

Attention past and present NJ Envirothon participants!

Your voices are the **best voices** to tell the Envirothon story and inspire the next generation of Envirothon participants! Please help us celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the New Jersey Envirothon by sending us your own video clips. Gather your teammates, your advisors, and your smart phones! The first ten people/teams to respond will receive a special gift.

Your testimonial can be a simple video taken with your smart phone or an elaborate creation that shows off your production and tech skills. The best video clips will be woven into a video montage that tells the NJ Envirothon story through the eyes of students and advisors. See below for important guidelines.

Guidelines

1. **Deadline:** March 6, 2013.
2. **Who:** We are seeking video testimonials from **students AND advisors**, both **current AND past** participants, new teams and experienced teams. We are especially hoping to connect with students from the early years, so if you have connections to past participants, please forward this request to them!
3. **Length:** Please be concise and keep each video clip to 20 seconds or less. Create a separate video clip for each question that you choose to answer (see questions below). We will accept longer “produced” segments from those who wish to share their tech talents, but please send some short clips too. If you have questions, or have trouble sending clips via email, call Tim Robinson at the Burlington County SCD at (609) 267-7410 for assistance.
4. Do your best to **film in good lighting conditions and minimize background noise**.
5. **Identification in the video:** If possible, you should wear a school shirt or include another school identifier, such as a sign or banner. You may state your name in the video, but please use first names only.
6. **To Submit:** Take **short** video clips with your smart phone and email them directly to NJEnvirothon@gmail.com along with the important information (below) and a photo release form.
7. **Important Information:** BE SURE TO PROVIDE your full name and contact information in the body of your email, in case we have follow-up questions (it will not be shared), along with school name, the questions you answered, the year(s) that you participated in the NJ Envirothon, the event location(s), and where you placed in the competition (optional).
8. **Photo Release Forms:** As in past years, all NJ Envirothon participants are required to submit a signed photo release form. If you wish to submit a video testimonial, we ask that you complete and return this release form by March 6, 2013, even if you’ve sent one in past years. The photo release form is available at www.njenvirothon.org, and must be sent **via regular mail** to Richard Belcher, NJ Envirothon Coordinator, at PO Box 330, Trenton NJ 08625.
9. **Photos:** If you participated in the 2011 and 2012 competitions, please look through the photo albums on the [New Jersey Envirothon Facebook](#) page. Select photos of your team and attach them to your email. These photos will help us show your team in action during the actual event.
10. **Starter Questions:** Here are some ideas to get you started. You do not need to answer all of these questions, just pick your favorites. We encourage multiple entries per school. You may answer as individuals or as a team.
 - 1) How and/or why did you get involved in the Envirothon?
 - 2) “Why we love the NJ Envirothon!”
 - 3) What would you say to a prospective advisor or student to encourage them to start a new team?
 - 4) How do you expect your Envirothon experience to influence your career path (or for advisors, how does/did it influence that of your students)?
 - 5) Describe the highlights or most rewarding parts of the following NJ Envirothon experiences. For example:

a. Preparation during the school year	b. The event itself	c. Training sessions
d. Working as a team	e. Camping	f. Team presentation
g. Aquatics station	h. Forestry station	i. Soils station
j. Wildlife station	k. Current issue station	l. Other aspects???

Thank you for sharing your NJ Envirothon highlights! Please submit videos and photo release forms by March 6, 2013.