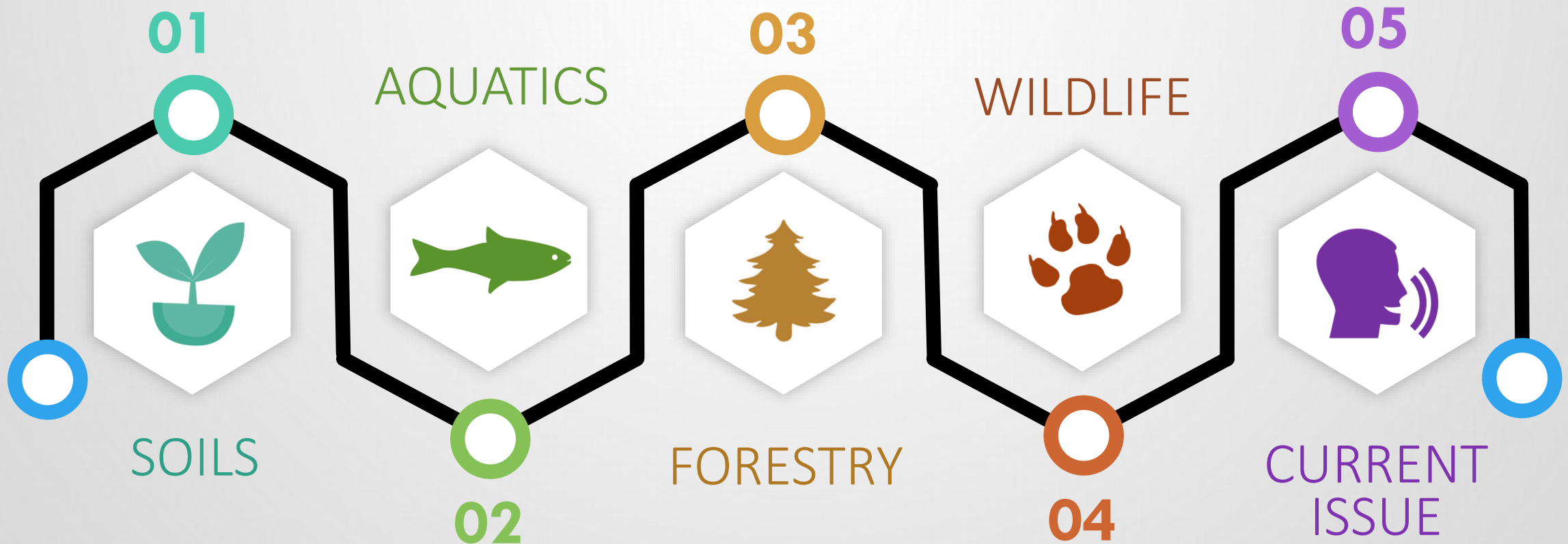




STARTING AN ENVIROTHON TEAM 101

Warren County Conservation District

What is Envirothon?



Envirothon is an environmental and natural resource conservation problem solving team building and leadership experience for students in grades 9-12. Teams are composed of five students who test together over five categories.

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.

OCTOBER

Get to know your students!

NOVEMBER

Utilize DOC's website for study materials and schedule weekly practices.

DECEMBER

Create study guides and exercises from study materials specific to KY.

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

What do I need to do?

When do I do it?



JANUARY

Begin practicing at least every week.

How many teams will you have?

FEBRUARY

Continue practicing once a week.

Register teams with DOC.

MARCH

Continue practicing weekly.

Attend training day.

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

Verify registration is completed.

APRIL

Regional Competition

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

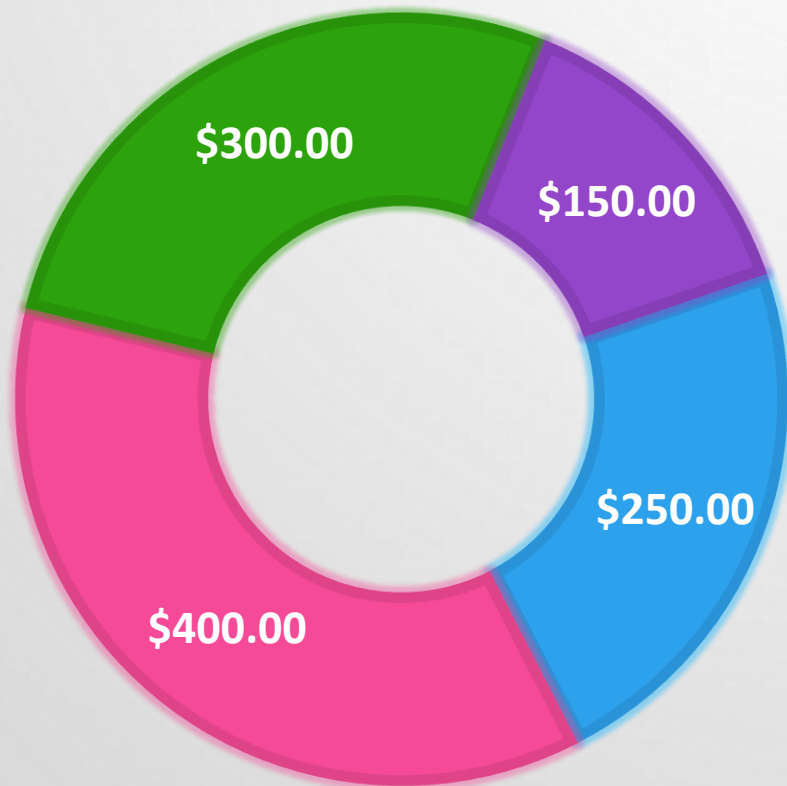
MAY

State Competition

What should I budget for?

- This budget is based on expenses for one team of five.
- 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
 - 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
- More experienced students can help 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
 - Crystal Renfro, KACD
 - Johnna McHugh, DOC



Teaching Apps

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



Why should I coach 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 coach, you will learn about subjects and current agricultural issues too!



Have questions?



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