



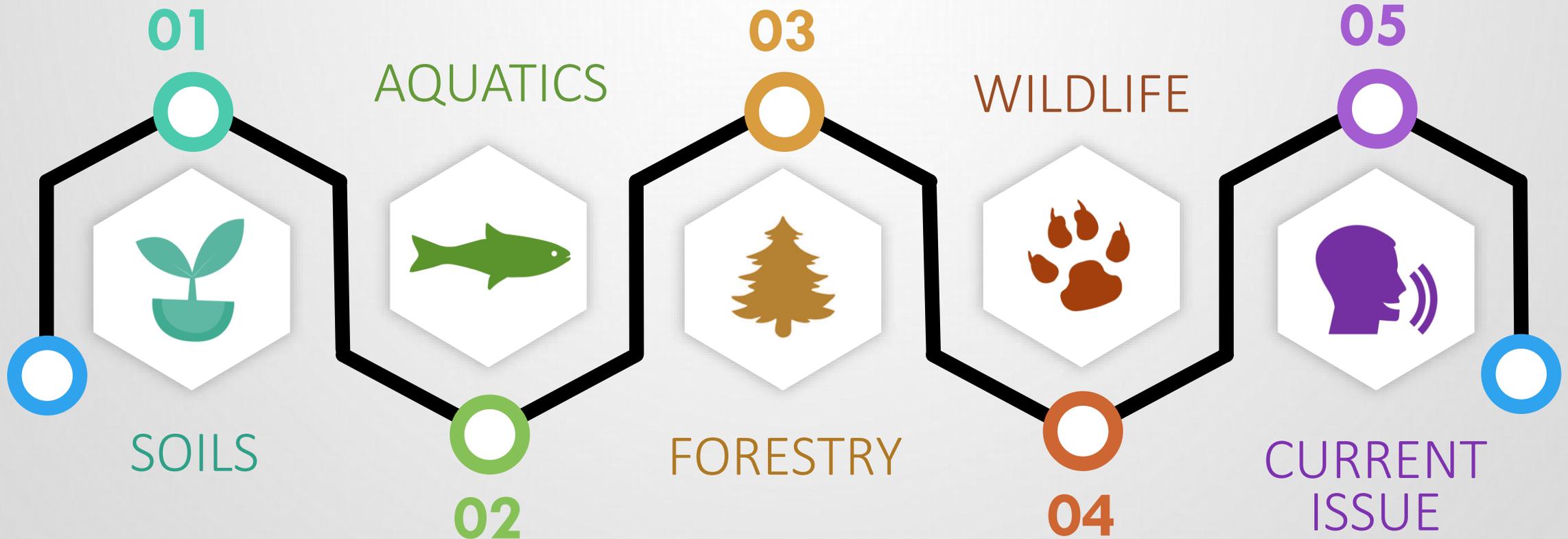
Starting an Envirothon Team 101

Fayette and Warren County Conservation Districts

What is Envirothon?

Envirothon is a four-year investment with high school students.

Teams are composed of five students and each student will choose one category to focus on.



What do I need to do? When do I do it?



AUGUST

Reach out to high schools you would like to have a team with. Work with the FFA advisor to gain recruits.

SEPTEMBER

Have a team established. Each student should commit to one category.

OCTOBER

Plan a fun event and get to know your students!

NOVEMBER

Updated study materials should be posted. These materials can be found on DOC's website.

Register your teams to get the early bird rate! Form can be found on DOC's website.

DECEMBER

Create assignments and exercises from study materials specific to KY.

Start a discussion about the significance of studying each field with emphasis on the current topic.

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JANUARY

Begin practicing at least every other week. In lieu of weather, assign homework.

FEBRUARY

Begin practicing once a week.

MARCH

Prep questions for each category and begin holding practices twice a week.

Training Day

-Training day is very important to be successful at the regional competition.

APRIL

Regional Competition

If your team(s) move on to state, hold a practice oral presentation. Prompts can be found online.

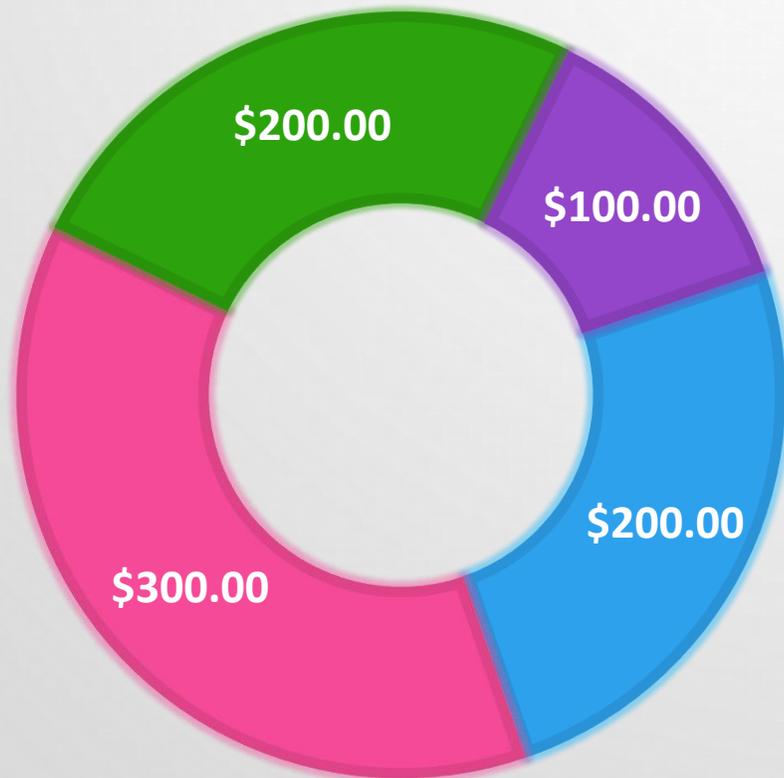
MAY

State Competition

What should I budget for?

- This budget is based on expenses for one team.
- Always reach out to local businesses and Farm Bureau for sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.

■ Registration ■ Transportation ■ Meals ■ T-Shirts



What about recruiting?



How do I get students interested?

- Make it free with no costs for the students whatsoever!
 - Provide food!
- Work around the students schedules as best you can to allow them to participate (*working around schedules can be challenging*).



What if I need to limit students?

- Create a survey
- Prepare a quiz
- Begin with a freshman team
- Aim for students in the same grade



Now I want a second team!

- Add a second team or additional school after a couple years with your first team.
- Veteran members can help coach new students.
- More experienced students should mentor their younger category counterpart.

Who can help me?

A successful Envirothon team utilizes local resources and professionals for specific areas.

- Local Colleges/Graduate Students
 - NRCS
 - Fish and Wildlife
 - Division of Forestry
 - Division of Water
- Cooperative Extension
 - Local Field Experts
 - FFA Advisors
 - Johnna McHugh, DOC



Teaching Apps

Utilizing smart phone applications are a great tool to engage students and keep in contact.



Why should I teach Envirothon?

- Students go on to pursue agriculture or environmental degrees.
- This allows agriculture to be taught and understood in a positive way.
- Students gain field and intensive studying experience.
- Participation and awards are great additions to college applications and resumes.
- As a teacher, you will learn about subjects and current agricultural issues too!



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