

ORAL PRESENTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The oral presentation component will be totaled into the team's final score just like the five other components (soil/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and current issue). It will be 1/6 of the final score. The problem solving oral presentation will be conducted as follows:

- The oral presentation problem will be available on the New York State Envirothon website by the end of January. This will give all teams sufficient time to prepare.
- Students should plan on registering in the Smith Library - at least one hour before their assigned presentation time. Presentations will take place in Stern Hall.
- A time schedule will be available online (www.NYSEnvirothon.net) and teams must show up for their allotted time and be prepared to present.
- Each team will have ten minutes for its presentation before the Envirothon judges, and then judges will have five minutes to ask the students questions. Presentations should be between 8 and 10 minutes. Presentations less than 8 minutes or longer than 10 minutes will lose points off the score.
- Team members are required to wear their 2016 NYS Envirothon issued T-shirts. No clothing identifying school or county origin will be allowed.
- The oral presentation problem solving presentations will take place during the first day-Wednesday, May 25th. They will start at 12:00 noon.
- Teams need to report to the staging area (Smith Library) 15 minutes prior to their presentation time for the visual aids to be checked. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- A panel of 5 judges will score the presentation. There will be 7 sets of judges because of the numbers and time frame given.
- Teams should include both pros and cons in their presentation.
- All 5 members must have a speaking part. Points will be deducted if all 5 members do not participate. The alternate will not be allowed to participate.
- Students will be allowed to prepare visual aids. **ONLY** materials contained in the visual aids packet that teams receive after their local competition can be used. **Students may use both sides of the poster board, construction paper, and index cards**

Materials Included Are:

- 2 sheets of white poster board (22" x 28")
- 1 small box of markers (8 colors)
- 1 package of assorted (10 colors, not white) construction paper (9" x 12") (2 sheets each color)
- 1 bottle glue (about 3 oz.)
- 2 pencils #2
- Scotch tape
- 5 4x6 index cards (one per student)
- Scissors

Your Soil & Water Conservation District will provide these materials for the state oral presentation.

Materials **NOT ACCECTABLE** for use and could be counted towards a disqualification of the team:

- Pens or ink of any kind
- Stencils or photo copied or printed graphics
- Tools for creating geometric shapes
- No substituted items for materials provided inside packet
- Anything NOT included in the OP packet

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- Students may be as creative as they want but must not use any materials not listed. Visual aids will be inspected prior to presentations. Use of anything (tape, staples, ball-point pen, etc.) not on the list will disqualify the use of visual aids, and teams will not be allowed to use them. Under no circumstances may anything used in the presentation be printed by any electronic device or typewriter of any kind. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Each team member is allowed to use one prepared note card (4" x 6" only) to aid them. Index cards may not be included as part of the visual aids. Notes must be hand written with the pencils provided. Students may use both sides of the index cards. **ALL INDEX CARDS MUST BE HAND WRITTEN! NO PRINTED OR TYPED MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Teams using anything but the materials given to them for their Oral Presentation will be subject to disqualification.
- Students should work with fellow team members to prepare for the problem solving.
- Teams may organize team members in any way, but are reminded all team members must participate. Costumes or "dressing the part" and "skits" are not allowed. **(NO EXCEPTIONS) The purpose is to present a professional presentation before a group of "town folks" in need of a solution to their problem; not to entertain them by action out.**
- There is to be no direct contact with the judges before, during, or after the presentation. No brochures, handouts, pamphlets, etc. will be allowed to be distributed to them.
- Advisors are allowed in the room to watch the presentation **ONLY** if the team members permit it. Advisors are not to speak, give any signals, leave the room, or influence the presentation in any way. *Note: Please arrive one hour before your scheduled presentation time. Presentation times cannot be changed*
- It is the school's responsibility to make sure the team receives their Oral Presentation packet.