

Summary of the Natural Resources Testing Week May 18th- 22nd, 2020

- 60 Students participated
- 37 students are a part of the Environthon Team
- 23 students were not a part of the Environthon Team
- Students from across Virginia participated

Students' response to why they wanted to participate in Natural Resource Testing week-

- Because natural resources are the coolest.
- It is a good opportunity to take advantage of during the covid pandemic
- looks good to me
- I miss Environthon
- I have been a part of Environthon for two years now and I absolutely love competing and want one more year to be able to test my knowledge.
- This is my last year to compete in Environthon and I have spent the last 3 years preparing for it. I want to finish strong.
- I am looking for more extracurriculars and competition relevant to the environment and agriculture because that is what I want to study in college
- Because I thought it would be a cool experience to see how much I actually knew about the environment.
- I am curious to see how well I know the concepts I've been training with my environthon team for
- My team and I worker hard this year to prepare for the Environthon and I wanted to participate so that I'll be able to use the accrued knowledge from the last three years on these tests.
- It is my first year doing Environthon and I really want to take the tests so I have a better understanding for next year's competition. Conservation and Environmental Science are also very important to me and what I want to Major in in College.
- im bored and want to test what i know before i go to college for Environmental science
- Referred by FFA Advisor.
- I am very involved in Environthon and since the quarantine I have been itching for a something like this. Not to mention my coach suggests I do it.
- For Fun
- Felicity Zimmerman sent me the info and I want to do Environthon one last time before I graduate
- I really love our environment and I want to help look for ways to preserve the world around us. Learning about natural resources and how they are used and managed can help in the future to develop a sustainable future!
- Because I heard that I can win prizes.
- I wanted to participate in Environthon and test my knowledge again

Students' response to why they wanted to participate in Natural Resource Testing week-

- To gain knowledge
- Wanted to test my knowledge
- For fun
- Because I thought it might be interesting.
- Good practice for the career I am going into.
- My plant science teacher emailed it to me and I thought it would be fun.
- I was an envirothon team member, and I still wanted to test my knowledge even though there was no contest.
- I have never heard about this competition before, however, I decided it would be a good way to test my knowledge since I am very interested in agriculture and natural resources.
- To test knowledge that I haven't studied for entertainment
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- I would like to participate in this testing week because I am very interested in learning more about our planet and putting my knowledge to the test
- It was recommended to me by my Coach and I'd like to get more experience with testing.
- It's my last year in the Envirothon program, so I decided I should at least try to do something since I enjoyed the past year's competition.
- It was really unfortunate to see that the Envirothon competition had been cancelled. I still wanted to experience it in some way so I decided to join the Natural Resources Testing Week.
- Because i want to be more involved with what's going on naturally in our world and not just through the screens.
- I decided to participate in the Natural Resources Testing Week because I had planned on participating in the Envirothon competition before it was canceled. I wanted to participate in Envirothon because I really enjoyed learning about each topic and I want to participate in more environment-related events.
- I was in an Envirothon team and the competition got cancelled and I was really looking forward to it so I decided to participate in the Natural Resources Testing Week.
- To learn more about the environment
- I care about the environment and want to stay involved.
- investigating this as an assignment
- Interested in Environmental studies
- I would like to see how I would have done if the competition wasn't canceled.

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- To test my knowledge on environmental questions
- I want to further challenge myself and learn more things that have to do with ecology, plus I miss having team testing sessions
- I found the lessons at the Fairfax training for envirothon fascinating, and was proud to learn much about soils, aquatics, wildlife, and forestry from different specialists. Generally I'm a curious person and found their lessons compelling, and inspired me to learn more about each subject, and participating in the testing week would allow me to test my knowledge of each subject.
- While I'm disappointed my team won't be able to share our presentation as it was very interesting to put together, I would still at least like to participate to some extent in the Envirothon-related activities for this year.
- To further my knowledge in soils, aquatics, wildlife, and forestry for next years Envirothon competitions.
- To stay updated and prepared for the next year!
- Missed out on competition this year and figured this was a good use of my knowledge
- Part of the STEM class.
- I attended Camp Woods & Wildlife and I became very interested in learning about the environment. I then participated in Youth Conservation Leadership Institute (YCLI), where I conducted a six month long project. I want to further my passion with this test.
- Because I have done envirothon for multiple years and enjoy it
- My STEM teacher gave us three options to finish up the school year. This was one of them. I didn't want to do the other two.
- Mom made me
- I was interested in joining the envirothon team, however the schedule conflicted with sports and now because of the current situation, I am able to participate in this event.
- I'd love to sharpen my skills and just do it for the sake of it. I'm not done with Envirothon.
- My FFA advisor suggested me to participate
- I participated last year and learned a lot. On top of that, I enjoyed it.
- Envirothon!:)
- Thought it would be a good experience and a fun way to spend quarantine
- I was in the Environmental Protection Club and love environmental science. I am taking AP Environmental Science in the fall. I am at home for quarantine and lots of other activities got canceled.
- I wanted to stay motivated about environmental issues during COVID-19 and do something productive!
- My interests lay here.