

## **Quick recap**

The meeting covered various aspects of the upcoming 2025 Envirothon competition, including logistics, travel requirements, registration, and volunteer needs. Alberta Host Representatives discussed the event's location, schedule, and cultural components. Staff discussed outreach activities, including the alumni network and the importance of connecting with professionals in the natural resources sector. The meeting also addressed future competitions, and the launch of a members forum for improved communication among representatives.

## **Summary**

### **NCF Environment Program Manager Update**

Jennifer Brooks, the NCF Environment Program Manager, welcomed everyone and introduced Aubrey Balcom, the new Alumni and Outreach Coordinator. Carrie Milligan, vice chair for the NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee, introduced the committee members online. Jennifer mentioned an opening for the Northeast Representative position on the NCF-Envirothon Operating Committee. Aubrey discussed the growth of the Envirothon Alumni Network and the importance of connecting with professionals in the natural resources sector. She also mentioned the need for updated contact information for all representatives and the use of an email forwarding system.

### **Envirothon Competition Details and Schedule**

Jennifer then handed over the meeting to Heather Robertson Gagne and Carrie O'Shaughnessy to discuss the upcoming Alberta 2025 competition. Heather acknowledged the land on which they were meeting and thanked the sponsors, including the FRIAA Grant Funding agency. She also recognized the Alberta Envirothon Host Committee and their event planners from Gravity Pull.

Heather provides details about the upcoming Envirothon competition to be held at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta. She covers travel information, accommodation arrangements, registration fees, and the event schedule. The competition will include training days, testing, a trip to Banff National Park, and oral presentations. Heather emphasizes the incorporation of indigenous teachings and cultural experiences throughout the event.

Heather discussed the upcoming event, emphasizing the need for volunteers and the registration process for non-Alberta residents. She also mentioned the launch of the event guide and registration by April 15th. Kerri clarified the training day format, where students will select one lead station and rotate to another topic. Jennifer encouraged

representatives to attend the event, noting the unique opportunity. It was noted to please inform teams and guests that MRU dorms do not have air conditioning. It was recommended that they bring a fan.

Additionally, teams are encouraged to consider packing trading items in extra luggage rather than shipping internationally for the Alberta 2025 competition.

Jennifer discussed the upcoming event, emphasizing the importance of registration and payment deadlines. She mentioned that the event guide and additional study resources would be posted online in mid-April and May, respectively. The team registration deadline is set for June 1st, and the other major deadline is on June 6th. Jennifer also mentioned that the registration process would be online and that she would send out emails with the link to the registration page.

Any questions about the event or registration can be directed to [administration@envirothon.org](mailto:administration@envirothon.org).

A question from the chat raised concerns about potential travel restrictions due to international relations. Jennifer suggested Representatives to monitor US State Department travel guidance for any updates regarding international travel to Canada.

### **2026 Competition Update**

Jennifer announced that Mississippi will be the host for the 2026 competition, to be held at Mississippi State University from July 19th to 25th, with the current issue topic being 'Non-Point Source Pollution: It Begins at Home'. Please stay tuned for more details.

### **Members Forum**

Aubrey announced the upcoming launch of a members' forum, a communication board for representatives of state, provincial, and partner nations, which will allow them to post news, events, questions, and share ideas. The forum will be password protected and accessible through the organization's website.

### **Envirothon Training Equipment Discount Reminder**

Jennifer reminds participants about the 7% discount from forestry suppliers for Envirothon training equipment and encourages them to take advantage of it.

### **Wrap-Up**

Millie Langley, the operating committee chair, expresses appreciation for Jennifer and Aubrey's work and looks forward to seeing everyone in Calgary. The meeting concludes

with reminders about sharing the discount code with advisors, tagging NCF-Envirothon on social media for event photos, and the upcoming busy season of state events.

### **Next steps**

- All representatives are asked to check and confirm their contact information on the Envirothon website at <https://envirothon.org/about-us/us-and-canadian-programs/>
  - Email [administration@envirothon.org](mailto:administration@envirothon.org) with any updates or corrections to their contact information.
- All representatives to consider volunteering for the Alberta 2025 competition.
- All teams to complete team registration and payment by June 1st deadline.
- Most teams to submit all required forms and information by June 6th deadline.
- Representatives are asked to share the Alumni flyer (to be included in email) at your upcoming state/provincial competitions.
- Representatives are asked to share Forestry Suppliers discount code with team coaches and advisors.
- All representatives are asked to follow us on social media and tag **@ncfenvirothon** when sharing photos of state events on social media.