

The Conservation Districts of Iowa Presents



**Non-Point Source pollution:
It begins at home**



The state competition for the 2026 Iowa Envirothon took place on Monday, April 27, at Jester Park Nature Center in Granger, Iowa. It was a great day filled with fun and excitement (and, thankfully, sunshine) as the teams were ready to test their knowledge of Iowa's natural resources. The 2026 current issue was "Non-Point Source Pollution: It begins at home." Students explored how everyday actions and common practices can contribute to NPS pollution. They learned how to conduct their own NPS survey and explored NPS mitigation strategies for their oral presentation.

The day would not have been possible without the help and support of our sponsors and volunteers. We greatly appreciate their time and contributions to make the Iowa Envirothon such a wonderful event for our future leaders!

2026 Iowa Envirothon Results



1st Overall

Decorah – Naturally Selected

L – R: Atticus Raabe, Thatcher Brown, Jack Hammell, Thomas Davis, Oskar Swanson

Decorah Naturally Selected is eligible to represent Iowa and compete at the international National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon, July 19–25 at Mississippi State University in Starkville Mississippi.



2nd Overall

Decorah Sahur Society

L – R: Riley Berns, Oliver Bollinger, Kyle Pattison, Reid



3rd Overall

Muscatine Muskie Senior Plus

L – R: Kaden Miller, Dylan Randel, Coen Navarro, Josh Koch, Corwin McDonald



4th Overall

North Fayette Valley Dirt Bags

L – R: Holden Griffith, Trent Gamm, Tyler Davis, Ethan Murray, Anabel Murray



1st Overall FFA Score

Muscatine Muskie Senior Plus

L – R: Kaden Miller, Dylan Randel, Coen Navarro, Josh Koch, Corwin McDonald



2nd Overall FFA Score

Beckman Catholic FFA

L – R: Allison Knipper, Natalie Besler, Andrea Schneider, Ashley Schilling, Annabelle Zahradnik

2026 Area Winners

Aquatic Ecology: Muscatine – Muskie Senior Plus

Forestry: Decorah – Naturally Selected, Madrid – Pinkalicious Tiger Trout

Soils and Land Use: Decorah – Naturally Selected, Madrid – Pinkalicious Tiger Trout

Wildlife: Muscatine – Muskie Senior Plus

Current Issue: Decorah – Sahur Society

Oral Presentation: Decorah – Naturally Selected

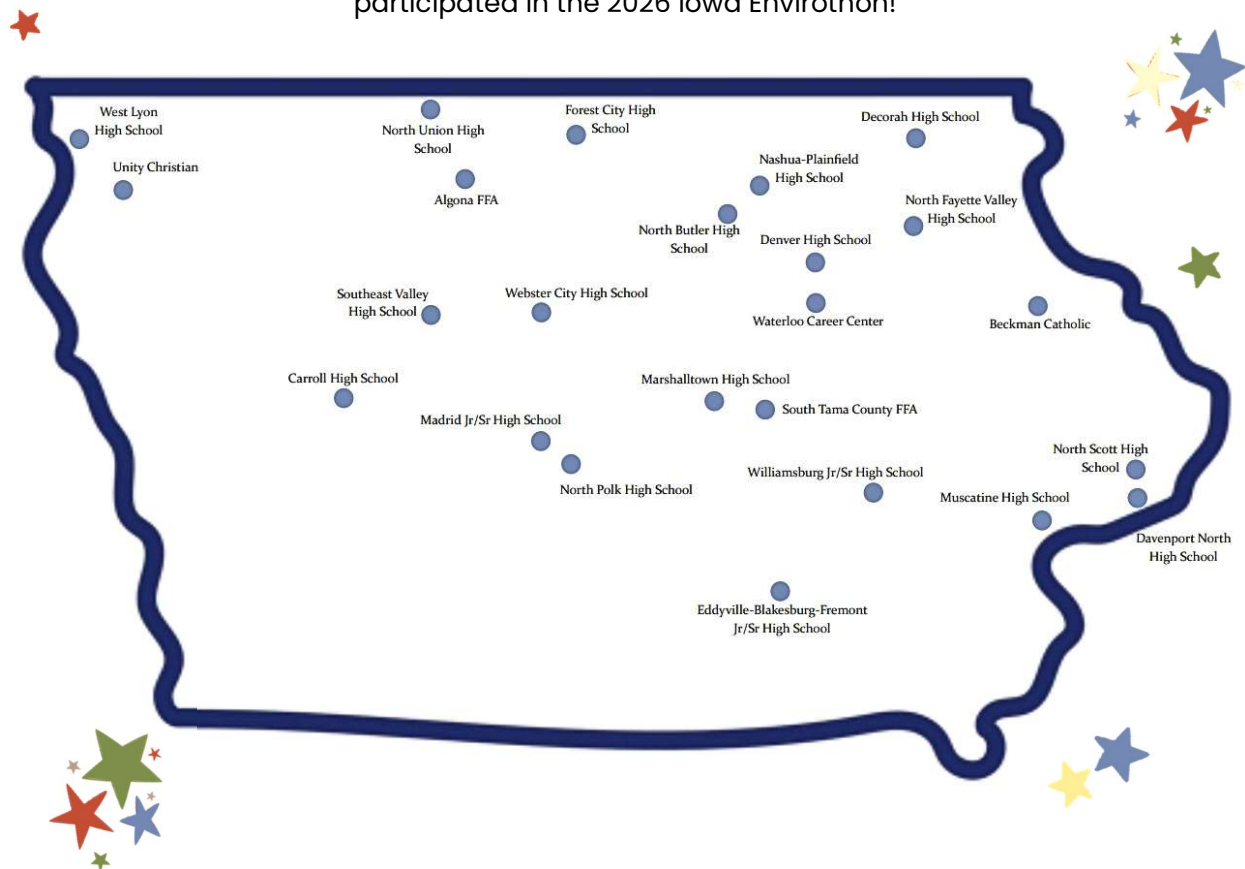
Thank you to all the teachers who took the time and effort to give these students a unique opportunity to connect with their peers, community, and local environment. There would be no Iowa Envirothon without them!

2026 State Competition Teams

Congrats to all our state qualifiers!

Williamsburg FFA
Davenport North Green Team
South Tama FFA
North Polk FFA Gold
Unity Christian
Beckman Catholic
Marshalltown Steezy Storks
Madrid Pinkalicious Tiger Trout
Muscatine Muskies the Fishes
Muscatine Muskie Senior Plus
North Fayette Valley Dirt Bags
North Fayette Valley A Team
Decorah Naturally Selected
Decorah Sahur Society

A total of 255 students, 51 teams from 24 schools and organizations around the state participated in the 2026 Iowa Envirothon!



2026 Sponsors and Support

We are very grateful to the following agencies and organizations who contributed financial support to help make this year's Iowa Envirothon a success! Your support was critical to an event that supports the future of Iowa's youth education and natural resources.



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Since 2024, the Iowa Conservation Education Coalition (ICEC) has partnered with CDI to support and promote the Iowa Envirothon.

Thank you!

2026 Volunteers

Lastly, thank you to all the amazing people who volunteered at the state competition! We truly would not have had such a great time without your help as oral presentation judges, team guides, room monitors, station leads, test runners, photographers, test scorers and more.



Not all volunteers pictured above

Thank you!

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We hope everyone had
a great time at the 2026
Iowa Envirothon!

