

# Conservation Districts of Iowa

Informing, educating and leading Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to conserve our natural resources

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## Annual Conference information online @ [www.cdiowa.org](http://www.cdiowa.org)

370 total attendees, 170 Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners represented 73 Districts at the 2015 Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners Annual Conference!

Conference Highlights | Program | Presentations available online!

## Save the Date!

**2016 Iowa Conservation Partnership Day**  
Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Capitol, Des Moines

## 2016 Conservation Poster Contest, Scholarship & Envirothon information online and on Facebook!

Participate in and promote these programs to engage youth in soil and water conservation!

- ❖ Posters due to the SWCD office by **March 25, 2016**
- ❖ Scholarships due to SWCD office by **February 26, 2016**
- ❖ Envirothon team registrations due to CDI by **February 1, 2016**



Farm Bill Reports Due – October 15 | Next CDI Bulletin – January 1, 2016

# 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IOWA ENVIROTHON

## 2016 marks the 20th Annual Iowa Envirothon!

### Recruit a team today!

#### What?

- The Iowa Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education program and team competition for high school students. It is teams of five students who work as a team to conduct hands-on investigations and answer written questions concerning environmental issues in five categories: Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife, Soils, and Current Environmental Issues.



#### When/Where?

- 2016 Regional Event Competitions:
  - o March 1 – Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo
  - o March 8 – Fairgrounds, Red Oak
  - o March 15 – Cherokee Community Center, Cherokee
  - o March 15 – Kirkwood Community College, Iowa City
  - o March 17 – DMACC, West Des Moines
- The 2016 20th Annual Iowa Envirothon State Competition will be held Monday, April 11, 2016 at Springbrook State Park - RAIN OR SHINE
- The 2016 North American Envirothon will be held July 24 - 29, 2016 at Trent University in Ontario, Canada

#### Who?

- High School students grades 9-12
- Reach out to Environmental teachers, FFA advisors, Local 4H, Ag teachers, County Naturalists, etc.

#### Why?

- The Envirothon Provides an incentive for students to integrate and apply knowledge and skills learned while stimulating, reinforcing and enhancing students' interest in the environment, related careers, and Iowa's natural resources. Of course, there is also the incentive of travel, scholarships, prizes and prestige!

#### Moving forward...

- Recruit a teacher
- Contact your local schools/groups
- Sponsor a team
- Sponsor a training/field day
- Donate to the Iowa Envirothon
- Find a local organization to donate to the Iowa Envirothon
- Contact CDI for any questions



Visit [www.iowaenvirothon.org](http://www.iowaenvirothon.org) for more information on recruiting a team in your district!