



Arizona Envirothon  
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### ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS TO COMPETE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HONORS

**WHAT:** Arizona Envirothon. Teams of high school students will compete in field and presentation events to demonstrate their mastery of environmental science principles – focusing this year on “Invasive Species: A Challenge to the Environment, Society and Economy”. The winning team will represent Arizona at the NCF Envirothon, competing for scholarships and prizes at Trent University in Ontario, Canada.

**WHO:** Thirteen five-member teams from six Arizona high schools. Schools will be competing from Phoenix (Ariz Agribusiness and Equine Center), Buckeye (Youngker HS), Peoria (Centennial HS), Litchfield Park (Trivium Prep Academy), Vail (Cienega HS), and Prescott (Tri-City College Prep).

**WHEN:** **Friday, April 8,** 12:30-3:20 p.m., Field Testing (Hassayampa River Preserve)  
**Saturday, April 9,** 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Oral Presentations and Awards (Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant)

**WHERE:** [Friday] [Hassayampa River Preserve](#), 49614 N. Hwy. 60, Wickenburg, [Saturday] [Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant](#), 41402 North 87th Avenue, Peoria (I-17 north to the Carefree Hwy. (SR 74), Carefree Hwy. west approximately 7 miles to 87th Avenue, then north to the Desert Outdoor Center entrance gate).

**HOW:** Friday field testing events – students identify wildlife and plants, and test soil and water. Saturday oral presentations – students present and defend their team’s solutions to an “invasive species management dilemma” before a panel of judges.

**WHAT YOU WILL SEE:** Highly *active* and *visual* field testing events on April 8. More cerebral and creative team presentations, followed by an awards ceremony on April 9.

Interviews with students and sponsors will be available. Call a contact number above to arrange for a media host to guide you through the competition.

- Students identifying wildlife along Hassayampa River
- Sampling & testing water
- Collecting and analyzing soils
- Chemically testing water and soil samples
- Surveying desert, range and riparian plants...
- ...all among spring wildflowers.



Note to Editors: Photo support and competition results are available by contacting Jeff Humphrey (602-242-0210 x 222) or visiting <http://azenvirothon.org/gallery> and <http://azenvirothon.org/news>.