



# NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS ENVIROTHON

*"Fostering Environmentally Conscious Decision Making Young Adults."*

July 2024

Forests cover 31% of all land area in the world, making their mark on the landscape and the lives of people around the globe. Fostering resilient forests is not just about trees: it's about safeguarding a legacy that intertwines with our society, economy and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Environmental education is recognized as an important step towards protection of the environment. It not only encourages examination of the fundamental issues that surround current and future uses of the world's resources, but empowers individuals to work towards achieving sustainability. Typically, environmental education is provided by traditional curriculum and instruction - not always a great fit.

On the other hand, programs like the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon, the Illinois Envirothon, and the North American Envirothon allow educators and natural resource professionals to provide hands-on, outdoor coaching and testing in five topic areas: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and an annual current environmental issue. This strategy equips young citizens with the tools to become stronger leaders, plus provides communities with an increase in environmental awareness. With over 500,000 participants from across North America annually, the Envirothon program has become a primary vehicle for promoting environmental awareness in our youth.

The 2025 Northeastern Illinois Envirothon two-day competition event will take place in March with the focus on **"Roots and Resiliency: Fostering Forest Stewardship in a Canopy of Change"**.

This is a call-to-action that challenges us to examine current forest practices, identify where vulnerabilities may lie and identify necessary adaptations. Students will learn how climate models can help predict the impacts of a changing climate on forests; how this data can be used to facilitate conservation; how a changing climate will influence ecosystem shifts; how these projected altered ecosystems are expected to impact forest health; and how these shifts will present challenges to existing forest management and harvest systems. Teams will work together to create innovative solutions to complex problems facing the forests and the environment.

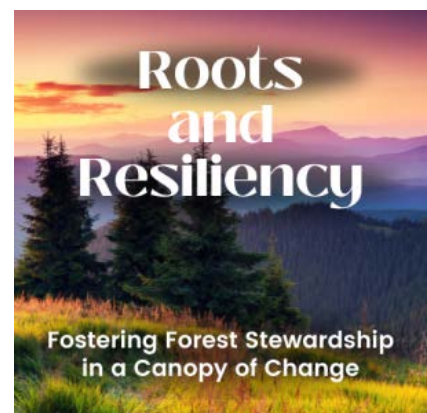
Your **contribution** will provide the tools necessary to give these teams of high school students the technical and teamwork skills to become confident thinkers who will keep conservation at the fore in all aspects of their lives. Please be a part of this environmental education package!

**Sponsor the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon with a contribution today!**

Sincerely,

*The Northeastern Illinois Envirothon Committee*

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### **White Oak Sponsorship – \$3,500 and up\***

- Logo and name displayed during awards ceremony with option to present award to winning team/s
- Logo and name displayed in Northeastern Illinois Envirothon welcome area and lunch station
- Northeastern Illinois Envirothon team T-shirt for your company (limitations apply)
- (Large) Logo and/or name on Northeastern Illinois Envirothon team T-shirt
- Name listed on Northeastern Envirothon outreach materials and advertisements
- Certificate stating your sponsorship level

### **Watershed Sponsorship – \$1,000-\$3,499\***

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- Northeastern Illinois Envirothon team T-shirt for your company (limitations apply)
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### **Cardinal Sponsorship– \$500-\$999\***

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### **Minnow Sponsorship – \$50 to \$499\***

- Name on Northeastern Illinois Envirothon outreach materials and advertisements
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**Find out more about Illinois Envirothon on our state website**



# YES!

## I (we) want to Sponsor



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### Contact and Payment Information:

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Check Enclosed (*payable to Community Foundation of Northern IL*). Please include in memo line: Fund #1170 NE IL Envirothon Operating Fund

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### Send completed form with payment to:

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