What is the <u>NHE</u>?

- Outdoor skill and knowledge learning focused on soil and land use, wildlife, forestry, and aquatic ecology.
- Team building and teamwork towards a common goal.
- Community and statewide environmental explorations, conversations, and networking.
- Professional and scientific networking.
- Research and development to solve a current environmental issue.
- Social, ecological, cultural, political, economic connections.
- Enhanced creative and critical skills.
- Real world skills and applications.
- Environmental education, leadership, and problem-solving.
- The NH State HS Academic competition → the North American competition at the <u>NCF Envirothon</u>.

2024 Current Environmental Issue Theme: Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future

How does it work?

- Teams of 5 students train for the May competition. Schools may have up to 3 teams.
- This varies by school: some meet as a club once a week after school all year, some work as a special project within a class, some meet as a 2nd semester group, etc. What could work for you?
- It's often coached by a science, environmental education, or social studies teacher.
- The NHE is open to all HS students. It can also be sponsored by an agricultural, scout, community, or homeschool group if the school doesn't have a team.
- Middle school teams are welcome to compete in the MS category, but they cannot earn a spot at Nationals.
- Student and teacher training are available via live and website workshops and information sharing.

The NH Envirothon is sponsored by the NH Association of Conservation Districts. Scientists and experts in natural resources plan and lead the training and competition.

NHE Website: nhenvirothon.org

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2023 Current Environmental Issue Theme: Adapting to a Changing Climate

Congratulations to all competing schools: Concord HS, ConVal HS, Goffstown HS, Keene HS, Moultonborough HS, Timberlane HS, Amherst MS, and Kingswood MS.

Congratulations to Timberlane High School who competed at the <u>North American Envirothon</u> in New Brunswick, Canada!

The NH Envirothon competition was held at NHTI in Concord, NH on May 16.

- 88 students and 10 coaches attended.
- 33 seniors received honor cords.
- >45 volunteers (mainly scientists and experts in Natural Resources) planned and ran the competition day.

NHE Results:

- 1st Overall in NH Timberlane HS, team 2
- 2nd Overall in NH Keene HS, Team 8
- 3rd Overall in NH Goffstown HS, Team 14
- 1st in Aquatic Ecology Keene HS, team 8
- 1st in Current Issue Timberlane HS, team 2
- 1st in Forestry Keene HS, team 8
- 1st in Soils & Land Use Moultonborough HS, team 11
- 1st in Wildlife Keene HS, team 8
- MS Champion Kingswood MS, team 9
- MS 2nd place Amherst MS, team 17







Throughout the past NHE year (9/1/22-8/31/23) **Steering Committee Leaders** met biweekly, headed teams of 4-6, updated learning objectives, planned and implemented training, developed testing materials, and ran their stations at the NHE competition.

SC Leaders were Margie Clark-Kevan – Program Coordinator; Judy Tumosa and Kayla Croteau – Aquatic Ecology; John Slater – Current Environmental Issue; Dawn Dextraze – Forestry; Nicole Ellis and Josh Gaimaro – Soils and Land Use; and Lindsay Webb – Wildlife. We look forward to the start of the next NHE year!