

Q1. *Has the information been put on the website? If not what time will it be posted? If it is on there - how do we access it?*

A1. The presentation project was posted on May 18, 2009. Unfortunately, the link on the MASCD site has only permitted intermittent access; therefore, the presentation project has also been posted and maintained on the St. Mary's SCD's website. Access can be through either of these sites:
http://stmarysscd.com/md_envirothon_2009_presentation.htm
<http://www.mascd.net/envirothon/Presentations/2009/2009%20Presentation%20Project.pdf>.

Q2. *We heard from several people that the presentation is 20 minutes long so could you please clarify if the presentation is 10 or 20 minutes long?*

1. As stated in #3 of the "Presentation Rules" that you received with your registration packet, "The state oral team presentation Teams will be given three (3) minutes to set up their presentation. Team presentations will be ten (10) minutes maximum in length followed by three (3) minutes of questions to team members by the judges. Teams will be timed and cut off at the three, ten, and three minute marks."

Q3. *The powerpoint template uses Arial font but the rules says we must use Times New Roman font, could this be clarified? Do we have to use the title slide as one of our powerpoint slides?*

As stated of the "Presentation Rules":

- a. (#7) Please use Times New Roman and you may use a TOTAL of 3 slides.
- b. (#6) You do not have to use a title slide; however if you do use a title slide, it will be considered as 1 of the 3 slides you are permitted to use.

Q4. *One the rules and regulations, it says "Teams will be required to participate in the presentation portion, which will be a 6th test station at the Maryland Envirothon, in order to be eligible to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, and the right to represent Maryland at the Canon Envirothon." Does this mean that the top three teams all go to nationals or is it only the first place winner?*

A4. Only the winning team of the overall MD Envirothon event goes to the Canon Event. Not participating in the presentation portion of the state event will result in the team receiving a "0" score in for that station AND disqualify the team from being eligible for the Canon Event.

Q5. *Could you tell me if you are allowed to print your notecard notes on the computer and tape them to the flashcards for the oral presentation?*

A5. Yes you may tape your notes to the notecards.

Q6. *How many 3X5 note cards are allowed?*

A6. You may use as many as you need. Please keep in mind that the actual amount of time presenting is only 10 minutes.

Q7. Any combination can be used for presentation. So does that mean that the group may use (3X5 notecards, 3 posterboards, 3 overheads, and 3 powerpoint slides) all together in the same presentation?

A7. Yes, you can use all or any combination of those. Please keep in mind that the actual amount of time presenting is only 10 minutes. As stated in #6 of the "Presentation Rules": "Any combination of the following items can be used during the State Presentations:

- 3" x 5" inch note cards
- 3 pieces of standard 22 x 28 inch poster board. Both sides of the poster board may be used
- 3 Overheads
- 3 Power Point Slides (template is on the Maryland Envirothon Web site)

NOTE: Foam boards or science backboards **ARE NOT allowed

Q8. Does information collected for the presentations need to be cited?

A8. No

Q9. Also, for the presentation, what forms of visuals are allowed on the poster and powerpoint?

A9. Presentations may include hand drawn or hand written information (ie charts, diagrams), visuals from magazines or newspapers, etc. Please keep in mind that the actual amount of time presenting is only 10 minutes.

Q10. Can you explain how the points earned in the presentation portion of the competition is translated into the final competition score? We are a bit confused on how the top 5 teams of the presentation portion get their points compared to the rest of the teams.

The top 5 teams will present their projects twice. Which score will be used to determine overall placement in the Envirothon competition?

A10. The presentation portion of the event is 1/6 of the overall team score for the event.

As stated in #2 of "Maryland Envirothon Rules and Regulations":

"The Maryland Envirothon competition will consist of two (2) parts: 1) an oral presentation of 8-10 minutes and 2) the test scores from each of the five resource areas. Teams will be required to participate in the presentation portion, which will

be a 6th test station at the Maryland Envirothon, in order to be eligible to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, and the right to represent Maryland at the Canon Envirothon. The presentation scores will be factored into the overall cumulative score determining the Maryland Envirothon winner. Overall scores will be determined at equal 1/6th value for each of the 5 resource stations and the oral presentation.”

Each team will be judged in the preliminary round and receive a score. This score will determine the top 5 presentation teams. These top five teams will again give their presentation and receive a new score. There will be 5 new judges for this final round. This new score will be used to determine the placing of the top 5 presenting teams. The new score will then be added to the results from the other 5 categories for these teams to decide their final standing for the overall event.

Q11. Should the teams concentrate on the Chesapeake Bay during the presentation since our "team consists of scientists with the Chesapeake Bay Program?"

A11. The questions from the presentation state:

1. Why is biodiversity important?
2. How has **Maryland's** biodiversity changed over time?
3. What has caused the decline in **Maryland's** biodiversity?
4. How has that decline affected **Maryland's** cultural, economical, environmental and social systems?
5. What can we do to improve the biodiversity in our **state**?

Q12. In "How To Be A Star Speaker" Chris Palmer makes many recommendations including "move closer to the audience" and "meet and greet audience members..." Are members of the team allowed to walk near or approach the judges during their presentations?

A12. The presentation is to be professional and approaching the judges is at the discretion of the team.

Q13. Is it acceptable to laminate the posterboard?

A. Yes

Q14. Is velcro permissible?

A. Yes

Q15. Can the posterboard be cut in half?

A. The presentation is to be professional. How materials are used is at the discretion of the team.