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# EnviroWeb

Provincial Competition: May 27-29, 2010



## Coordinator's Corner

Lisa Tack

Thank you to everyone who has already registered a team for the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon. Also, a big thanks to everyone who has already expressed interest in volunteering for the 2010 Envirothon activities.

To register a team, visit [www.thinktrees.org](http://www.thinktrees.org). Please note that the registration deadline is **Friday, February 12, 2010**.

Envirothon resources and materials (including sample tests) can be found at [http://www.mbforestryassoc.ca/Envirothon/envirothon\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.mbforestryassoc.ca/Envirothon/envirothon_home_page.htm).

If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at [envirocoordinator@mts.net](mailto:envirocoordinator@mts.net) or call me at 204.453.3182 ext 4.



## Envirothon Team Registration Closes Feb 12, 2010

Register your team for the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon. All you need is 5 students in grades 9-12 and 1 or 2 teacher supervisors or adult chaperones. A school may register more than one team.

This year, each team has 3 options to participate in Envirothon:

- A) attend a **regional** competition ONLY (FREE!)
- B) attend the **provincial** competition ONLY (\$600 / team)
- C) attend BOTH competitions (regional and provincial) (\$600 / team)

The **dates** of the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon Regional Competitions have been finalized:

- 1) Oak Hammock Marsh: Friday, April 30
- 2) Pembina Valley (Manitou Area): Wednesday, May 5
- 3) The Pas (University College of the North): Thurs-Fri, May 13-14

We require the use of buses at this year's Manitoba Envirothon. If your team is thinking about taking a bus, please let us know!

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*Teams have a blast at the Manitoba Envirothon.*



## Regional Competition Update

The Envirothon Committee is working with Oak Hammock Marsh, Pembina Valley and LaSalle Redboine Conservation Districts, and University College of the North to plan the 3 **pilot regional competitions**. If team numbers exceed the region's capacity, local teams will be given the spots.

### QUESTIONS?

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Dates for these competitions have been finalized:

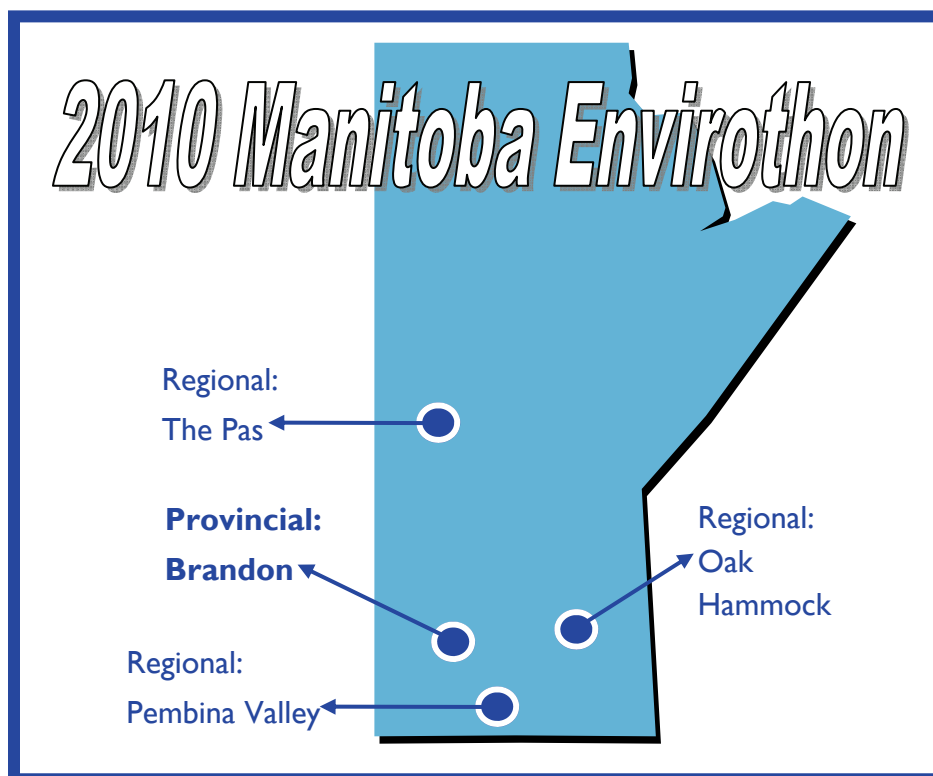
- 1) Oak Hammock Marsh: Friday, April 30
- 2) Pembina Valley (Manitou Area): Wednesday, May 5
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After registrations close, teams will be contacted to confirm their participation at a regional competition (based on their selections made on the registration form).

At each regional competition, teams will:

- receive Envirothon training
- complete an outdoor field test
- complete an orals presentation

Remember that in 2010, every team may attend both the regional and provincial competitions. In future years, only teams that have placed at the regional level will be eligible for the provincial competition. Evaluations after the completion of the regionals as well as the Advisor discussion at the provincial competition will provide input into decisions regarding the future compulsory regional format beginning in 2011.





## Provincial Competition Update

Study materials for the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon can be found at:  
[http://www.mbforestryassoc.ca/Envirothon/envirothon\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.mbforestryassoc.ca/Envirothon/envirothon_home_page.htm).

The Manitoba Envirothon Steering Committee has made some changes to the provincial competition. The April Workshop will NOT be offered in 2010. Instead, teams will receive training at both the regional and provincial competitions. To supplement this training, the committee is hoping to develop some training videos or offer some in-school training opportunities. Stay tuned for more information.

### 2010 MANITOBA ENVIROTHON

Registration Deadline:	Friday, February 12, 2010
Dates:	May 27-29, 2010
Location:	Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College Brandon, Manitoba



**ASSINIBOINE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**BRANDON**  
**UNIVERSITY**

*Founded 1899*

## Volunteer Update

Manitoba Envirothon is looking for volunteers for the following events:

Friday, April 30 -	Regional Competition at Oak Hammock Marsh
Wednesday, May 5 -	Regional Competition in the Manitou area
Thurs/Fri, May 13-14 -	Regional Competition in The Pas
Thurs-Sat, May 27-29 -	Provincial Competition in Brandon

If you are interested in volunteering at one or more of the above, please contact Lisa Tack at [envirocoordinator@mts.net](mailto:envirocoordinator@mts.net) or 204.453.3182 extension 4.

Please pass this message on to potential volunteers.

The volunteer registration form will be posted on [www.thinktrees.org](http://www.thinktrees.org).

Never doubt that  
a small group of  
thoughtful,  
committed  
citizens can  
change the world;  
indeed, it's the  
only thing  
that ever has.  
~Margaret Mead

## Glenn's Joke Corner!

Glenn Peterson



Just a reminder that we are holding an **Envirojoke Contest** again this year.

After your team has registered for the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon, you are eligible to submit up to 5 appropriate (clean!) jokes for consideration. A crack team of humour consultants and I will choose the best joke and the winning team will receive a **fabulous prize package**. Plus, your joke will be used at the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon opening ceremony, along with some of the runners-up.

Remember jokes should be of an environmental nature, with theme topic jokes receiving more points – for 2010 it's Groundwater!

Submit your jokes to [envirocoordinator@mts.net](mailto:envirocoordinator@mts.net). Please write "Envirojoke" in the subject line.

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.  
~E.E. Cummings

## Favour - help us with Envirothon funding



A huge thanks to all of the confirmed funders of the 2010 Manitoba Envirothon:

Manitoba Hydro  
Manitoba Conservation  
Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs  
Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives  
Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines  
Manitoba Water Stewardship  
Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth  
Jiffy Canada

The Manitoba Envirothon Steering Committee is planning to approach some new funders. We'd like to be able to show funders how much time a team spends on Envirothon and Envirothon-related activities in one school year.

Our question to you is: approximately how much time does your team of 5 spend on Envirothon? This includes studying, training, meetings, the event, etc. After you have an idea of the total hours, please send them to Lisa at [envirocoordinator@mts.net](mailto:envirocoordinator@mts.net)

This information would help us a lot with our fundraising efforts. Thanks!!



## Envirothon Calendar - 2010

- Friday, February 12** - Envirothon registration closes
- Friday, April 30 - Regional Competition in Oak Hammock Marsh
- Wednesday, May 5 - Regional Competition in Manitou area
- Thurs-Fri, May 13-14 - Regional Competition in The Pas
- Thurs-Sat, May 27-29 - Provincial Envirothon Competition in Brandon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 25	26	27	28	29	30 Regional	MAY 1
2	3	4	5 Regional	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Regional The Pas	14 Regional The Pas	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26	27 MB Envirothon Brandon	28 MB Envirothon Brandon	29 MB Envirothon Brandon



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### Check this out!

<http://climatesight.org/>

Kate is a current Manitoba Envirothoner and the author of this blog about climate change. She plans to become a climatologist.

We'd like to find out what other Envirothoners are up to - drop me a line at [envirocoordinator@mts.net](mailto:envirocoordinator@mts.net).

