

Attention High School Science, Vo-Ag Teachers, Environmental and Earth Clubs, etc:

Save the Date! Saturday, May 17, 2008 for the Annual Envirothon Competition a free program for all San Luis Obispo County and surrounding area Students!

Get your students outdoors for this free one day event that is both educational and fun and includes a BBQ and also chance to speak with environmental professionals about positions in the environmental fields.

You are hereby invited to participate in the Central Coast Regional Envirothon Competition to be held at the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden in El Chorro Regional Park in conjunction with the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District and the CREEC Network on Saturday, May 17, 2008. This event is a field day where students will practice environmental education skills and is a first step in attending the "CA Envirothon". The winners of the CA Envirothon are then invited to participate in the National Competition.

The California Envirothon (www.caenvirothon.com) is a statewide, outdoor natural resource education program for high school students, Grades 9-12 sponsored by area Resource Conservation Districts. In the field, students are challenged to work as a team to answer written questions and conduct hands-on projects focusing on environmental knowledge. Students from all over California join together to explore the environment in five disciplines: Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics, Soils and a Current Environmental Issue. This year the theme for the environmental topic is "Recreational Impacts of Natural Resources."

Teams consist of five students and one adult. All participating high school teams will be treated to lunch, ice cream social and prizes the day of the event. Each student will also receive a certificate of recognition from San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Katcho Achadjian, in recognition of their participation and becoming involved in conserving our natural resources and helping preserve our environment for the future. It is a fun way to bring teams of students from various high schools together in a friendly competition about their knowledge of the environment. Students will rotate through five stations throughout the day and points will be tallied for a total team score.

In order to participate in the May 17, 2008 Central Coast Regional Envirothon simply reply to this e-mail that your school will be participating or contact Teresa Lees at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (tlees@slococoe.org) or me, Vivian Krug, Envirothon, at 458-3321 or my personal email address, Vivian@emotionscards.com and one of us will get back to you.

Teams can look up questions from last year's test and prepare for this year's competition on the www.caenvirothon.com website. More information is also available on the local RCD website at <http://www.coastalrcd.org>.

The topic for the 2008 Envirothon is Recreational Impacts on Natural Resources. Our focus for the San Luis Obispo Regional event will be the Oceano Dunes.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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