

# Enviro Web



Newsletter of the Manitoba Envirothon

## ENVIROTHON COMPETITION—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

### TEAM CAPTAINS

Each Team should appoint a Team Captain who will be the team spokesperson.

### TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

All teams will be asked to introduce themselves on Thursday evening. Given the theme for this year, it has been suggested that teams incorporate a cultural aspect, including any props that might make the presentation more effective.

### STUDY MATERIALS

The Test Writing Committee is currently preparing a package of additional study materials. These will be mailed to each team within the next two weeks.

### DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS

Due to regulations imposed on the Steering Committee by the University of Manitoba, we must request from each team a refundable deposit of \$ 10.00 each (there will be 2 keys per person). This can be paid by cheque or cash at registration. The deposit will be collected from the teacher/advisor accompanying the team, and returned to the same teacher/advisor when the team “checks out” on Saturday. Teachers/advisors should collect from the students, and reimburse the students after check out-once the keys have been returned.

### LOSS OF KEYS

When or if keys are lost, the University of Manitoba has a policy in place to change locks and re-key any and all rooms involved. There are substantial costs associated with this process that the University Building Services passes on directly to the facility users.

In the case of lost keys, the users will be required to reimburse the Manitoba Forestry Association \$ 75.00 for each lost key! Teacher/Advisors will be required to sign a waiver accepting responsibility for all keys issued to their team. **The Manitoba Envirothon Steering Committee will not be responsible for lost keys!**

### LOSS OF MEAL CARDS

A meal card will be issued to each participant at the Envirothon. This card will be required at all meals. If lost, the University will charge \$10.00 to issue another card.

### ACCOMMODATION

Teams will be housed at the University of Manitoba in Tache Hall. **All teams are expected to stay in residence.** Bedrooms accommodate two people. Bedding will be provided, but everyone will be responsible for their own towels, soap, etc.

### PARKING

Parking will be available in **any lots designated for students.** A \$5 pass will be required for Friday only, but the passes will be handed out Thursday evening during registration.

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More information on the Competition will be provided in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Dianne at the MFA office - (204) 453-3182 or email at [dibeaven@mts.net](mailto:dibeaven@mts.net).

# Envirothon Workshop 2005!

*Friday, April 15th, 2005*

*Lower Fort Garry*

Each year the Envirothon steering committee organizes a pre-competition workshop so that students will have an opportunity to learn more about the current topic, as well as the equipment they will be using during the trail testing. We encourage all teams to attend.

## Workshop Program

8:30-9:15 a.m.	Registration—\$10/person
9:30-10:15 a.m.	(concurrent sessions in Theatre and Multi-Purpose Room) Welcome and history of Lower Fort Garry as a <b><i>Cultural Landscape</i></b> <u>Presenters:</u> Ken Green and Robert Coutts (historian), Parks Canada
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break - snacks
10:30-11:15 a.m.	(concurrent sessions – outdoors, weather permitting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Forests</b></li><li>• <b>Soil</b></li></ul>
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Break – snacks - Short presentation on recycling: Jim Potton
11:30-12:15 p.m.	(concurrent sessions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Aquatics</b></li><li>• <b>Wildlife</b></li></ul>
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Teams regroup
12:30-1 p.m.	Lunch for group 1 – Test for group 2
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Lunch for group 2 – Test for group 1
1:45-2 p.m.	Break
2-2:45 p.m.	(concurrent sessions) Multi-Purpose Room: <b>Motivational Presentation</b> <u>Presenter:</u> Margo Wilson-Kehler Theatre: <b><i>Row to the Sea</i></b> + walk to York Boat (weather permitting) <u>Presenter:</u> RoseAnna Schick
2:45-3 p.m.	Break
3-3:45 p.m.	Repeat of above presentations
3:45-4 p.m.	Answers to test Closing remarks
4 p.m.	Departure

**Teams should come dressed for outdoor activities!**

***Please register by March 18th. Registration Form on page 3.***

# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

**ENVIROTHON WORKSHOP - Friday, April 15th, 2005**

**Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site- 5981 Hwy #9, St. Andrews, Manitoba**

## REGISTRATION FORM

School/Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher/Advisor (s):**

**T-Shirt Size**

(XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

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**Team Members:**

**T-shirt Size**

(XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

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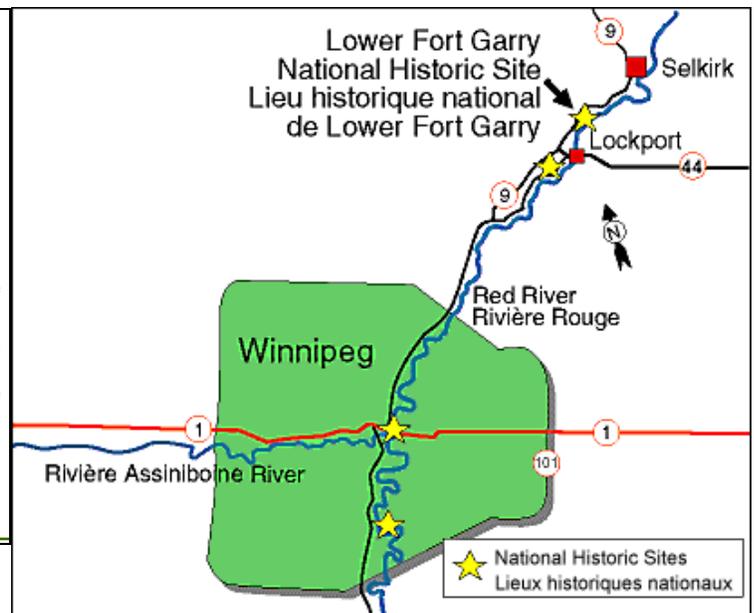
Please indicate if there are any physical disabilities. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax the completed form to Manitoba Forestry Association**

**at (204) 477-5765 by March 18th.**

The \$10/individual registration fee can be forwarded to MFA or paid at the door.  
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We are requesting t-shirt sizes now so we can place an order for the competition. You will not receive a t-shirt at the workshop.

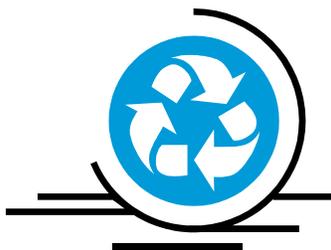


## GET INVOLVED!

### *Recycling & Waste Reduction*

As has been the case at past workshops and competitions we will once again be focusing on the importance of **recycling and waste reduction**. Some years have been more successful than others, but this year will be the best! Of course, we need the support and co-operation of all those participating at these events.

The team who sets the best example during the competition will be honoured with a special award. In addition, the Recycling & Waste Reduction Committee will be planning a few surprises!



### **CANON ENVIROTHON ORALS**

At a recent meeting of the Canon Envirothon, discussion on the problems related to the 200 point value of the orals and the inconsistencies of the teams of judges has prompted a review of the orals scoring. The orals currently are worth 2/7 of the total score.

Jim Potton is a member of the task committee that will be providing comments and recommendations to the Canon Board to consider this summer. The majority of those board members meeting in February seem in favour of reducing the value to 100. If this change is made, the first Canon Envirothon to implement the change would be the 2006 in Manitoba.

Please take the time to provide any comments you might have regarding the changes in the orals point value to [jpotton@mts.net](mailto:jpotton@mts.net) or directly to the Manitoba Forestry Association.

### *Pine Ridge Trail*

The Pine Ridge Trail, developed last year at the Sandilands Forest Education Centre near Hadashville, showcases the Biology 40S Ecology unit and introduces climate change impacts on Manitoba's forests.

Stops include the Forest Ecozone; Forest Stand Dynamics; a Red Pine Plantation; Forest Understory; Biodiversity; Forest Soils; Riparian Zones; Wildlife Biodiversity; Fire Management; and Biogeochemical Cycles.

To book a field trip to the Centre for the day or plan an overnight experience, contact Bill Baker, at the Manitoba Forestry Association—phone: (204) 453-3182 for further information.



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