

# NCF-ENVIROTHON OHIO

# 2022

EVENT GUIDE



# WASTE TO RESOURCES

## Welcome from the National Conservation Foundation



The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) extends a warm welcome to all the students, teachers, guests, and volunteers attending the 2022 NCF-Envirothon annual international competition in Ohio! This year marks the 33rd annual Envirothon competition and we are excited to be able to join you in person this year at Miami University in the Buckeye State.

NCF would like to thank the Ohio Host Committee, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and all the Ohio volunteers that will be hosting us in their beautiful state and teaching us about the area's natural resources. These dedicated individuals have spent hundreds of hours over the last several years preparing for this and their hard work is much appreciated.

Ohio, known as the Buckeye State, gained that nickname from the buckeye tree (*Aesculus glabra*) that grows in abundance along the rivers, streams, and floodplains of Ohio. This nickname reveals the enduring importance Ohio's natural resources, such as its native trees, have had throughout history and why these resources have made the area a desirable home for people for thousands of years. From its first human inhabitants (13,000 to 8,000 BCE) the area's fertile soil, abundance of water, and variety of wildlife supported the rise of numerous indigenous and Native American cultures. These unique cultures form an important part of the state's heritage, and their lasting influence is reflected in the names of rivers, lakes, cities and more.

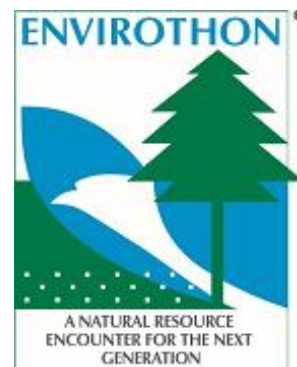
Today, Ohio is one of the most densely populated states in the U.S., with more than 11.6 million people relying on the same natural resources that drew its first inhabitants to the area thousands of years ago. With such a rich history and wealth of natural resources, we are excited to explore Ohio with you this summer!

NCF would like to extend our gratitude to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Smithfield Foods, Inc., the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), the US Forest Service (USFS), the University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UDCANR), and all others who contribute to and support NCF-Envirothon each year. The NCF-Envirothon wouldn't be possible without the support of our generous sponsors who believe in our mission to educate the next generation of conservation leaders.

A hearty thank you is also extended to the thousands of individuals who work so hard each year to lead local Envirothon programs across the U.S., Canada, and China. Your work makes a difference in the lives of thousands of high school students, inspiring them to learn about natural resources, educate others, and make the world a better place. Envirothon is possible because of your commitment and dedication.

Congratulations to all the teams who participated in Envirothon competitions this year. Your passion and dedication will serve you not only in the NCF-Envirothon competition, but also as you rise to the challenges facing our world. Your enthusiasm for conservation helps to make a brighter future for us all.

Good luck to you all during the competition and beyond!



## Welcome from the OHIO Envirothon Committee

Congratulations on your achievements and representing your state, province, or partner nation at the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition. From July 24-29, 2022 you will be joining us and over 500 visitors at Miami University in beautiful Oxford, Ohio. Immersed in nature and culture, this beautiful campus is an ideal location for you to spend the week. As the host of the big event this summer, we are excited to welcome you to Ohio to see all that we have to offer!

The Ohio Envirothon is a registered charity and non-profit organization, operating under the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD). Ohio is a unique state that is incredibly diverse, from its big city amenities which include a thriving art and culture scene and award-winning culinary experiences, to the charm and comfort that can be found in its distinctive neighborhoods and historic small towns. We hope you take the time over your visit to see what Ohio is all about, including our natural beauty, culture, big cities and small towns. Most importantly, we hope you enjoy your time at the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio.

What to Expect while you visit Butler County, Ohio:

### Temperature

- Average daily high temperatures in July: 82-90°F/28-32C
- Average daily low temperatures in July: 61-68°F/16-20C
- Prepare for warm, pleasant temperatures!

### Precipitation

- Average rainfall in July: 4 inches/10.16 cm

### Insects to be aware of

- Ticks: Be prepared for the potential for ticks, especially while in and around tall grasses and shrubs. Take time at the end of every day to check for ticks.
- Mosquitoes: There is simply no avoiding them. Use a good quality bug spray and apply liberally.
- Other insects: Yellow Jackets, Hornets, Wasps, Carpenter Bees



## Miami University

Miami University, established in 1809, is ranked among the top 50 national public universities by U.S. News & World Report. As an original Public Ivy, Miami provides Ivy League-quality education at a public-school price with an exceptional return on investment.

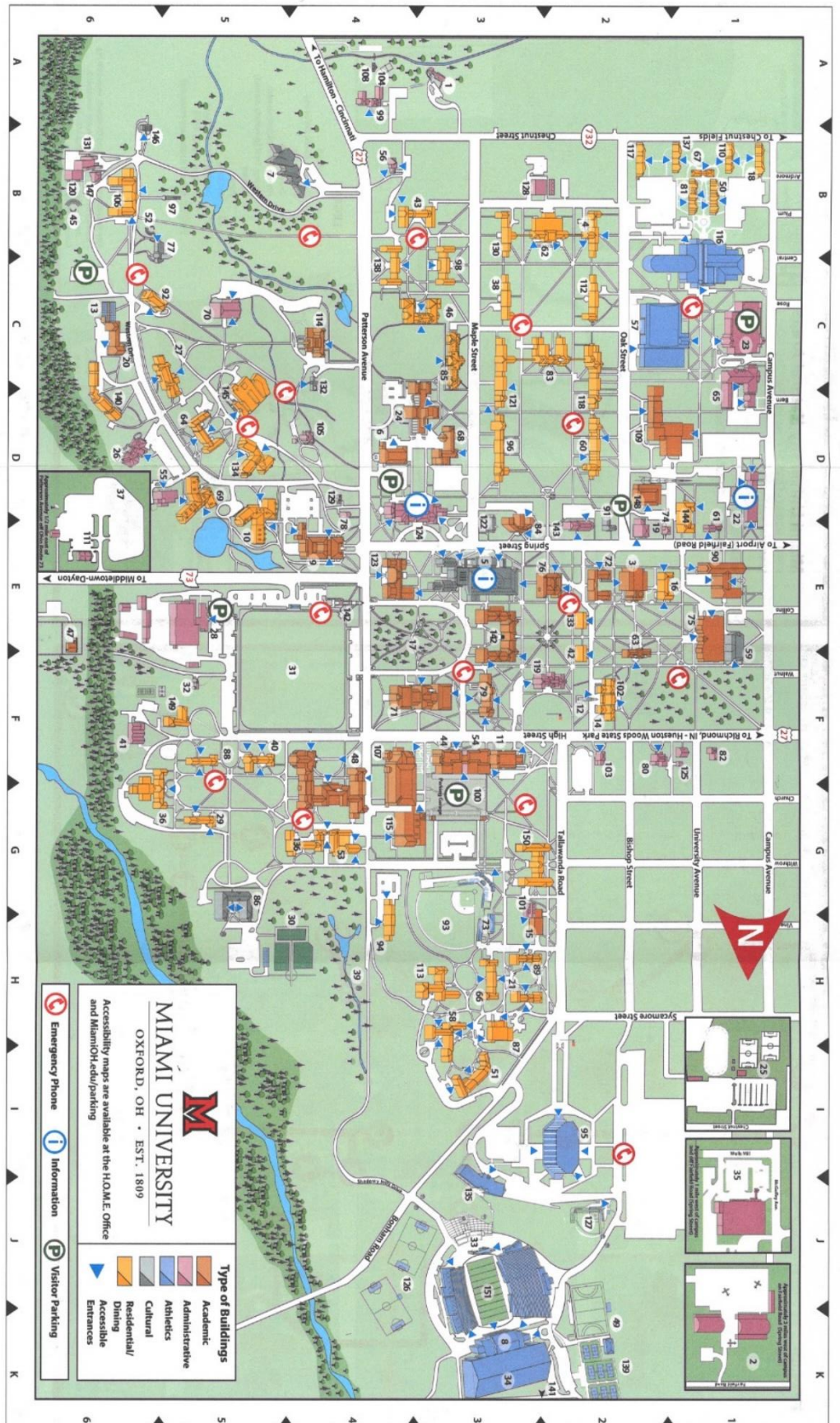
17 miles of trails and 1,000 acres of preserve and natural areas, plus an art museum, historic Western campus, the Freedom Summer Memorial, the Cradle of Coaches, quads and gardens, its offers much to explore for visitors.

There are over 17 miles of hiking/walking/jogging trails located on campus: [Virtual & Printable Trail Maps](#)





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1	Advancement Services	A-3	27	Clemson Hall (CLM)	C-5	52	Freedom Summer '64 Memorial	B-6	103	Old Mansu (OMN)	F-2	129	Stanton House	D-4
2	Airport	K-1	28	Cable Service Building (CSB)	E-5	53	Garden Commons	G-4	77	Kunler Chapel (KLM)	F-2	130	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
3	Alumni Hall (ALU)	E-2	29	Colina Hall (COL)	G-5	54	Gardner Hall (GAR)	F-3	78	Lantern Cottage	F-3	131	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
4	Anderson Hall (AND)	B-2	30	Conrad Formal Gardens	H-4	55	Geothermal Energy Plant	D-5	79	Lane Hall (LNS)	F-3	132	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
5	Armstrong Student Center	E-3	31	Cook Field	F-5	56	Giothermal Energy Plant	B-4	80	Lane Plaza (LNP)	F-2	133	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
6	Art Building (ART)	B-5	32	Cook Place (COK)	F-5	57	Giothermal Energy Plant	C-2	81	Lane Plaza (LNP)	F-2	134	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
7	Art Museum (AMU)	B-5	33	Cocle of Coaches Plaza	J-3	58	Hague Hall (HAG)	H-3	82	Lane Plaza (LNP)	F-2	135	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
8	Athletic Performance Center	K-3	34	Deuch Indoor Sports Ctr.	K-3	59	Hague Hall (HAG)	E-1	83	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	136	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
9	Beachley Hall (BAC)	E-4	35	Dennis Culinary	E-4	60	Harrison Hall (HAR)	D-2	84	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	137	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
10	Beachwoods Hall (BEW)	E-5	36	Dennis Center (DSC)	J-1	61	Harrison Hall (HAR)	B-2	85	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	138	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
11	Benton Hall (BEN)	F-3	37	Dinner Parking Lot	G-6	62	Harrison Hall (HAR)	F-2	86	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	139	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
12	Bell Tower	F-2	38	Dodge Hall (DOH)	D-6	63	Harrison Hall (HAR)	D-1	87	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	140	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
13	Bell Tower Place	F-2	39	Dodge Hall (DOH)	H-4	64	Harrison Hall (HAR)	D-1	88	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	141	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
14	Bell Tower Place	H-3	40	Dorsey Hall (DOR)	F-6	65	Health Services Center (HSC)	H-3	89	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	142	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
15	Bellings Hall (BLI)	E-2	41	East End	E-2	66	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	90	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	143	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
16	Bishop Hall (BSH)	E-4	42	Elliot Hall (ELL)	E-2	67	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	91	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	144	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
17	Bishop Woods	B-1	43	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	68	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	92	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	145	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
18	Blanchard House (HCB)	E-2	44	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	69	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	93	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	146	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
19	Bonham House (BON)	E-2	45	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	70	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	94	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	147	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
20	Boyd Hall (BOY)	H-3	46	Ethelberg Hall (ETH)	C-3	71	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	95	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	148	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
21	Brandon Hall (BRN)	D-1	47	Ethelberg Hall (ETH)	C-3	72	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	96	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	149	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
22	Campana Avenue Building (CAB)	D-1	48	Ethelberg Hall (ETH)	C-3	73	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	97	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	150	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
23	Campana Avenue Garage	C-1	49	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	74	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	98	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	151	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
24	Center for Performing Arts (CPA)	D-1	50	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	75	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	99	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	152	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
25	Christal Fields	D-1	51	Ernest Hall (ERN)	B-3	76	Health Services Center (HSC)	D-3	100	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	153	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
26	Child Development Center	D-6							101	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	154	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4
									102	MacCracken Hall (MAC)	C-2	155	Stanton Hall (STN)	D-4

## Sponsors and Partners

Thank you for your support and contribution!




Ohio Federation of Soil and  
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# SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE

**FYI:**  All times are EDT



The pickup and drop off point for buses on Maple Street is in front of Minnich Residence Hall



Lights out at 11:00 pm every night!

## SUNDAY – JULY 24

12:00 – 5:00 pm	Registration/Check-In	Armstrong Student Center - Atrium
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner	Maplestreet Station
6:15 – 6:45 pm	Advisor's Meeting	Shideler Hall - Room 152
6:30 – 7:00 pm	Flag Ceremony Training: Team Captains Only	Armstrong Student Center - Room 1066
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Opening Ceremony	Armstrong Student Center - Fritz Pavilion
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Trading Session & Refreshments	Shriver Center - John Dolibois Room (JDOL)

## MONDAY – JULY 25

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
7:15 am	Announcements: Team Captains + Advisors	Maplestreet Station Patio
8:15 am	Students depart for Training Site	Pick-up on Maple Street
9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Team Training	-Offsite-
9:30 am – 4:00 pm	Advisor/Guest Tour ( <i>Pre-registration Required</i> )	Pick-up on Maple Street
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>those remaining on campus</i> )	Maplestreet Station
4:15 pm	Buses return from Tour & Training Site	Maple Street
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner	Maplestreet Station
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Team Study Session with Advisors	Shriver Center - JDOL/Heritage

## TUESDAY – JULY 26

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
7:15 am	Announcements: Team Captains + Advisors	Maplestreet Station Patio
7:45 am	Students depart for Testing Site	Pick-up on Maple Street
8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Team Testing	-Offsite-
8:30 am – 3:00 pm	Advisor/Guest Tour ( <i>Pre-registration Required</i> )	Pick-up on Maple Street
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>those remaining on campus</i> )	Maplestreet Station
5:00 pm	Buses return to Miami Campus	Maple Street
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner	Maplestreet Station
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Games and Activities	Greenspace Quad – Residence Halls
9:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Movie and popcorn ( <i>tentative</i> )	Greenspace Quad – Residence Halls

## WEDNESDAY – JULY 27

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
9:00 am	Announcements: Team Captains + Advisors	Maplestreet Station Patios
9:30 am	Teams and Guests depart to Kings Island	Pick-up on Maple Street
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>those remaining on campus</i> )	Maplestreet Station
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner ( <i>those on remaining on campus</i> )	Maplestreet Station
9:00 pm	Teams/Guests return to Campus	Maple Street

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### THURSDAY – JULY 28

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
7:15 am	Announcements: Team Captains + Advisors	Maplestreet Station Patio
8:00 – 11:00 am	Teams: Introduction to Oral Presentation Scenario ( <i>Students only</i> )	Armstrong Student Center – Wilks Theater
8:40 am – 4:30 pm	Advisor/Guest Tour ( <i>Pre-registration Required</i> )	Pick-up on Maple Street
8:30 – 10:30 am	Team Buddy Volunteer Training	Shriver Center – Heritage Room
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch: Students & Team Buddies	Maplestreet Station
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch: Advisors & Guests	Maplestreet Station
12:30 – 6:30 pm	Team Presentation Preparation	Hamilton Residence Hall
2:00 – 5:00 pm	NCF-Envirothon Representatives Meeting	Shriver Center – Heritage Room
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Dinner: Advisors & Guests Only	Maplestreet Station
6:30 pm	Teams: Turn in Presentation Materials	Hamilton Hall Lobby
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Dinner: Students & Team Buddies Only	Maplestreet Station
7:00 – 8:00 pm	OP Volunteer Training ( <i>Timers &amp; Guides</i> )	Armstrong Student Center – Room 1086
8:00 – 11:00 pm	Students/Guests: Free Time	

### FRIDAY – JULY 29

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
7:15 am	Announcements: Team Captains + Advisors	Maplestreet Station Patios
7:30 – 9:00 am	OP Judges Training ( <i>w/ Light Breakfast</i> )	Shriver Center - JDOL
9:15 am – 12:15 pm	Team Preliminary Oral Presentations	Check-in: Armstrong Student Center - Atrium
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	College and Career Fair ( <i>open for all</i> )	Armstrong Student Center - Atrium
11:00 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch	Maplestreet Station
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Finals OP Judges Training & Lunch	Armstrong Student Center - Room 1066
1:30 – 1:40 pm	Top 3 OP Announcements	Armstrong Student Center - Wilks Theater
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Speaker: Smithfield Foods Zero Waste and Sustainability Initiatives	Armstrong Student Center – Wilks Theater
2:05 – 4:15 pm	Top 3 Oral Presentations	Armstrong Student Center – Wilks Theater
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Dinner	Maplestreet Station
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Awards Ceremony	Armstrong Student Center – Fritz Pavilion
9:00 – 11:00 pm	D.J. & Dance	Shriver Center – JDOL

### SATURDAY – JULY 30

6:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Maplestreet Station
6:30 – 10:00 am	Checkout & Departures	Armstrong Student Center Atrium





## Registration – Options, Rates and Procedures

Registration links for the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio can be found on the NCF-Envirothon website at [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org).

Categories	Registration Selection	Rate	Details	Due Date
Teams	Team Registration	\$1,800. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers housing, linens, meals and events during the competition week (noon on Sunday, July 24 to the morning of Saturday, July 30) for up to five (5) student team members and 2 Advisors and/or Chaperone	May 15, 2022 <sup>1</sup>
	1-Day Team Early Arrival	\$400. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers housing and linens only, no food, for team arriving on campus on Saturday, July 23 (food may be purchased in the dining hall or nearby restaurants)	June 10, 2022 <sup>2</sup>
Advisors/ Chaperones	Advisor/Chaperone Single Room Fee	\$150. <sup>00</sup> USD	unless purchased, all Advisors/Chaperone rooms are double occupancy	June 10, 2022 <sup>2</sup>
	Guest/Advisor Tours and Workshop	TBA	TBA	June 10, 2022 <sup>2</sup>
Guests	On Campus Guest	\$800. <sup>00</sup> USD	housing, linens, meals and events during the competition week (noon on Sunday, July 24 to the morning of Saturday, July 30)	June 10, 2022
	Off Campus Guest	\$400. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers food and activities for the week, but no housing	June 10, 2022
	1-Day Guest Early Arrival	\$65. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers housing and linens only, no food	June 10, 2022
	Day Guest	\$75. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers food and activity for the day - Mon, Tues, Thur or Fri only	June 10, 2022
	Education/Fun Day Guest	\$150. <sup>00</sup> USD	covers food and activity for Wednesday, July 27 only	June 10, 2022
O.C. Members Only	2-Day O.C. Early Arrival	\$125. <sup>00</sup> USD	Only available for NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee (O.C.) Members; covers housing and linens only, no food, for O.C. members arriving on campus on Friday, July 22	June 10, 2022

1. Team member names and information are not needed to meet the May 15 payment deadline. This payment can be submitted even if your state/provincial Envirothon competition is after this date to secure a spot for your TBD team to participate in the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio competition.
2. Envirothon programs holding their competitions on or after June 5th have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their event to complete the team registration/team certification forms.

For questions, contact NCF-Envirothon at: [administration@envirothon.org](mailto:administration@envirothon.org)

## Registration Process

To register to attend the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition, please:

- 1. Complete the registration process outlined for each participation category**  
(Representatives, Advisors/Chaperones, Students and Guests) **by posted deadline!**

→ *Until all required forms are submitted for each individual registering to attend, the registration will be flagged as pending. Failure to submit by the deadline may result in ineligibility to attend.*

- 2. Complete payment for your registration selections by posted deadline!**

## Payment Information

Payment for registration selections can be made by Check/U.S. Bank Draft, PayPal (credit/debit card or PayPal account) or Direct Deposit. Please note, for those based outside of the U.S., a U.S. Bank Draft is required if paying by cheque.

- No Refunds after July 08, 2022
- All refunds will be assessed a \$100 handling fee

If paying by Check/U.S. Bank Draft:

- Make payable to: NCF-Envirothon
- Subject line note: for 2022 NCFE - Registration
- Mail to: NCF-Envirothon, Attention: Karla Maldonado-Mitchell, 509 Capitol Court, N.E., Washington, DC 20002
- Please include a copy of your Registration Invoice when mailing payment.
- Mail must be postmarked by the registration deadline

## Required Forms

### State, Provincial and Partner Nation Envirothon Program Representatives

All State, Provincial and Partner Nation Envirothon Program Representatives are responsible for completing the following two (2) REQUIRED Forms:

#### **I. Registration Invoice and Payment**

- REMINDER: The Team Registration Fee (\$1,800) is due by May 15, 2022<sup>1</sup>
  - Team registration fees paid after May 15 will incur an additional \$150 fee
- All other registration selections (1-day Team Early Arrival, Advisor/Chaperone Single Room and Guest/Advisor Tours and Workshop, etc.) can be paid at the same time as the Team Registration fee or separately before June 10, 2022<sup>2</sup>

## II. Team Certification

- a. Complete by June 10, 2022<sup>2</sup> to certify that the Team (including all team members, substitutes, and the team Advisors/Chaperone) meet eligibility requirements of NCF-Envirothon Competition Rules and Regulations

1. Team member names and information are not needed to meet the May 15 payment deadline. This payment can be submitted even if your state/provincial Envirothon competition is after this date to secure a spot for your TBD team to participate in the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio competition.

2. Envirothon programs holding their competitions on or after June 5th have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their event to complete the team registration/team certification forms.

## Advisors/Chaperones

All Team Advisors and/or Chaperones are responsible for completing the following two (2) REQUIRED forms:

### I. Advisor/Chaperone Registration

### II. Medical & Insurance Information and Release

### III. Team Information – Designate the Team Advisor responsible for completing

Advisors/Chaperones, Please Note Before Proceeding:

- Deadline: June 10, 2022 (*Envirothon programs holding their competitions on or after June 5th have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their event to complete the team registration/team certification forms*)
- Mixed gender teams MUST have a Male and Female Advisor/Chaperone that is age 21 or older.
- Medical Insurance
  - All Students, Advisors, Chaperones and Guests attending the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition are required to have valid health insurance coverage and must provide proof of insurance.
  - For individuals not currently covered under any health insurance plan, a temporary limited policy can be obtained to cover the timeframe of the competition. A minimum of 7-14 days is recommended to cover all travel to and from the event location as well as the 6-days of the competition itself.
  - Scans of both sides of the insurance card must be uploaded when completing the Medical & Insurance Information and Release form
- Background check verification is required for ALL Advisors, Chaperones, Guests, and Volunteers aged 18 or older.
- If your Envirothon program does not cover the cost of an Advisor/Chaperone Single Room or Guest/Advisor Tours, then those fees can be paid for by the individual through the [2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition: Registration Invoice & Payment](#) portal.

## Team Members

All Team Members and Team Substitution Candidates are responsible for completing the following two (2) REQUIRED forms:

### I. [Team Member Registration](#)

### II. [Medical & Insurance Information and Release](#)

Students, Please Note Before Proceeding:

- Deadline: June 10, 2022 (*Envirothon programs holding their competitions on or after June 5th have an additional 7 days from the conclusion of their event to compete the team registration/team certification forms*)
- **If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or legal guardian present to complete these forms. Their information and signature will be required.**
- Medical Insurance
  - All Students, Advisors, Chaperones and Guests attending the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition are required to have valid health insurance coverage and must provide proof of insurance.
  - For individuals not currently covered under any health insurance plan, a temporary limited policy can be obtained to cover the timeframe of the competition. A minimum of 7-14 days is recommended to cover all travel to and from the event location as well as the 6-days of the competition itself.
  - Scans of both sides of the insurance card must be uploaded when completing the Medical & Insurance Information and Release form

## Guests

All Guests are responsible for completing the following two (2) REQUIRED forms:

### I. [Guest Registration](#)

### II. [Medical & Insurance Information and Release](#)

Guests, Please Note Before Proceeding:

- Deadline: June 10, 2022
- If you would like to pay for more than 1 individual Guest registration at time of check out, then please use the [2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition: Registration Invoice & Payment](#) portal. Guest registration selections for multiple people attending from the same organization can be processed there. However, please be advised that each individual Guest is still required to fill out and submit a Guest Registration form (above) in order for their registration to be complete.
- **If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or legal guardian present to complete these forms. Their information and signature will be required.**



- Medical Insurance
  - All Students, Advisors, Chaperones and Guests attending the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition are required to have valid health insurance coverage and must provide proof of insurance.
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  - Scans of both sides of the insurance card must be uploaded when completing the Medical & Insurance Information and Release form

**For all Off Campus Guests –** Lodging accommodations around Oxford, Ohio:

[The Marcum](#) – Miami University's on-campus hotel  
[Hampton Inn Oxford/Miami University Area](#)  
[Best Western Sycamore Inn](#)

## Campus Information – *What to Know Before you Go!*

All participants who are staying overnight on campus will receive one (1) **Access Card** that will be used for housing entry and meals.

- Optional: Money can be added by students/parents/guests to the card for laundry services, vending machines, or for replacement of lost key cards at:  
<https://miamioh.irisregistration.com/Form/2022guest>
- Funds can be pre-loaded prior to arrival. Funds added after arrival will be loaded by conference staff and be available for use 2 - 4 hours after purchase.
- **Funds are non-refundable.** Please plan use of them prior to campus departure.

Miami University is a **CASHLESS campus** - please plan accordingly!

## Student Team Members and Advisors/Chaperone Rooms

- Students and advisors will be housed in air-conditioned, dorm style, double or triple occupancy rooms. Residences have shared bathroom facilities on each floor.
- Any students aged 18 years and older will not share a room with a minor (even if both students are on the same team) in accordance with Miami University policy.
- Advisors/Chaperones are roomed separately from students, but with other team advisors/chaperones. An optional Single Room Fee is available for advisors/chaperone wishing to request a room to themselves. See Registration (page 9) for more details.
- Dorm rooms are equipped with: Twin-XL beds, dressers, chairs, mirrors, trash can, and mini-fridge.
- The linens provided for each person will be: (1) sheet set, (1) pillow, (1) pillowcase, (1) light blanket, (1) washcloth, and (2) towels.
  - No linens will be swapped out with a clean set during the week. It is up to each individual to plan accordingly or use the laundry services available as needed.
- Each floor has a kitchenette that is shared by everyone and a *cashless* snack/beverage vending machine. All resident halls have laundry services available for purchase.
  - Please refer to above Access Cards for preloading money for vending machine & laundry services.

## Guest & Volunteer Rooms:

- Apartment style units consists of four bedrooms, two bathrooms, full kitchen, dining, and living spaces. Each guest will have their own private bedroom.
- The linens provided for each person will be: (1) sheet set, (1) pillow, (1) pillowcase, (1) light blanket, (1) washcloth, and (2) towels.
  - No linens will be swapped out with a clean set during the week. It is up to each individual to plan accordingly or use the laundry services available as needed.

## Miami University Dining

From [Miami University Dining Services](#):

### Dining Accommodations

Miami University's Food and Beverage team is committed to providing our patrons with an exceptional on-campus dining experience that takes into consideration student dietary needs, lifestyle choices, cultural backgrounds, and religious affiliations. We offer dining assistance to Miami University students, summer program participants, and visitors/guests. Our goal is to provide the same level of assistance for campus visitors and summer program participants as we do for our full-time students. We offer a variety of options for students and guests in each dining location. Our menus are designed to include those who avoid gluten and nuts, as well as those who follow a vegan and vegetarian diet. Below is what we provide every day on campus

### Allergen Icons

In each dining location we utilize allergen icons to indicate the major eight allergens as well as pork, poultry, beef, vegan, and vegetarian. These can be seen on our menu boards for each served item.



### Vegan and Vegetarian

We serve at least one vegan entree during each meal period at every Commons location in addition to our vegan desserts. You can identify these through the vegan icon on our menu boards. We also offer four vegan entrees available upon request at all of our commons dining locations. Additionally, vegetarian entrees and sides are available daily and indicated as such with our vegetarian icon.

### Dairy Allergy or Intolerance

We offer soy milk at each location as an alternative to cow's milk. We also offer other varieties of dairy free milk and products at our convenience markets.

### Gluten

Our menu items containing gluten are identified with our gluten icon. We offer gluten free bagels, bread, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, pizza crust, pasta, tortillas, muffins, and cookies. We also have a designated gluten-friendly station at Maplestreet Commons that offers gluten free pizzas, sandwiches, and entrees.

### Peanut and Tree Nuts

Miami University is a "nut friendly" campus. This means that we do not actively use nuts in our recipes. We also do not purchase commercial products that contain a "may contain [nuts]" statement. However, we do carry products that contain a "produced in the same facility as [nuts]" and/or "processed on shared equipment with [nuts]" statement. These items are coded on our menus with an allergen icon that resembles a factory. We do carry sealed nut products in our convenience stores and our "nut friendly" initiatives do not apply to any Starbucks location.

### Healthy Option

Miami University has added an additional icon to inform guests of healthy menu options.

## Special Dietary Needs

Guests with food allergies, food intolerances, or other special diets that require abstaining from certain food items (*i.e., medical conditions*) that exceed the offerings listed on the previous page, may fill out a [Self-Disclosure Dietary Needs Form](#). Once submitted, a Miami University Registered Dietitian will contact you for further discussion regarding your dining accommodation needs.

**Please ONLY submit a form if your dining need is such that the standard Miami University Dining Options (as described in the previous page) will not suffice!**

Envirothon students and/or guests should submit their self-disclosure dietary request form by **July 8th**. Please understand that there may be a considerable time commitment involved in working out the details of your dining accommodation needs.

Planning and communicating with Dining Services is essential and entirely up to the individual requesting services. NCF-Envirothon is NOT responsible for contacting the Miami University Registered Dietitian on your behalf and will not be involved in special dietary needs requested through their 'Self-disclosure Dietary Needs Form' portal. However, if you have a special dietary need, you are encouraged to include that information on the required 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition: Medical & Insurance Information and Release form so that the Ohio Host committee will be aware for any meals eaten off campus during the competition week.

## Background Checks for Adults

Miami University requires all adult Guests, Team Advisors/Chaperones and Volunteers to have passed a current (*within the last four (4) years*) Criminal Background Clearance (CBC). Information on the status of your CBC will be collected during registration process.

## Parking

If you will have a vehicle on campus during the competition week, a parking pass is required. Please click the below link to access the Parking Pass registration form and input your information to register your vehicle for a free RED Miami Parking pass. This is an electronic permit and does not need to be printed out or displayed.

[Miami University Parking Pass: 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio](#)

## Wifi Access

There will be free Wifi to all participants while on campus grounds. Login details will be available at Registration/Check-In on Sunday, July 24.

## Campus-wide Rules

- Smoking is prohibited inside any buildings or anywhere on campus
- No alcohol is to be consumed in any public areas on campus
- No weapons, ammunition or fireworks are permitted on campus
- The university has a zero tolerance to the use of illegal drugs and to any matters with respect to harassment



- Excessive noise and disruption are not allowed after 11:00 pm
- Emergency telephones are available across the campus; emergency numbers are prominently displayed

### Leaving Campus during the Competition

If an Advisor plans to leave campus at any time during the event, please report to the Ohio Host Envirothon Operations Center (EOC) located in Armstrong Student Center and provide contact information while you are off campus.

### Emergency Information

- Dial 911 for Fire or Life-Threatening Emergencies
- All Envirothon related questions/issues - please report to the Ohio Host EOC in the Armstrong Student Center between 8:00 am & 5:00 pm.
- Miami University on-site guest relations: (i.e., if you're locked out of your room) 513-330-1717
- Miami University Public Safety: 513-529-2222

#### Local Emergency Information:

##### Fire Department

(513) 523-6324

217 South Elm Street, Oxford OH 45056

##### Oxford Urgent Care

(513) 524-5522

5151 Morning Sun Rd. Oxford, OH 45056

##### Oxford Police Department

(513) 524-5240

##### McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital

(513) 523-2111

110 N Poplar St, Oxford, OH 45056

##### Talawanda Emergency Physicians

(859) 291-4800

110 N Poplar St. Oxford, OH 45056

## Travel to Ohio

Oxford, Ohio is located in the southwest corner of the state, approximately 40 miles from both Dayton and Cincinnati and about 5 miles to the Ohio/Indiana state line.

If you are flying to Ohio, you can choose from one of the many airports to fly into the area:

- Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) – *46 miles to Oxford*  
<https://www.cvgairport.com/>
- Dayton International Airport (DAY) – *52 miles to Oxford*  
<https://flydayton.com/>
- Indianapolis International Airport (IND) – *100 miles to Oxford*  
<https://www.ind.com/>
- John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) – *120 miles to Oxford*  
<https://flycolumbus.com/>

**Please Note:** Teams and guests will need to make their own travel arrangements to get from the airport to Miami University. No shuttle service will be provided. There are car rental options at each airport, as well as ride sharing options such as taxi's, Uber, Lyft or other private transportation services.

Lodging Accommodations around Oxford:

[The Marcum](#) – Miami University's on-campus hotel

[Hampton Inn Oxford/Miami University Area](#)

[Best Western Sycamore Inn](#)

## Traveling to the United States from another Country

The documents required to cross into the U.S. border depend on your citizenship, age, and mode of travel.

Please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html> for up-to-date travel information. As always, follow your country/providence/territory's rules and regulations.

Requirements and ability to travel to the U.S. will always be contingent on U.S. Travel Advisories/Bans at the time of travel. Please be aware of any and all COVID-19 Restrictions.

## Getting a U.S Passport

It is recommended that you begin your passport application early as processing times can take 8-11 weeks or longer. For complete details and links to required forms visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>.

## Packing List – *What to Bring*

### Student Team Members:

- ☐ State/Provincial/Partner Nation Envirothon T-shirt – REQUIRED to wear on training day
- ☐ Awards Ceremony Attire - Business Casual -> no shorts/t-shirts please
- ☐ Lightweight Hiking Boots - Closed-toed shoes REQUIRED for Training and Testing sites
- ☐ Lightweight Pants for Training/Testing sites *(if desired – also helps with mosquitoes & ticks)*
- ☐ Casual Clothes, Jacket/Sweater
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Swimsuit & Beach Towel *(Optional, but there will be opportunity for water activities at the amusement park or at the Rec Center)*
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Rain Gear
- ☐ Sunglasses, Hat
- ☐ Insect Repellent, Sunblock, Reusable Water Bottle
- ☐ Extra Towel/Washcloth
- ☐ Items for Trading Session
- ☐ Phone Chargers
- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Alarm Clock
- ☐ Health Card & other Medical Information
- ☐ Prescribed & Over-the-Counter Medications as required
- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) – aka facemasks

### \*\*\*DO NOT BRING!

Knives, firearms, fireworks, valuable jewelry, cigarettes or other tobacco products, matches, lighters, drones, other dangerous items

### Dress Code for the Week

- **Sunday:** Travel Attire
- **Monday** (Training Day): Students will be required to wear their own State/Provincial/Partner Nation Envirothon t-shirt brought from home; outdoor attire should be worn along with closed-toed shoes.

- **Tuesday** (Testing Day): Students will be provided a 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio t-shirt to be worn during testing. Outdoor attire should be worn along with closed-toed shoes.
- **Wednesday** (Fun Day): Students/Advisors/Guests will all be provided and REQUIRED to wear a 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio t-shirt during the Fun Day activities. A group picture will be taken.
  - We will be visiting a local amusement park that includes a water park with slides and other water activities – be sure to pack swim attire and a small towel in a day bag, but it is NOT required as there are plenty of other activities to do while there.
- **Thursday** (Presentation Preparation Day): Casual Clothes
- **Friday** (Presentation Day): Students will be given an NCF-Envirothon Oral Presentation t-shirt that they are REQUIRED to wear during their Oral Presentations. Please bring appropriate business casual slacks or skirts to wear with the t-shirts. The Awards Ceremony that night will be business casual – No shorts/t-shirts please.
- **Saturday**: Travel Attire

## Sunday Trading Session

On Sunday, July 24, immediately following the Opening Ceremony, we will hold out traditional Trading Session where Teams will have the chance to trade fun, unique items with other Teams. These may be items with their local Envirothon program logo (i.e., Envirothon t-shirts, flags, frisbees, hats, pen, pencils, pins, posters, bandanas, etc.) or other unique items that are a hallmark of where you're from!

Teams will be allowed to ship these "Trading Items" to Ohio before the competition if they wish.

To ship Trading Items:

- Box and clearly label with the following:
  1. 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio
  2. Team Name and State, Province or Partner Nation
- Be sure to get the shipment tracking information so you will know when it arrives in Ohio!
- **First Day for Shipping Deliveries: July 1, 2022**
- **Last Day for Shipping Deliveries: July 18, 2022**
- Shipping address:
  - Butler Soil and Water Conservation District
  - Attn: Lynn White
  - 1802 Princeton Road, Suite 300
  - Hamilton, OH 45011

*Schedule your Trading Session boxes to arrive in Ohio between these dates!*

*We can NOT guarantee trading boxes will be on campus for the Trading Session if they arrive after this date!*



## Check Out Procedure

The 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Host Committee and the campus have requested that everyone complete the checkout process by 10:00 am EST on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

- Students will turn their keys into their advisors to return to the front desk and all guests will turn the keys into the front desk of each dorm.
- Please leave used linens in the room.
- Lost keys (access cards) pose a significant threat to students on campus. If a key is lost, it must be reported immediately to your counselor. Lost keys cost \$35 per key and will be charged to the participant. Any key not returned within 72 hours after the event is considered lost.
- At the end of the program, linen counts will be conducted by Miami University and reported to the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Host Committee. There will be a charge of \$12 PER ITEM to whoever was assigned to the room for the missing linen items.

## COVID-19 Information & Protocols

While Miami University requires enrolled students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless exempted, conference guests are not required to do so. NCF-Envirothon Students, Advisors, Guests, and Volunteers are NOT required to show any vaccination status or negative test result. Please use your own State/School/Organization guidelines on COVID-19 Requirements and Protocols.

ALL NCF-Envirothon participants (students, advisors, guests, volunteers, etc.) will be required to sign an NCF-Envirothon COVID-19 waiver. *Further details on the NCF-Envirothon COVID-19 waiver will follow.*

Miami University follows guidelines set forth by the city of Oxford, state of Ohio and the CDC. Requirements of masking and social distancing may adjust in the months, weeks or days prior to the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition and will be communicated accordingly. For questions concerning COVID-19 and your visit to Miami University please email [administration@envirothon.org](mailto:administration@envirothon.org).

## Competition Activities and Information

### Learning Objectives & Resources

All Learning Objectives and Resources can be found on the [NCF-Envirothon](#) website.

### Training Day (Monday, July 25)

On Training Day (July 25th), teams will attend Training Sessions covering the 5 Areas of Study (Stations).

There will be three (3) training Sessions in total. Each will be 90 minutes in length and each round of a particular subject will cover the exact same content.

Each team member will be assigned a Session group that will visit 3 Stations. At each Station, team members are encouraged to take notes (notebooks will be provided) and ask questions during the designated time. They will be able to share their notes with the whole team at the Team Study Session that evening.

Advisors are required to designate which training sessions each student on their team will attend during the registration process. Team members cannot repeat a station, and two team members should not be at the same station at the same time.

Students will have 90 minutes at each of the (3) Station Training sessions. Students will be encouraged to write down any questions they have during the Station Training session in the notebooks provided to them. During the last 15 minutes of each Station Training session, questions will be asked and answered as a collective group at the conclusion of the training session - this will ensure that all students present at that station will be able to hear the question and the response from the natural resources professional. All student notebooks will be collected before the students board the buses to return to campus. Notebooks will be made available for the team study session on Monday evening. Any notes taken from this training day can and are encouraged to be used during the Oral Presentation Prep.

### 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio - Training Day Sign-up Form

The 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Host Committee has devised a training format that incorporates communication and team building skills. There will be (1) team member assigned to each training session that is offered. Therefore, there will be (1) student from the team at each station at one time. As a team, you should discuss and decide prior to the deadline of June 10, 2022, as to who will be attending which training sessions.

#### Things to consider:

- Each student will attend only 3 of the 5 training sessions offered throughout the day. They will not attend the same session twice.
- Advisors need to decide which training sessions each student will attend that will benefit the team.
- Students will have labels on their badges that will identify which sessions they will attend.
- There will be a Study Time, an optional time to collaborate with the Advisors, after dinner for the students to share the information learned. They will have access to their 'notebooks' at this time.

*\*If your team does not assign students to training sessions, the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Host Committee will assign your team members to each training session, and there WILL NOT be an option to change the training assignments.*

### EXAMPLE

Team Members: *Amy A, Bob B, Colin C, Dennis D, Ethan E*

Team Session Assignment:

Stations	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Aquatic Ecology	Amy A	Colin C	Bob B
Current Issue	Bob B	Ethan E	Amy A
Forestry	Colin C	Amy A	Dennis D
Soils/Land Use	Dennis D	Bob B	Ethan E
Wildlife	Ethan E	Dennis D	Colin C

## Testing Day (Tuesday, July 26)

The testing format for the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio will be station testing. This means that every testing stop will have questions associated with that core subject (Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soils and Current Issue). Each core topic may also have additional questions related to the Current Issue.

## Fun Day (Wednesday, July 27)

All students, advisors and registered guests will be going to Kings Island amusement park (approximately an hour from campus). We will be traveling by charter busses. Details of the park/attractions can be found on their website [here](#).

Your ticket will give you access to all the rides, waterpark, shows, and more. If you choose to enjoy the waterpark, please bring appropriate swimwear and a towel. Any games, locker rental, etc. will be on your own if you so choose. No outside food or drink can be brought into the park.

Kings Island is cashless and will only accept credit cards, debit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay. The park will also have Cash-to-Card kiosks where people can transfer cash to a card with no added fees.

## Oral Presentations (Thursday-Friday)

Oral Presentations at the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio will be 20 minutes in length. Students will be stopped at the 20-minute mark; the end of their presentation time. Judges will then have the opportunity to ask questions for up to 10 minutes following the presentation. The Top 3 Teams overall will re-present to the whole audience in front of a separate panel of VIP judges.

### Oral Presentation Preparation Day (Thursday, July 28)

Students will be presented with the Oral Presentation Scenario in the morning. The Teams and Team Buddies will eat lunch, and then meet at the OP Sequestration Site to be assigned to their Presentation Preparation Room. Materials will be given to the teams at this time. Advisors will not have any contact with their Teams from 8:00 am until all materials have been checked in. Advisors may greet their teams once the team has handed in their presentation materials at the end of the day.

Advisors may provide a basket or bag of snacks/goodies/drinks for the students during preparation time. **There will be NO refrigeration available for these snacks/drinks** – *please plan accordingly.*

Advisors can bring those items to the Ohio Host EOC before 11:30 am that morning. The Ohio Envirothon committee and volunteers will deliver it to your team that afternoon.

### Oral Presentation Judging (Friday, July 29)

In the morning of Friday, July 29, teams will present their OPs to a panel of 5 judges for a preliminary OP score. Presentation times will be assigned to teams during team registration on Sunday, July 24.

Scan the QR code to the right or click the link below for further details on Oral Presentation Judging procedures:

<https://envirothon.org/the-competition/current-competition/>

Scan the code to see the  
2022 OP Rules!



## Advisor/Guest Tours

The Ohio Host Committee are working on several Advisor/Guest Tours to be offered during the week. Registration will be required to attend.

*Be on the lookout for more information when details become available!*



## Event Communication – *Before, During & After*

### Sched App

Before, during and after the competition, we will be utilizing **Sched**, an event app, to allow teams and guests to view the agenda, announcements, speaker profiles, and more from your phone or smart device!



To download the Sched app: ([Apple](#)) ([Android](#))

*We will be sending out more information on how to access event information on Sched soon!*

### Remind App

During the competition, we will be utilizing **Remind**, a communications app, that will allow us to send messages instantly to your phone! (Helpful for last minute schedule changes or severe weather alerts!)



Once registered, advisors, guests, and volunteers will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up to receive the real-time event updates.

### Capture Your 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Memories Contest

Share your 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition memories on social media and enter for a chance to win a prize any Envirothon team would love! Simply take a photo or video of your team during the week and enter to win.

The contest will open on Sunday, July 24 and close on Thursday, July 28th at 11:59 pm EDT. A winner will be selected and announced during the awards ceremony on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Complete contest details and rules will be available soon!*

### #Hashtag your Pictures

What is the best way to tell everyone what the Envirothon is all about? Take a Picture!

Tag your photos (and videos) with **#envirothon** or **#ncfenvirothon** so others can follow along!

Other 2022 NCF-Envirothon Ohio Competition hashtags to use:

**#2022ncfenvirothon**

**#wastetoresources**

**#ohioenvirothon**

### Livestream and Videos

A livestream or recording of select competition activities can be viewed on our NCF-Envirothon YouTube channel. Be sure to subscribe to our channel to follow along!



### Post Competition Survey

You and your team will be sent a survey from NCF-Envirothon following the event. Please be sure to fill this out and let us know your thoughts. Your responses will help future hosts plan for successful events in years to come!

### Thank You Messages

Once back home, be sure to send personalized thank you notes to your team's sponsors, supporters and any others who may have helped you with your venture to Ohio!

### Follow Us on Social Media

Your connection with NCF-Envirothon doesn't have to end once the event is over!

Connect with us on social media to stay in touch and be in the know for future Envirothon news.

Follow us [@ncfenvirothon](#) or click the icons below to visit our account page!



## Things to See & Do

Have an extra day or two to spend in Ohio? Check out nearby sites and attractions [here](#).

For more on Oxford, Ohio: [enjoyoxford.org](http://enjoyoxford.org)

### Outdoor attractions in the area!

#### [Oxford Area Trails](#)

Over 30 years ago, an active group of residents came together and planned a network of trails to provide transportation and recreational opportunities to the residents of Oxford.

#### [Bull's Run Arboretum](#)

Bull's Run Arboretum features the last free-flowing section of Bull's Run Creek, which marked one of the original boundaries of the City of Middletown when it was plotted in 1802. The area was originally used as a grazing pasture for bulls in the mid-1800s.

The front of the Sanctuary serves as an arboretum, with labeled species of trees. Bull's Run holds a picnic area, mulched trails, and a creek side trail one-third of a mile long. The property serves as a wildlife laboratory for local schools, garden clubs, conservation groups, and nature enthusiasts.

#### [Voice of America Metropark](#)

Voice of America Park is home to a variety of grassland bird species and other wildlife. The site also features miles of walking/jogging trails, premier athletic fields and a dog park.

#### [Rentschler Forest Metropark](#)

With almost 400 acres, the Rentschler Forest Preserve and Miami-Erie Canal includes about a half-mile frontage along the Great Miami River, acres of woodland, remnants of the old Miami-Erie Canal, a prehistoric Indian earthwork, a reconstructed wetland, and ample opportunities for a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities.

#### [Great Miami Riverway](#)

The Great Miami Riverway encompasses 99 miles of beautiful paved trails, river, and connections to several different communities in Southwest Ohio. This stretch of vibrant riverfront is full of boundless activity. Enjoy kayaking, canoeing, fishing, admire lush greenery & wildlife, ride your bike to free concerts & festivals, stop at great restaurants along the riverway, walk beneath a covered bridge and so much more.

[Nation Road Horse Rental](#)

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Take a horseback ride through the scenic pathways of Oxford, Ohio at Nation Road Horse Rental. This rural horse haven offers four different guided trail rides catered to all experience levels. Drop-ins are welcome but reservations are recommended!

[EnterTRAINment Junction](#)

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Featuring 80,000 Square feet of unmatched family fun featuring two world-class attractions: Train Journey and the A-Maze-N Funhouse. Train Journey: Take a nostalgic trip through the early days of American Railway History and on to the fast-paced trains of today, featuring the world's largest indoor train display with two miles of track and over 90 model trains. Enjoy the spectacular children's play area: Imagination Junction, engineer your own locomotive, and explore the American Railroad Museum where you can discover the impact of railroading on U.S. History. A-Maze-N Funhouse: Featuring the region's only mirror maze, a discombobulating spinning vortex tunnel, a hilarious tilt room, the astonishing Ames Room, a confusing curtain maze, a claustrophobia hallway, an illusory endless corridor and more. Be sure to check out the new escape room, Tomb Escape. Don't forget to wander through the boardwalk area, hobby shop, gift shop, meeting and party room, and snack shop.

[Niederman Family Farm](#)

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Niederman Family Farm is a working farm that invites the public to see a timeless American culture. In their fourth generation, Niederman Family Farm has been educating families, school children, and groups about farm life for more than a decade.

[Wake Nation](#)

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Wake Nation in Fairfield, Ohio is the only cable wake park in the region. No boat, no problem! Check out Wake Nation for the perfect place where you can wakeboard, wakeskate, water-ski and kneeboard all without a boat! Featuring a cable system suspended 30 ft above a 10-acre lake that can tow up to 6 riders at a time.

The perfect place for beginners and seasoned wake veterans, come out and ride the cable. You don't even need your own equipment to ride! You're welcome to bring and use your own equipment or you can just come in your bathing suit. Starting with the basics and a lesson on the beginner pond, first timers get customized attention to make the experience fun and exciting. Once you master the basics, pump up adrenaline on the made cable by shredding and grinding on the park's new features. Open: Wednesday-Sunday, 12:00pm to 8:00pm