

## **Message from the NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Millie Langley(NC) - March 2018**

So here we are, it's March, Spring is officially here and yes it's SNOWING in North Carolina! So that just proves that it's Envirothon Season! Yesterday, we had snow, rain, wind, thunder, lightning and HAIL all in one 24-hour period. Thank goodness the rough stuff held off until AFTER our Piedmont Area Envirothon, also yesterday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Elon University. I know others are going on this week, this month and next in North Carolina as I'm sure there are all around the Envirothon world!

The NCF Envirothon Operating Committee met back in January for their Winter Meeting in Nashville, TN. We filled a vacant position; welcome Becky Geneau from New Brunswick, Canada! We heard from Dave Vogel about Tribal/ First nations outreach; the part we can play to encourage participation. We also worked with the 2018 Host Committee on the upcoming competition in beautiful Idaho!

Most of the States and Provinces have their competitions coming up this spring, so soon we will know who will be joining us in Pocatello for the NCF Envirothon Competition in July.

Be on the lookout for Registration – it went active on March 12! Remember that Idaho would really love to see you there and would love to put you to work...volunteers are needed! [Register to Volunteer 2018!](#)

As always the Operating Committee is here to assist you with building your program, expanding your outreach and answer your questions. Please contact me, the Envirothon staff or your Regional Representative on the committee. Our contact information can be found here:

<https://www.envirothon.org/contact-envirothon>

I can wait to see you in just a few short months! Happy Envirothon Everyone!

Lastly, don't forget to follow us on social media!!

Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/NAEnvirothon/>

Twitter- [@NCFEnvirothon](#)

Instagram- [ncf\\_envirothon](#)

~ Millie Langley, NCF Envirothon Chair

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## **Message from the NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Millie Langley (NC) October 2017**

Greetings Envirothoners!

First of all, I would like to say congratulations to the Penncrest High School Envirothon Team from Media, Pennsylvania! They captured the title of the TOP 2017 Envirothon Team in North America!

And this did not come easy, advisors have worked very hard to prepare the teams, and the team members must study and work very hard to master ALL the material. Above all, they must stay focused and motivated! But the hard work of the Pennsylvania team's advisors Chrissa Kuntz and Mark Samilenko was recognized when they were inducted into the NCF Envirothon's Hall of Fame. These advisors are tough competitors, good sports, and great teachers. They also should be an inspiration to us all! Without great advisors, the NCF Envirothon would cease to be.

I want to give a very loud, enthusiastic "Shout-Out" to all you advisors out there! Thanks for all you do, teaching and leading the students to one day be environmentally conscious, good citizens and great people.

And I hope you are all "Envirothon Happy" like me!

~ Millie Langley, NCF Envirothon Chair

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## **Message from NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Millie Langley (NC) June 15, 2017**

### **Hello Envirothon Participants!**

This is the final week of State/Provincial competitions, including the one being held by our 2017 hosts: Maryland!

Envirothon season is really in full swing! From our local competitions this spring to our state and provincial competitions, most of us are living, sleeping, eating and breathing ENVIROTHON!

So first of all I must give congratulations to all the teams who participated in local Envirothon Competitions. You have learned a lot and have acquired important skills you will use in the future! As one team member's parent told me in thanking us for supporting the Envirothon: " my son/daughter has reaped many benefits from the Envirothon experience, including internships, and better career and college choices".

Congratulations to teams who have competed successfully and progressed to your state/provincial events, for you have shown that your passion for Envirothon is real. And of course, congratulations to all the STATE and PROVINCIAL WINNERS! You will join 50 plus teams just like you in Maryland this July, representing your home, your school and your state/province-less than 6 weeks away! Now the real work begins, learning all the new information that will show your outstanding achievement, remarkable abilities and impressive Envirothon Knowledge!

I am full of excitement and anticipation...just waiting for this summer's 2017 Envirothon to happen! The Maryland committee is working extremely hard to make sure everything is ready and waiting for you when you arrive. Look OUT Maryland, some awesome teams are heading your way!

Be Envirothon Happy!

~ Millie Langley, NCF Envirothon Chair

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## Message from NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Millie Langley (NC) March 30, 2017

### Greeting Envirothoners !

For many reasons, this is MY favorite time of the year. Yes, springtime is finally here and so, Envirothon season is upon us as well! Across the U.S and Canada, preparations for local Envirothon's are underway.

Students and advisors are busy studying and learning material, Envirothon leaders are planning competitions and preparing study materials. New champions will be emerging from those contests and soon they will test their knowledge and skills at the NCF Envirothon this summer in Maryland. Study hard my friends! Learning is power!

What is important to remember is the learning experiences gained from studying and participating in the Envirothon. Get outdoors, wade in the creek, climb a tree, track a fox, or perhaps, just perhaps you will learn about a need in your community and start or assist with a project that will result in an improvement in the water, soil, or other natural resource there. YOU can be the beginning of a better environment for us all!

**~ Millie Langley, NCF Envirothon Chair**

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Message from the NCFE Operating Committee Chair - Millie Langley (NC) November 22, 2016

Hello Envirothon Participants!

I will be your Chair for the next 12-18 months, while Barry Burch makes sure the 2017 NCF-Envirothon in Maryland is the best that it can be!

For those of you that might not know me, I'm from North Carolina and serve as one of the Southeastern Representatives on the Operating Committee. I have served on the NC Envirothon Committee since our program began in 1991. Please know I am available if you have questions, at any time.

I hope we all can take a few minutes and look around us in this season of Thanksgiving; to experience the clean water, feel the fresh fall air and hear the birds singing in the trees. Let us be thankful for the beauty of nature and our precious world.

So study Envirothon... Study soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and learn as much as you can, not so you can win a competition, but so you will be better citizens. Yes, citizens ready to take on the world and keep it beautiful and productive. Study Envirothon and become leaders; of your team, of your class and of your school and community.

Happy Thanksgiving and be (like me) Envirothon Happy!

~ Millie Langley, NCF Envirothon Chair

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