaenvirothon](https://www.facebook.com/manitobaenvirothon)

New resource materials are available for the theme topic, *Salt and Fresh Water Estuaries*. Resource material can be found on our [website](#), those that are important for the regional competitions are indicated with an asterisk.

Orals questions from past events are now available on our [website](#). Please note that these oral questions are from provincial events, regional oral questions will be scaled down due to time restraints at the regional events.

Teachers! Please remember to register your team members by **April 11, 2011** using the team member registration form. The form is available on our [website](#). Also print the [media release](#) forms and have each student complete form. Bring the completed media release forms to the Regional Event.

Glenn's Joke Corner. Glenn is in search of your most hilarious, and creative environmental jokes for our Joke Contest. The team with the funniest joke will receive a prize pack and their joke, along with the runner-up jokes, will be used at the 2011 opening ceremonies.

The jokes should be of an environmental nature, with theme topic jokes receiving more points. This year's theme is *Salt and Fresh Water Estuaries*. Submit your jokes to envirocoordinator@thinktrees.org

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Important!

- New resource material is available for the theme topic at www.thinktrees.org
- Team member registration due April 11



Volunteers! Be sure to check out our new feature in the newsletter *The Volunteer Voice* on page 2. Here you will find all the information you need to keep up to date with the upcoming events.

The Volunteer Voice

by Lisa Monteith

There is no 'i' in team
but we sure are glad
there is a 'u' in our
volunteers!

Welcome to our Volunteer Corner

Welcome to our new feature of the Manitoba Envirothon newsletter! This page will be dedicated to those volunteers who make our events happen and to provide information on upcoming and past events.

Please note that space is limited, if alternative accommodations are available to you please consider saving space at the training centre for our volunteers that are travelling far distances.



There are a wide variety of volunteer positions that you can be part of, including:

Just can't get enough Envirothon?

Join us for one of our regional events

Regional Competition

- Oak Hammock Marsh: April 29, 2011
- Camp Amisk (Winnipeg): April 29, 2011
- Pine Falls: May 6, 2011
- The Pas: May 6, 2011
- Stephenfield Provincial Park: May 11, 2011
- Brandon: May 12, 2011
- Duck Mountain Forest: May 13, 2011

Please note that the Stephenfield event is the LaSalle Redboine Conservation District regional, formally planned for Carman.

Provincial Competition

- Gimli, Manitoba: May 26 – May 28, 2011
- Accommodations provided at Gimli Training Centre (see page 7 for directions).

Field Test Positions	Orals Competition
❖ Trail Stop Attendant	❖ Judge
❖ Trail Monitor	❖ Facilitator
❖ Trail Captain	❖ Monitor

Reminder to Volunteers!

For those who are volunteering for an event, please make sure you have completed and submitted your 2011 Manitoba Envirothon volunteer registration form. You can find the form on our website at

http://www.thinktrees.org/Envirothon_Volunteers.aspx



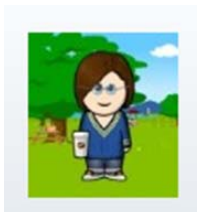
Volunteers at the Pembina Valley Conservation District Regional Event. 2010

- ### Volunteer Check List Provincial and Regional events
- Camping chair
 - Rain gear
 - Warm clothes
 - Mug for hot drinks
 - Mittens and Tuque
 - Water bottle
 - Media release form
 - Hat
 - Sunglasses

Get to know your Volunteers

As part of the new volunteer page in our newsletter, we want to profile our volunteers. The profile will include a photo, short description of you and your volunteer story with Envirothon. If you are interested

in providing a profile or want to share a great story about your experience with the Envirothon program please contact Michaela at 453-3182 ext. 2 or email envirocoordinator@thinktrees.org.



- Name:**
- Occupation:**
- About Me:**
- Length of Volunteer Service:**
- What Volunteering Means to Me:**



What to expect at the regional Envirothon



Students at the Duck Mountain Forest Centre

The Regional events will consist of a field test and orals competition. The field test will be comprised of ten stops, some regions will have additional stops to incorporate the oral presentations. There are seven different regional competitions thus the format for each region will differ slightly.

At each regional competition there will be time for registration, welcome, training, lunch, field test, oral presentations and wrap-up. Details for each Regional competition is found on page 4 and 5 of this newsletter. Be prepared to be outdoors all day during the Regional Competitions. RAIN OR SHINE THE EVENTS WILL BE OUTDOORS.

Each team member and advisor will receive their Manitoba Envirothon T-shirt at the Regional Competition. If your team will also be attending the provincial competition you must bring your T-shirts to the competition in Gimli May 26-28.

Advisors: you will be able to take part in the Regional Competition as a trail guide. You will guide a team, other than your own, around the Field Test Trail. This is an opportunity for you to get a look at the test.

Results of the Regional Competitions will be posted at www.thinktrees.org after May 16, 2011.

Dress for the weather. Regional events will take place outdoors rain or shine.



How to prepare for Regionals

1. Register your **team members** by April 11, 2011. Team member registration forms are available at www.thinktrees.org
2. Print and complete the **media release** forms. Each team member and advisor must complete a media release form which are available at www.thinktrees.org. Forms need to be signed by a guardian/parent for individuals under the age of 18. You can fax the forms to 204-477-5765 or bring them with you to the regional event
3. **Study** the resource materials provided at www.thinktrees.org, focus your studies to the resources marked with asterisks. Please note that regional events are designed for ALL students to be successful, regardless of their level of

preparation before the event. Training is provided at the regional competition to ensuring that students have the knowledge and skills succeed on the test.

4. **Pack** and bring the following items to the regional competition:
 - media release forms
 - water and water bottle
 - mug for hot drinks
 - sunscreen
 - insect repellent
 - warm clothing
 - rain jacket
 - rubber boots
 - hat
 - sunglasses
 - medication/personal items
 - lunch (Oak Hammock Marsh)
 - Poster/presentation (Stephenfield/Pine Falls)
 - Chair (Stephenfield, Camp Amisk)

Regional Envirothon Events

Oak Hammock Marsh—Friday April 29, 2011



Visit Oak Hammock Marsh online at www.oakhammockmarsh.ca where you will find information and directions to the marsh.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Welcome will be at 9:00 am with training to follow. Students will be expected to bring their own lunch for the day. After lunch the trail test will begin. The orals preparations and presentations will be incorporated into the field test; there will be 20 minutes to prepare and 10 minutes for the presentation and questions from the judges.

NOTE: Teams must bring their own lunch.

Scouts Canada—Friday April 29, 2011



Scouts Canada Regional Envirothon will take place at Camp Amisk. Click [here](#) for directions. Due to spring flooding teams will need to enter the park from the south by PR 247, accessible from Pembina highway, watch for signs along the road.

Registration will begin at 9:00 am, training and orientation will take place in the morning. Lunch will be provided by Scouts Canada. The field test will follow lunch, with oral presentations being incorporated into stops along the trail.

WE WILL BE OUTDOORS ALL DAY, PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Manitoba Model Forest—Friday May 6, 2011



The Manitoba Model Forest regional Envirothon will be held at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre in Pine Falls. Visit the [Winnipeg River Learning Centre](#) for directions and information about the Centre. Registration will begin at 9:00am followed by training. Lunch will be provided by the Manitoba Model Forest. After lunch teams will take part in the field test.

Teams will be provided with the orals question one week prior to the event. Students will prepare their presentation and come to the event prepared to present to the judges. Orals presentations will be incorporated as a stop on the field test trail.

The Pas—Friday May 6, 2011



The Northern Competition will be hosted at the Scouts field site, approximately 40 minutes Northeast of The Pas near Clearwater Lake. Registration will begin at 8:30am, followed by a welcome and introductions. Students will then receive training in the morning. Lunch will be provided on site. After lunch students will take part in the field test. The orals preparation and presentation will be incorporated as a stop on the field test trail.



Regional Competitions



LaSalle Redboine Conservation District Wednesday May 11, 2011

The LaSalle Redboine Conservation District has finalized the location for the event at Stephenfield Provincial Park, approximately 20 minutes west of Carman (previously listed as event location) accessible by PR 245. Click [here](#) for directions.

A week prior to the competition teams will be given the orals question and they will be asked to create a poster and presentation, which they will bring to the event.

Registration will begin at 8:30am. In the morning teams will participate in training sessions and have some time to finalize their oral presentation. Lunch will be provided. After lunch teams will complete the field test, a stop along the trail will be designate for oral presentations, where students will present to a panel of judges.

NOTE: Please remember to bring your oral presentation poster to Stephenfield. WE WILL BE OUTDOORS ALL DAY, PLEASE DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.

Assiniboine Community College Thursday May 12, 2011



The western Regional Envirothon Competition will take place on Thursday May 12 at the ACC North Campus. This historic site is located 1035 1st St North and is the former Brandon Regional Mental Health Facility, currently undergoing renovations to house all of the Assiniboine Community College. Entre the grounds using the Centre Avenue lights. It is nestled among pines, spruce, an orchard and agricultural fields, a wonderful setting for the 2011 Regional Envirothon. To view a map click [here](#). Registration will begin at 9:00 am and lunch will be provided. Students will take part in training during the morning, followed by the trail test in the afternoon. The orals competition will be incorporated as additional stops in the field test.

Duck Mountain Forest Centre Friday May 13, 2011



The Duck Mountain Forest Centre is located in the Duck Mountain Provincial Park south of Minitonas Manitoba on PR 366. Registration will begin at 9:00am. Training will occur in the morning. The Duck Mountain Forest Centre will provided barbequed hamburgers and smokies for lunch, students with specific dietary requirement are asked to bring their own lunch. The field test will occur after lunch.

Provincial Envirothon May 26-28, 2011 Gimli Manitoba

Just like the regional events there are two components to the provincial competition, an outdoor field test along a trail, and an orals presentation. There are 24 teams participating at the Manitoba Envirothon.

Questions?

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Thursday, May 26, 2011 Registration and Welcome. Registration will begin at 4:30 pm on Thursday May 26 at the Gimli Training Centre in the Gimli Industrial Park, see map on page 7 or view [map](#) online. Dinner will be at 6:00pm in the Dining Hall. A formal welcome will begin at 7:00pm in the courtyard, at this time teams will also introduce themselves to their fellow Envirothon students. As a team please prepare a 2 minute introduction, feel free to be creative with a skit, song, poem or jokes. Please have each member of the team bring a camping chair. If the weather is bad introductions will be done in the gym.

Friday May 27, 2011 Field Test. **WE WILL BE OUTSIDE ALL DAY, DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.** Breakfast will be served at 8:30am. Teams will be board the bus at 9:30 SHARP to be transported to the secret field test location. Rain or shine the field test will take place outdoors. Students will receive training in the morning. The field test will take place after lunch, this year there will be **one** 3 hour trail test. Advisors will have the opportunity to take part in the field test as a trail guide, guiding a team (other than they're own) around the field test trail. Please let Michaela know if you can unable to circulate the trail, 204.453.3182 ext. 2

After the trail test students will take part in a training session on presentation skills to help with the orals competition, this will take place at the field test site. Please bring your **chairs** to this event. Lunch and dinner will be served at the field test site.

Important: Electronic equipment (cell phones, ipods, camera etc.) are strictly prohibited during the field test, all electronic equipment will be taken from students.

We return to the Gimli Training Centre at 5:30pm. In the evening students will participate in a presentation on the current theme, followed by trading and socializing.

Saturday May 28, 2011 Oral Competition. **WEAR YOUR ENVIROTHON T-SHIRT.** Breakfast will be served at 7:00am. Teams will pack up and check out of the Barracks by 8:00am and depart for Gimli High School (GHS). Teams will travel to GHS in their personal vehicles, for directions please see map on page 7.

Orientation for orals will begin at 9:00am in the gym, teams will be introduced to the question and score sheet. Teams are then given materials and sequester to a classroom to prepare a 10 minute orals presentation. Materials include 3 sheets of poster paper, markers, scrap paper, index cards, pens, pencils, scissors, glue and construction paper. Please note that teams can only bring in the posters and index cards to the presentation.

After preliminary orals, the top 3 teams will present their orals presentation to a new panel of judges, students, teachers and volunteers. Winners will be announced shortly after, awards and final remarks will wrap up at 5:00pm. Teams will grab their dinner to go.



2010 team introductions
Brandon Manitoba

Canon Envirothon

Winners from this year's Manitoba Envirothon will advance to the international Canon Envirothon Competition, this year held at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick July 24 -29, 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.



Getting around Gimli



- Packing List:**
- T-shirts!
 - Media Release forms
 - Camping Chair
 - Water bottle
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
 - Indoor clothes
 - Warm clothes
 - Rain gear
 - Indoor/outdoor shoes
 - Hat
 - Sunglasses
 - Medication and other personal items
 - Name tag (if you would like to make your own)
 - Please DO NOT bring valuables
 - Items for trade with other teams

It's Mystery Team Time

A little bird has told us that one of our long time advisors will be retiring from teaching this year. You know what that means!! It's time for another Mystery Team.

A long standing tradition of the Envirothon program is to have teachers from various school form their own team and complete the trail test. The teacher's

trail test will be marked alongside the students' tests and results will be made available. Find out if you have what it takes to be an Envirothon Champion!!

Please email Michaela if you would like to be a member of the mystery team envirocoordinator@thinktrees.org



2010 mystery team hard at work

Emergency Plan

We will have volunteers circulating the event with radios and First Aid training. A vehicle will be designated to transport injured or sick persons to the command centre or hospital.

Emergency numbers: 911

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As Manitoba's oldest environmental education organization, the Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) is a leader in the field of forest education. Our mission is to educate all Manitobans about wise management of trees and forests, to ensure they will remain healthy and productive for today, and for future generations.

In 1996, MFA explored the idea of Envirothon. Four teams participated in the first Manitoba Envirothon in 1997 at Birds Hill Provincial Park. In 2006, MFA made Envirothon one of its core programs. Today, the Manitoba Envirothon is still going strong with over 35 teams participating annually.

